



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; City Engineer: Ron Leaf, SEH Senior Water Resource Engineer

Absent: Council: Brian Carpenter (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann reported he had spoken with Skip Melin, who represents the former Kenny's Market property, and confirmed that they would consider short term rental leases for tenants as long as the business use would meet City zoning requirements and be acceptable to the City. Mayor Hultmann also noted he is pursuing contact with the owners of the former Billy's Lighthouse property. He had been contacted by an individual interested in reopening a restaurant on the site. He informed the individual that a rezoning application would be necessary to do so. Mayor Hultmann commented that a liquor license would be available, though operating a restaurant at the site may be a higher financial risk for a business owner.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of January 11, 2011 City Council Public Hearing
- B. Approve Minutes of January 18, 2011 City Council Work Session
- C. Approve Minutes of January 18, 2011 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Approve Recommendation of the LFLD Relief Association Board Setting the Deferred Service Pension Interest Rate at 3% for Post 2007 Deferred Vested Retirees
- F. Communicate Election to LMCIT to Not Waive Monetary Limits on Municipal Tort Liability in Conjunction with the City's 2010 Liability Insurance Policy Renewal

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve Scope and Fee Proposal for 2011 Update of the Water Resources Management Plan Incorporating Downtown Credits

Post stated that the requirement to update the City of Long Lake Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) has been an action item since a draft plan was submitted to the Metropolitan Council in 2008; however, the draft has not yet been approved by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) because of key unknowns due to the pending Nelson Lakeside Downtown Surface Water Improvements Project. With this project now completed, the timing is now appropriate to update the WRMP.

Staff requested the City Engineer prepare a proposal to satisfy the requirements of the Metropolitan Council and MCWD agencies, as well as statutory requirements. Ron Leaf, SEH Senior Water Resource Engineer, has prepared a proposal for Council consideration which would address these concerns. Aside from the compliance aspects of completing the plan update, another benefit will be the specific allocation of downtown credits for future downtown redevelopment efforts that have been mutually agreed upon with MCWD.

Engineer Ron Leaf responded to Council member questions regarding whether stormwater runoff erosion issues along Martha Lane and old Highway 12 would be included in the plan, the evolution and current status of the plan update project, the timeline for completion, and whether the final report would be explainable in laymen's terms at a future Council meeting.

Post indicated that the Council would have an opportunity to review and approve the plan at a future meeting before final submittal to appropriate agencies.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to approve a Scope and Fee not to exceed \$15,000 from SEH for all tasks related to the 2011 update of the City's Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) in order to comply with requirements of Minnesota Statute 8410 and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (note: in addition, this effort will quantify downtown treatment credit allocations from the recently completed Downtown Surface Water Management Improvements Project in Nelson Lakeside Park) and to authorize its execution by the City Administrator. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Snow Removal Efforts – Council member Skjaret complimented the City Public Works crew for doing a great job moving snow in a timely manner during an unusually heavy snow year.

Snowball Open – Council member Chillstrom, on behalf of the Orono Lions Club, thanked everyone who participated in the Snowball Open for their support.

Congratulations to Mike Choiniere - Mayor Hultmann congratulated his neighbor, Mike Choiniere, who made all-conference as a freshman on the Orono High School ski team.

Council Member Absence – Post noted that Council member Carpenter had given prior notice of his absence from the meeting.

Strategic Planning Session – Post advised that the Council would be meeting on Saturday, February 5 for a strategic planning session to be held in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Hultmann adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk