



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Brian Carpenter, Liz Olson

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Rettinger, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of March 2, 2010 City Council Work Session Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of March 2, 2010 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Approve Amendment to Communications System Subscriber Agreement with Hennepin County
- E. Communicate Election to Not Waive Monetary Limits on Municipal Tort Liability in Conjunction with the City's 2010 Liability Insurance Policy Renewal
- F. Schedule a Joint Meeting of the Long Lake and Orono City Councils for Monday, April 12, 2010 to Discuss the Process for the Old Highway 12 Turnback Improvement Project with Hennepin County

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Tim Hultmann, 280 Lakeview Avenue

Mr. Hultmann complimented the City Public Works staff for doing a wonderful job with snow removal over the winter months.

Bob Erickson, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Vice President

Mr. Erickson informed the Council that the Chamber of Commerce Board members had held a special meeting earlier that morning, and their primary agenda item was to develop a response from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the City's recent actions to address zoning violations at Elite Auto. Mr. Erickson presented Council members with copies of the Board's position statement and supplemental photos, and reviewed the position statement's contents.

A motion was made by Rettinger, seconded by Henderson, to include the Long Lake Area Chamber Board Position Statement re: Elite Auto Violations dated March 16, 2010 in the official minutes of the City Council meeting. Ayes: all.

Long Lake Area Chamber Board
Position Statement re:
Elite Auto Violations

March 16, 2010

For many years, the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has worked to attract businesses and customers to Long Lake. In a 1989 letter, President Candy Rowlette urged business people to "help promote a positive image for our entire community ...". Since then countless Chamber volunteers have worked on decorations, events, and other image building activities.

In many ways, the City's efforts have complimented ours, by upgrading the requirements of its zoning code, increasing landscaping standards, requiring dumpster enclosures, and the like. As a result, most business locations have substantially improved their appearance since the 80's and 90's.

No business in Long Lake today looks significantly worse than it did years ago, with the sole exception of Elite Auto. The City can only be fair to the majority or ordinance-conforming businesses by holding Elite to the same standards.

Therefore, we submit the following position points for your consideration:

1. We support the 2009 report of Resource Strategies Corporation regarding Elite in its entirety.
2. We suggest that a thorough Fire Code inspection be made, will full and immediate compliance with its findings required.
3. We support an inquiry by the City as to the current status of Elite's Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permits and compliance tracking.
4. We support the use of EDA funds to pay whatever legal fees the City deems necessary to successfully enforce and defend its zoning codes, fire codes, and ensure the remediation of pollution.
5. We submit that other businesses have been ordered to comply without being asked how much they would like to spend or when they would like to do it. The same kind of ineffective non-enforcement by the City that has gone on at this location since 1992 must not continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to communication our concerns at this time. We look forward to being a part of the solution of this issue as it develops.

Mayor Gilbert thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their information and feedback.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Donation of a Philips Heartstart FRx Automatic External Defibrillator

Chief Van Eyll reported that the Fire Department had applied for a grant to Mdewakanton Emergency Services in fall of 2008 and received a letter of acceptance in the summer of 2009. One of the Long Lake Fire Department's goals is to find alternate funding sources for items that are not budgeted for but are needed items. The department's current AEDs from Medtronic are

discontinued and will only be supported until 2014. The department will need to start to replace them and they were not listed in the Capital fund. Staff recommends that the donation be accepted at a valuation of approximately \$1,700. Fire Chief Van Eyll presented the AED unit and demonstrated how it operates.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Rettinger, to accept the donation of a Philips Heartstart FRx AED from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Ayes: all.

Authorize 2010 Lawn Maintenance Service Contract

Public Works Director Wurzer stated that the City of Long Lake has contracted out lawn maintenance services for many years. Staff had prepared and mailed a request for proposals to a list of interested companies who have submitted quotes for this contract in the past. The low quote from Shaughnessy Lawn Care came in at approximately \$1,000 less than the amount paid last year to Concierge Enterprises; and Shaughnessy Lawn Care is aware their performance will be held to the same service standards upheld by last year's service provider. Staff will be assuring Shaughnessy Lawn Care's performance consistently meets expectations.

Post commented on the financial range of the quotes received, and clarified the billing/payment cycle process. Payment is made only after bills are received for work completed.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the contract with Shaughnessy Lawn Care for 2010 lawn services to include the base quote (Job Sites A-H) plus Options 1 and 2 from the City Request for Proposals, and to authorize its execution by the City Administrator. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Spring Street Sweeping – Public Works Director Wurzer informed the Council that for many years the City had been contracting with Pearson Bros. for spring street sweeping. Last fall the City contracted with a Long Lake company, Carefree Services, for fall street sweeping. Pearson Bros. sweepers are broom-type equipment, and Carefree Services operates vacuum-type sweepers. This spring, Pearson Bros. has indicated they will be unavailable to sweep streets in Long Lake until the week of April 19. Due to the early spring, Wurzer asked the Council whether they would consider spending approximately \$300 more than the budgeted amount allocated for sweeping of \$2,500 and hiring Carefree Services for spring street sweeping. Carefree Services would be available to do the work in March. Council members discussed the advantage of using the vacuum-type equipment which would pick up particles off streets and prevent material from running off into the lake. Council members voiced no objection to spending the additional funds to use Carefree Services for spring street sweeping.

Surface Water Management Project – Mayor Gilbert commented that it appeared water in the project area was still being diverted through the bypass channel instead of filtering through the ponding system and questioned when the project would be fully functioning. Post indicated he would follow up and provide an update to the Council.

Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities – Council member Henderson recently attended a meeting of the Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities. The meeting's guest speaker was the Hennepin County Assessor, who provided information regarding reductions in property values across the County. Overall Long Lake saw a reduction in valuations of about 2%, versus areas such as Hassan Township and Rogers that experienced reductions in 16% percent or higher. County wide valuations had reduced by 6.2%.

Park Board Meeting – Council member Henderson had attended a Park Board meeting yesterday. The Park Board is working on developing a goals list for the remainder of the year; is still awaiting a letter from Orono Youth Hockey regarding their use of Holbrook Park this past skating season; is interested in pursuing cost estimates for installation of a half-court basketball court at Holbrook Park; and explored cost estimates for expansion of the softball field and other improvements at the request of the Orono Baseball Association. Mayor Gilbert noted that expansion of the ballfield to accommodate the OBA's requests would be a great candidate for funding through a Hennepin County grant.

Veterans Memorial – Mayor Gilbert thanked resident Bob Hardin for his efforts as he annually puts together an agenda for commemorative ceremonies at the City's Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day; but also commented that the City should begin taking on the responsibility of this event. Council member Olson suggested the Park Board be involved in event planning for the Veterans Memorial, and Council members agreed this was a positive idea.

2010 Census – Mayor Gilbert requested that residents complete and send in their 2010 Census forms.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk

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