The regular meeting of Town Council was held on May 11, 1954 at the town hall with Trustee V. A. Branch presiding.

After a quorum was declared present the minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the League of Women Voters offered to show the method of using the voting machine. This machine will be demonstrated at a later meeting.

The financial report of the Trustee for March to May 1, 1954 was read and approved. A copy was placed on file.

There was read a letter from the Trustee concerning the proposed leasing of land in the woodland. The letter stated that the Trustee have always considered it their responsibility to lease land in order that several leaseholders have retained an attorney who questioned their right to lease any further acres. The Trustee believed any important legal question has been raised and that the question should be obtained for the Court of Chancery. The Trustee do not believe that benefit can be derived for dispute letters or petitions that require judicial determination. The Trustees have decided to issue no further leases until the question is resolved judicially.

There was considerable discussion about the report. The question that was asked is: who would pay for the rent? The Trust fund would have to pay for the decision of the Court of Chancery.

Another question was who would get the lease that had been opened and how was
Trustee Ware replied that there had been a waiting list of some time of people who have desired these. These people have filed a request in writing stating that the description in the Ceded.

Secondly, it stated that he felt that the woodland should be set aside as public lands for the use of all residents. The extent of such woodlands should be defined and that if lands to be leased the residents should be told and have an opportunity to place their names on the waiting list.

Trustee Ware was asked if any of the woodland or common areas have been defined as such so that they could more be leased. He said that the School Common have been dedicated to the use of the School and cannot be leased as lots. Joe Dougherty asked if there was any possible way to have the present woodland and Common dedicated to the use of the residents and households.

Bill Trenk stated that although he did not question the legal right of the Trustees to lease the land, he felt that they had not done a good job of public relations in doing so without explaining to the residents why they felt such a thing should be done.

Trustee Ware was asked why the Trustees considered leasing these lots. He stated it came about accidentally when the line between Balbo's Smith's and Page was necessary straight at the boundary line.
At this time it was found that three lots could be opened in the area that would not take away too much area from the Woodlands and would give opportunity of leasing land to some of those in need of it. Mr. Johnnie name was first on the list, but he was willing to let Philip when he had his lot. The Trustees stated that two people should hire an attorney to take what legal action could be taken against the Trustees. This attorney had written a letter asking the Trustees to meet with the residents and state their position concerning the leasing of the land. Because of this letter, the Trustees felt they must get a legal interpretation of their right to lease land.

The Trustees were asked if they would lease land if the majority of the residents did not want it. This question was yet unanswered. Mr. Walter Stephens stated that the idea of opening lots had come up last year, but the whole matter was dropped. No mention of the possibility of opening lots was proposed by the Trustees at the Maple Grant Assembly meeting. He felt that the Trustees seem to ignore the feeling of a great number of the residents. He also felt that it is time we call a halt to the leasing of the woodland areas.

The Civic Committee reported that a great deal of work has been done to improve the Swimming Pool. Mr. Williams also read the proposal change to the Swimming Pool regulations. These changes would limit association of guests to two per family and also make it necessary for all children that are
not residents have guest badges regardless of age. The reason for this change is because the pool is getting overcrowded and the water supply is getting lower. The report of the committee was accepted. Mr. Kilburn made a motion commenting on the Civic Committee’s report, and it was carried.

Registration committee reported 450

Civic committee had a meeting in May to get all of the matters discussed. Mr. Green stated that they had several meetings and field trips. The committee feels that it is superior drainage that causes the sewage that is causing the high cost. The city is now aware of this problem.

Mr. Stephen reported that the State Board of Health had a concern about the sewage from coming up to study this further. The report of the committee was accepted.

The Registration Committee conducted the election of the Registration Committee, and the following were elected: Edna Page, William Beauchamp, W.L. Beaver, Arthur Shumway.

The following people were nominated to sit on the Auditing Committee: Rand Gregg, Earl Van Orms, Wm. Beacham, Arthur Shumway. The secretaries instructed to cast their ballots.
The following were nominated to serve on the Community Board Committee:

July Wad, C. J. Thiel, Joseph Peterson.

The following resolution was proposed by George Olmson. I propose a resolution that the people of the area gathered in assembly, join me in an urgent request to the trustees of the School to review the drainage situation in Little America as reported by the survey committee. The resolution was accepted.

Dwight Stephens proposed the following changes in the By-Laws: Amendment to By-laws governing the election of assessors: Section 16. In the county election, the assessment shall be spread until three additional names beside the mean elected shall be named and then shall act as alternates to fill any vacancies which may occur through the election or resignation of any of the assessors. These alternates will be elected on the order of the number of names cast for each. The first to serve being the one receiving the largest number of votes and the other two secondarily. The motion was defeated.

The following motion was made and passed, that it is the sense of the meeting that the trustees do not take such drastic steps as to amend the Woodlands without announcement of meeting to a town assembly and letting the people express their opinion.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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