



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

Present: Mayor: Tim Hultmann; Council: Tom Skjaret, Donny Chillstrom, Brian Carpenter, and Liz Olson

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; City Attorney: Jeff Carson; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

No updates were reported at this meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Hultmann indicated in a work session prior to the regular meeting, the Council had discussed removing Item No. 8, Park Board and Planning Commission Appointments, from the agenda in order to extend the application deadline for Planning Commission and Park Board vacancies through January 13.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Skjaret, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of December 21, 2010 City Council Public Hearing
- B. Approve Minutes of December 21, 2010 City Council Work Session
- C. Approve Minutes of December 21, 2010 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Adopt Ordinance No. 2011-01 Adopting the 2011 Fee Schedule for the City of Long Lake

Mayor Hultmann highlighted Consent Agenda Item D and questioned whether Administrator Post had followed up with the City's auditing firm, Abdo Eick & Meyers, to request they provide the Council with a one-hour session on the basics of government accounting, as noted in the minutes of the Council's December 21 meeting.

Post responded that he had been in contact with Abdo Eick & Meyers and they indicated a willingness to provide some educational information, perhaps using the 2010 City audit financial statement as a basis for discussion once prepared.

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Hardin, 238 Greenhill Lane

Mr. Hardin spoke to welcome Mayor Hultmann, and new Council members Chillstrom and Skjaret to the City Council.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2011 City Appointments

Mayor and Council members discussed various appointments and subcommittee positions, and indicated their preferences. Additional discussion concerned the current membership structure of the EDA advisory board, to be reviewed by the EDA at an upcoming meeting; and the differences between the former joint Long Lake / Orono Highway 12 Turnback Committee effort versus the future ad-hoc Highway 12 Turnback task force group as proposed by Hennepin County Engineer Jim Grube.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to to adopt the City of Long Lake 2011 Appointments Worksheet, including the following appointments:

- Council member Brian Carpenter to the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore;
- Council members Tom Skjaret, Donny Chillstrom and Liz Olson to the Economic Development Authority to terms expiring December 31, 2013;
- Council members Donny Chillstrom and Brian Carpenter to the Fire Advisory Committee, with Mayor Hultmann as an alternate as needed;
- Council member Donny Chillstrom as the Park Board Liaison;
- Council member Tom Skjaret as the Planning Commission Liaison;
- Council member Brian Carpenter to the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission; and
- Council member Liz Olson as the Highway 12 Turnback Liaison, with Council member Brian Carpenter as an alternate as needed.

Ayes: all.

Park Board and Planning Commission Appointments – Agenda Item Rescheduled

Mayor Hultmann reiterated that Agenda Item No. 8, Park Board and Planning Commission Appointments, had been removed from the agenda and would be discussed instead at the January 18, 2011 City Council meeting. It was the consensus of the Council that the deadline for accepting Park Board and Planning Commission applications should be extended through January 13, 2011 to allow more time for other interested individuals to apply.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sign Ordinance Review – Council member Chillstrom stated he would like to see the Planning Commission review the City's Sign Ordinance again. He suggested some type of leniency period be included for new businesses to post temporary signage advertising their opening. Council members were in agreement the Sign Ordinance should be reviewed and simplified.

Transition to Wayzata Police Department – Council member Carpenter thanked Fire Chief James Van Eyll, Orono Police Chief Correy Farniok, and Wayzata Police Chief Mike Risvold for implementing a successful transition in Police services providers. Fire Chief Van Eyll indicated that calls thus far had all gone well and communications issues at the County Dispatch level had been worked out. Council member Carpenter thanked the Orono Police Department for handling the City's transition to Wayzata Police in a "stand up" fashion and for assuring a smooth process. He encouraged the Council to give some thought to what expectations they would have of the Wayzata Police Chief for providing updates to the Council, and questioned whether it would be of interest to designate a Police Liaison from the Council to increase communication efforts. Council member Olson recalled that the intent of the original agreement was for Chief Risvold to attend Council meetings on a monthly basis while Long Lake is attaining a comfort level with its new Police services provider.

Wayzata Citizens Safety Group – Council member Chillstrom reported he had been in contact with a Wayzata citizens safety group to learn more about their programs. Mayor Hultmann indicated he had submitted two names of residents interested in participating in the safety advisory group to Wayzata. He asked that any other residents interested in joining the group contact either himself or City Clerk Moeller.

Strategic Planning Session – Council member Carpenter suggested the Council meet in the nearby future and conduct a strategic planning or goal-setting session. After discussion of Mayor and Council availability, Post suggested a meeting be established for Saturday, February 5 at 8:00 am.

Highway 12 Watermain Repair Settlement Claim – Post stated that he had received most of the settlement pay for the Highway 12 Watermain Repair project, including the reimbursement from SEH.

Attorney / Police Communication – City Attorney Carson advised that their firm would be producing memos to the Police Chief summarizing prosecuting attorney activity, so when the Chief comes before the Council he will be informed of goings-on from a prosecuting attorney perspective as well.

Future Goals – Mayor Hultmann thanked Mayor Gilbert and Council members Henderson and Rettinger for their services, especially for Mayor Gilbert's attention to fiscal responsibility. He discussed a few ideas for the future, including trying to foster the return of a Buckhorn Days or Long Lake Days type event, and talking with the owners of the Kenny's Market and former Billy's Lighthouse sites to see if the City can foster a better relationship with the owners towards moving those properties. Regarding the Billy's Lighthouse property, he wondered whether it might make a good fire burn training site, as an idea for how to remove the old building from the site that would also provide benefit to the owner.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk