



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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; Wayzata Police Chief: Mike Risvold; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann thanked the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Orono Lions Club for a very successful first SummerFest event. Big Bang Saturday had been well attended and the variety of entertainment was great.

Mayor Hultmann also reminded the viewing audience to continue to shop local and support the community's businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of June 21, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of June 21, 2011 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-12 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-04 for the 2011 Tour de Tonka to be Held August 6, 2011

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Randy Gilbert, 224 Ridgeview Drive, Wayzata

Mr. Gilbert stated that during his time as Mayor of Long Lake, he had donated and planted trees around the City. He had noticed that three of the donated trees in Nelson Lakeside Park had died. Mr. Gilbert had removed them in the spring, and was appearing at the meeting to seek the Council's approval allowing him to fulfill his prior commitment to the community and replace the trees in the fall.

Council thanked former Mayor Gilbert for his desire to replace the trees and encouraged him to work with staff or the Park Board to determine which variety to plant.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Update from Wayzata Police Chief Mike Risvold

Police Chief Risvold indicated that he and his officers were in agreement that coverage of Long Lake has gone very well to this point. The Department has had a lot of positive interaction with the community, officers were enjoying having the additional area to cover outside of Wayzata, and the two cities are similar in the types of calls officers respond to. The Department responded to approximately 700 calls during the first six months of coverage of Long Lake, which comprises about 28% to 30% of the Department's overall business for the same time period. Members of the Long Lake community continue to share positive feedback about the Police Department's visibility in Long Lake and proactive approach to traffic enforcement. Chief Risvold noted that traffic enforcement to increase fine revenue is not the Department's philosophy – only 43% of enforcement activities have resulted in fines.

Chief Risvold informed the Council that he is continuing to pursue avenues with Hennepin County Emergency Preparedness and the State towards improving the emergency access gate to the Highway 12 bypass; however the State shutdown and staffing changes at Hennepin County Emergency Preparedness have been a temporary roadblock. Once the new staff at Hennepin County Emergency Preparedness are in place, Chief Risvold will continue efforts to achieve funding for gate improvements.

In response to prior contact with Mayor Hultmann regarding installation of Opticon emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment on the traffic signal at the intersection of Lake Street and Wayzata Boulevard W, Chief Risvold confirmed he would be supportive of the installation of the technology as it will allow faster response to accidents in a high use area.

Chief Risvold commented that he thought SummerFest had gone very well and would be meeting with the event organizers later in the week while the event is fresh in everyone's minds to discuss preparation for next year.

Lastly, Chief Risvold informed the Council that the Department's newest officer is working towards completing his field training and will be out on his own in August. The Department will be operating at full strength at that time.

Risvold responded to Council member questions regarding the frequency and scheduling of officer enforcement on all Long Lake roads, and whether the Department has reason to believe speed coming into the downtown area has decreased.

Council member Skjaret stated he had a less than positive experience with a WPD officer during SummerFest while he was working the beer tent as a volunteer for the Orono Lions and felt the officer was demanding while shutting down liquor service at 11:00 pm. Council member Skjaret discussed his experience at length and noted it was his understanding the temporary liquor license allowed the Orono Lions to serve liquor until 1:00 am.

Council member Chillstrom also was displeased with his treatment during the liquor service shutdown.

City Clerk Moeller indicated it was the responsibility of the event organizer to communicate the conditions of the Special Event Permit, which included termination of liquor service at 11:00 pm.

Council member Olson noted that the Council members approved the permit, and the conditions were clearly detailed in the permit including the termination of liquor service at 11:00 pm. The event organizers and workers have the responsibility of communicating permit conditions, and the Police Department should not be blamed for doing their job.

After continued discussion regarding matters of personal concern to Council member Skjaret, Council member Carpenter pointed out that this agenda item was not intended as a forum for a citizen complaint and the matter should be discussed further outside of the meeting.

Chief Risvold stated he would be available to discuss concerns further and would appreciate information from Council member Skjaret regarding specifics of the incidents mentioned.

Presentation by LMCC Board Member Dick Woodruff Concerning Support for Financing Feasibility Study for Fiber Optic Network from LMCC Funds

Post reported that the LMCC has been exploring the idea of installing a fiber optic network. The next phase in their exploration would be to conduct a feasibility study, and the LMCC is asking member cities to weigh in whether they would support the expense of LMCC funds to finance such a study.

Dick Woodruff, former LMCC Board member and ongoing Chair of the fiber optic study group, reviewed the results of a recent market study conducted of LMCC member cities gauging resident interest in the fiber optic project; commented on the positive experiences of other communities who have either undertaken a fiber optic project or are in the planning stages of their project; and stated that the LMCC will be having a full Commission meeting in August to discuss and vote on whether to move forward to develop a business plan and financial model for the proposed fiber optic project through funding of a feasibility study. He encouraged the Council to make their opinion on the project known to the City's LMCC representatives so they can submit comments and cast their vote accordingly.

Mr. Woodruff responded to Council member questions regarding how the fiber optic network would be utilized; whether there would be any relationship between the LMCC and Mediacom for operation of the network; how other LMCC member communities had responded to the study group's request for support thus far; geographic challenges to installation of the fiber lines; and how operation of the fiber network would offer an alternative to Mediacom for residents.

Mr. Woodruff noted that if one of the City's LMCC representatives is unable to attend Commission meetings, the City Council has the authority to appoint an alternate to attend in a representative's absence. He encouraged the Council to consider appointment of an alternate so they can be fully represented at future meetings as fiber optic project discussions move forward.

Approval of Gridor Construction, Inc. Final Pay Application in Conjunction with the Well House No. 2 Rehabilitation Project

Post reported that Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) project engineer Chris Larson has recommended approval of the Final Pay Application from Gridor Construction, Inc. for mechanical work provided with the Wellhouse No. 2 Rehabilitation Project, as the work is both complete and in accordance with plan specifications.

As this was not a formal contract document, retainage was not withheld. Subject to some very minor punchlist items addressed the week of June 27, the mechanical work on this project is complete.

Staff concurs with the recommendation of project engineer Larson and also recommends final payment to Gridor Construction, Inc.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Carpenter, to authorize Final Payment Application to Gridor Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,774.24 for mechanical work completed in conjunction with the Well House No. 2 Rehabilitation Project. Ayes: all.

Approval of Killmer Electric Co., Inc. Final Pay Application in Conjunction with the Well House No. 2 Rehabilitation Project

Post advised that Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) project engineer Chris Larson has recommended approval of the Final Pay Application from Killmer Electric Co., Inc. for electrical work provided with the Wellhouse No. 2 Rehabilitation Project, as the work has been completed in accordance with plan specifications.

The proposed payment represents the full release of all retainage being held and contract earnings for the period from April 30 to June 20, 2011. Subject to some very minor punchlist items addressed the week of June 27, the electrical work on this project is complete.

Staff concurs with the recommendation of project engineer Larson and also recommends final payment to Killmer Electric Co., Inc.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Skjaret, to authorize Final Payment Application to Killmer Electric Co., Inc. in the amount of \$4,762.35 for electrical work completed in conjunction with the Well House No. 2 Rehabilitation Project. Ayes: all.

Post noted that one outstanding project item already approved but yet to be completed is the re-asphalting of the Well House No. 2 driveway. Staff is anticipating the asphalt work to be done by the end of July.

Discuss National Night Out Activities and Rescheduling August 2 City Council Meeting

Post advised the Council that as in past years, National Night Out activities will be taking place the same night as the Council's first meeting in August, and questioned whether Council would like to reschedule the meeting to an alternate date.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Carpenter, to reschedule the August 2 City Council meeting to Monday, August 1, 2011 beginning at 6:30 pm. Ayes: all.

Mayor Hultmann encouraged residents to participate in National Night Out by either attending their neighborhood party or by going to one of the City's parks, as Wayzata Police and Long Lake Fire Department vehicles will be stopping at the parks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Status of Landscaped Berm – Council member Skjaret questioned what had happened to the grass in the Wayzata Boulevard W landscaped berm area. Post advised that weed treatment had been applied and the grass cut. If grass does not regrow, the area may need to be reseeded in the fall. Council member Skjaret also commented that with the installation of lighting and the trimming of business by Public Works staff, the area was looking very good.

Park Board Liaison – Council member Chillstrom reported that the Park Board had met the previous week in Nelson Lakeside Park. The Board further discussed a potential dog park project in Dexter Park, and also had discussion on drafting a plan for potential changes to better enhance the boat and trailer parking area in Nelson Lakeside Park.

Carp Fishing Contest – Council member Chillstrom reviewed the prizes awarded by the Orono Lions Club for the annual carp fishing contest, and stated 776 pounds of carp had been removed from the lake through the contest.

Long Lake Waters Association – Council member Carpenter had recently sent out an email to anyone previously interested in serving on the Long Lake Waters Association to re-engage the group based on some activities coming in the future for the lake due to the lake's water quality status, potentially to include carp harvesting, shoreline stabilization, and stormwater runoff treatment/interception. Council member Carpenter encouraged anyone interested in being involved with the group to contact City Clerk Moeller in order to receive his contact information. The association is looking to restructure with a core group of director level members, supported by an overall member group.

Green Technologies Ordinance – Post advised that the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing to consider making a recommendation to the Council regarding a draft green technologies ordinance amendment at their July 12 meeting.

Tobacco-Free Parks Ordinance – Post indicated that staff is anticipating including a draft ordinance establishing tobacco-free parks on the agenda for the Council's first meeting in August.

Website Project Update – City Clerk Moeller reported that programming of the City's new website has been complete and staff is anticipating launch of the new site in the nearby future.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Chillstrom, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk