



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post

Absent: Council: Brian Carpenter (with prior notice)

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 April 20, 2010 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of April 20, 2010 Board of Review Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of April 20, 2010 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Minutes of April 27, 2010 City Council Work Session
- E. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2010-07 Establishing City Hall Summer Office Hours for 2010
- G. Authorize City Administrator to Hire Seasonal Public Works Employee

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one appeared to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Elected Officials Out-of-State Travel Policy

During the recently completed external financial audit for the year 2009, a Management Letter comment was generated citing the City's non-compliance with Minnesota Statute 471.66; which requires municipalities to establish an out-of-state travel policy for elected officials. The auditor's recommendation was to review the statute, and to develop and approve an appropriate policy.

Staff has developed a travel policy that is in compliance with statute and recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2010-08 that incorporates this policy and will eliminate the auditor's Management Letter finding for the 2010 financial audit.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Henderson, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-08 adopting an Out-of-State Travel Policy for Elected officials. Ayes: all.

Appointment of Council Members to CEL Study Group

Post reported he'd met the previous week with April Wysocki of the Long Lake Chamber of Commerce Board and Cindy Leines and Stacy Slygh of C.E.L. Public Relations to discuss general timeline expectations and how the "Branding" project was going to begin. C.E.L. was supportive of having a study group that could assist them in gaining a better understanding of the community. C.E.L. liked the representation of the EDA and would like to supplement that with voices from the business community including retail, service, and commercial.

Post contacted EDA Commissioners to determine their availability for a "kickoff" meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Fire Station No. 1. It was Post's understanding that April Wysocki will be canvassing the business community for retail, service, and commercial representatives to attend this meeting. Post had personally contacted Cliff Otten of Otten Bros. Nursery, who replied he would attend.

Staff recommends Council discuss the appointment of two Council members (to avoid Open Meeting Law considerations) to attend this meeting and contribute to the community profile C.E.L. Public Relations is developing.

Council members discussed their availability for the "kickoff" meeting proposed and their individual interest in participating in the study group.

Post noted that if a quorum of the Council was interested in attending the initial meeting of the group, staff could post a notice stating that a quorum of the City Council may be in attendance at that meeting.

Council member Olson also suggested the results of the community survey distributed by staff the previous year would be good information for the group to review.

Roxie Albers, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, commented that she would like to see the business community represented by business owners from the different areas of town.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Rettinger, to appoint City of Long Lake Council members Sharon Henderson and Liz Olson to serve on a study group being formed by C.E.L. Public Relations to assist in gaining insight and understanding of the community in addition to identifying assets and challenges.

Mayor Gilbert directed that staff proceed with posting a notice indicating a quorum of Council members may be in attendance at the study group's first meeting.

Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hennepin County Highway 12 Turnback Planning – Post had been in communication with Hennepin County Engineer Jim Grube. Mr. Grube had made a presentation at a joint Orono and Long Lake meeting on April 12 laying out the County's plan for the future of old Highway 12. As the full Long Lake Council had not been present at the meeting, Mr. Grube is seeking the Council's support for hiring a consulting engineer to design and plan for future old Highway 12. Mayor and Council discussed the matter and determined that more information was needed before offering an

opinion to Mr. Grube. Specifically, Council members would like to see more information regarding the dollar amount involved in contracting with a design engineer, and on the planning and implementation process. Post indicated he would contact Mr. Grube and obtain more detailed information.

City Taxes – Council member Henderson referred to the recent audit report and questioned why Long Lake property owners are paying taxes at a rate double that of what other cities in the summary report are paying. Council members discussed how City services such as Police and Fire may impact taxation. Post clarified that the summary report included Long Lake in with cities of populations of between 0 and 10,000, and stated he could provide a more accurate comparison for the Council's review comparing Long Lake with cities closer in population such as between 1,500 and 2,000. Henderson responded that she would appreciate receiving a more accurate comparison report.

Orono Workforce Housing Project – Mayor Gilbert had received a number of calls from Long Lake residents objecting to a workforce housing project proposed in Orono behind the Long Lake Fire Station. Mayor Gilbert noted that the project will be unable to move forward if Orono's 2030 Comprehensive Plan is not approved by Metropolitan Council, and Long Lake has submitted a formal objection to Orono's Comprehensive Plan. He encouraged his fellow Council members to inform residents the housing project proposal will be unable to proceed without Comprehensive Plan approval; and Metropolitan Council does have some issues to review that may be working against Orono's Comprehensive Plan approval. He noted this issue will continue to be a focus for Long Lake.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk