



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann reminded the viewing audience that Summerfest, sponsored by the Long Lake Chamber of Commerce, will be held in Long Lake from June 21 through June 25. Mayor Hultmann reviewed the week's planned events, culminating in 'Big Bang Saturday'.

Mayor Hultmann also noted that a pancake breakfast complete with Revolutionary War soldier reenactments and demonstrations would be held in Wayzata on July 4.

Lastly, Mayor Hultmann encouraged the viewing audience to support local businesses, and congratulated True Value on their successful grand opening celebration held the previous weekend.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of May 17, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of May 17, 2011 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-09 Supporting Hennepin County Sheriff's New Regional 911 Emergency Communications Facility

Mayor Hultmann invited the individual in attendance representing the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department to speak regarding Consent Agenda Item D.

Inspector Jeff Storms, Hennepin County Sheriff's Department, stated that the Department is looking to build a new regional 911 emergency communications facility in the city of Plymouth, replacing the current facility that was originally built in 1948. The expense for the project has already been budgeted and approved by the County; however, the Sheriff's Department is seeking resolutions of support from County communities that will allow the Department to pursue State bonding money in

the hope of reducing the project cost to County taxpayers. He stated that overall the new communications building and facility will be quite a bit larger by necessity and will be set up for future growth.

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Hardin, 238 Greenhill Lane

Mr. Hardin expressed gratitude to all those involved for their participation in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Long Lake Veterans Memorial in Nelson Lakeside Park. In particular, he thanked:

- Otten Bros. for their donation of flowers to the memorial;
- Public Works staff for maintenance of the memorial in preparation for Memorial Day;
- The Fire Chief and firefighters of the Long Lake Fire Department for serving as the rifle squad for the ceremony;
- Brigadier General Bernie Cahill and Mayor Hultmann for serving as presenters during the ceremony; and
- City staff for administrative assistance in preparing programs.

Mayor Hultmann gave thanks Mr. Hardin for his integral role and efforts in bringing Memorial Day activities to Long Lake.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Review Tonka Auto & Marine Temporary Sign Request

Post stated that the owner of the new business at 2305 Daniels Street, Tonka Auto & Marine, submitted a temporary sign permit application for a 48 square foot freestanding banner to announce their opening. The permit was not issued by staff at time of application due to the banner's size being well in excess of the 15 square foot maximum allowed for temporary signage in the I-1 Industrial zoning district. Staff determined that the situation was similar to that of the True Value store reviewed previously by the Council, at which time the Council allowed temporary signage in excess of the maximum allowed to announce the store's opening. Based on that precedent, staff recommends the Council consider approval for Tonka Auto & Marine's temporary sign. If approved, the sign would be placed on private property in the grassy area in front of the building for the dates requested on the permit application.

Council member Olson questioned how Tonka Auto & Marine is operating a business at the site when boat storage is not currently allowed in the zoning district.

Post clarified that the business moved in to occupy the site without any prior approval. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing at their June 14 meeting to review a draft ordinance and consider the issue of allowing boat storage in the I-1 Industrial district.

Council and staff discussed the proposed zoning change to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, and potential impacts to Tonka Auto & Marine and other zoning district occupants. It was noted that approval of the temporary sign must not be construed as approval of the proposed zoning change or the boat storage use.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Chillstrom, to approve a temporary sign permit for the new Tonka Auto & Marine business at 2305 Daniels Street with a banner sign measuring 48 square

feet which is in excess of the 15 square feet maximum for a free standing sign within the I-1 Zoning District and authorize the City Clerk to process the sign application. Ayes: all.

Approve Wellhouse No. 2 Rehabilitation Project Rainbow Inc. Pay Application No. 1 Invoice

Post reported that Invoice No. 20927 represents the completion of painting work specified as part of the Wellhouse No. 2 Rehabilitation Project scope. SEH Project Engineer Chris Larson has inspected the painting work performed and verified compliance with plan specifications. Staff recommends approval of Invoice No. 20927 to Rainbow Inc. Post advised that the project is now substantially complete.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Carpenter, to authorize Invoice No. 20927 (Final) to Rainbow Inc. in the amount of \$9,410.00 for painting work completed in May, 2011 in conjunction with the Wellhouse No. 2 Rehabilitation Project. Ayes: all.

Public Works Director Wurzer updated the Council on test pump results and the improvement in the control system with a move to radio controls. He noted the project is turning out as expected and the result will be a big plus for the City's water system.

OTHER BUSINESS

Plantings Along Berm – Council member Skjaret had noticed that there were a number of trees and bushes that were dead or not thriving along the Wayzata Boulevard landscaped berm, and requested that staff pursue replacing dead plantings.

Touchstone Lighting Installation – Mayor Hultmann noted that the purchase order for the solar lighting in the Wayzata Boulevard landscaped berm area had been issued, and it is hoped the solar lighting features will be installed by Summerfest's 'Big Bang Saturday'.

Town Center Renovations – Council member Skjaret complimented the work ongoing to replace the roof at the Town Center, noting the new roofing looks great. He stated he hopes the Town Center clock may also be updated or repaired to regularly display a more accurate time.

Park Board Liaison – Council member Chillstrom reported that the Park Board's May 24 meeting was held in Dexter Park. He recognized Board member Michelle Jerde for doing a great job of compiling information for the Board in preparation for a future dog park project. The Board agreed that Dexter Park has a very good open space area that would work well for a dog park site. He also stated that the Park Board had referred a presentation by Orono High School Youth in Action students regarding establishment of a tobacco free parks policy on to the Council for their consideration, and the group will be presenting before the Council at an upcoming meeting.

Economic Development Update – Mayor Hultmann provided the following updates:

- Conversations with the current owner of the Billy's Lighthouse property have resulted in the owner expressing a willingness to give the building on the site a 'face lift' in the front and trim landscaping should a rental tenant be interested in the site; however, the owner still intends to redevelop the property into a townhome development once the economy turns around.
- The individual currently holding a purchase agreement for the former Kenny's Market site was close to securing an anchor tenant, the Original Pancake House, as they are looking to relocate from their current Wayzata location. Unfortunately the restaurant selected an alternate location. The purchase agreement holder is continuing to work towards another possible restaurant anchor tenant.

- An existing business may be looking at the Burger King site for expansion.

Highway 12 Turnback Committee Communication – Council member Olson stated she had noticed that a letter had been sent to Hennepin County Engineer Jim Grube expressing the City's interest in participating in a Highway 12 Turnback Committee and moving forward. She expressed disappointment that Council member Carpenter's previous request to see the lakeshore area of the corridor be addressed as a separate segment was not conveyed in the letter. She also shared concern regarding the potential cost of future proposed improvements to taxpayers. Council members discussed the need for timely roadway stabilization in the lakeshore area and the proposed segmented process and timeline for initiating Highway 12 turnback improvements. It was noted that the intent of the letter to Mr. Grube was to state that the City of Long Lake is interested in seeing the turnback process move forward and in participating on the Highway 12 Turnback Committee; however, concerns remain that will need to be addressed as discussions begin to take place.

June 14 Planning Commission Meeting – Post advised that the Planning Commission will be reviewing a number of items at their June 14 meeting including a CUP land use application for 1780 Martha Lane to allow grading in proximity to lakeshore; an amendment to a CUP and new CUP to allow installation of outdoor boards, fence and netting at the golf dome property; an ordinance which would allow boat storage in the I-1 Industrial zoning district; an ordinance pertaining to variances for consistency with State Statute; an annual review of previously approved CUPs; and finally, recommendations regarding green technologies.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Hultmann adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk