



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann encouraged residents to participate in Night to Unite activities on Tuesday, August 2. Night to Unite offers an opportunity for people to gather in their neighborhoods, meet one another, and to talk about crime and fire prevention with public safety departments. In addition to any neighborhood block parties that are scheduled, Police and Fire will be visiting Hardin, Dexter and Holbrook Parks as well.

Mayor Hultmann also noted that construction is progressing on the storage building at the Pioneer Museum site, and it appears the building will be a beautiful addition to the grounds.

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 July 5, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of July 5, 2011 City Council Meeting
- ~~C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll~~
- D. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of July 12, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting
- E. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of June 28, 2011 Park Board Meeting
- ~~F. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-14 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-05 for the 2011 Corn Days Parade to be Held August 14, 2011~~
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-13 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-06 for the Corn Days 2011 Festival to be Held August 13 and 14, 2011; Issuance of a Noise Variance Permit; Issuance of Liquor Licenses; and Approving an Application for Exempt Permit for Bingo/Raffle Gambling Activities
- H. Approve the Release of a Response Letter Drafted by City Attorney to Residents at 2296 and 2280 Watertown Road Concerning Timing of Future Water Line Changes

Consent Agenda items 5C and 5F were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion as business items following regular Agenda Item No. 7.

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Pertaining to Solar and Wind Energy (Green Technology) Provisions in All Zoning Districts

Post reported that at their last meeting the Planning Commission had held a public hearing pertaining to the proposed changes to sections of the Zoning Ordinance to regulate solar and wind energy facilities. Hearing no public comments, the Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the draft ordinance. This item has been on the work plan for several months, now reaching fruition with Council consideration of the draft ordinance. The ordinance focuses on two main types of green technologies – solar energy collection systems and wind energy conversion systems.

Council member Carpenter noted that the draft ordinance included a provision for the industrial district only that relates to removing systems that are inoperable, and wondered why that provision had not also been added for residential districts.

Post stated he believed the discussion the Commission had regarding that aspect of the ordinance was that size and appearance of systems in commercial and industrial districts would be more obvious than in a residential district; and therefore an inoperable system in a residential area would be less obtrusive.

Council members were in agreement that it would be desirable to add language regarding removal of unoperable or inoperable systems applicable to all zoning districts.

Post suggested that staff work on the requested revisions and a second reading of the ordinance be held at the next City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Carpenter, to table consideration of the draft ordinance for further discussion at the August 1, 2011 City Council meeting. Ayes: all.

Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll

Council member Carpenter requested that the rationale behind the substantial check made payable to Art Loosen be stated for public knowledge.

Post stated that the item in question is a previously unpaid claim in the amount of \$46,624.81 to Art Loosen as a result of redevelopment in TIF District 1-5. The original developer for the project was Mr. Loosen's father, James Loosen, who assigned the note to his son prior to his death. Once delinquent property taxes were paid in full, as Mr. Loosen was not in default of the developer agreement, 90% of increment needed to be remitted to Mr. Loosen per the terms of the agreement.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Skjaret, to approve vendor claims and payroll. Ayes: all.

Adopt Resolution No. 2011-13 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-05 for the 2011 Corn Days Parade to be Held August 14, 2011

Post indicated that the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has requested a Special Event Permit to hold their annual Corn Days Parade as part of the Corn Days summer festival. The Chamber has operated the parade on the same route for a number of years. Based on feedback received about the length of the parade route, the Chamber's requested route this year differs from prior years and has been shortened. The route proposed received the approval of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors prior to an application being submitted. It is staff's understanding that a Chamber of Commerce member or two is unhappy about the change in route and has voiced that opinion; however, that is not representative of the Chamber Board of Directors' request for the new route.

Bob Erickson, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, explained that feedback about the length of the parade being long led to researching other area parades and a review of the Corn Days traditional parade route. After discussions at two different Board meetings, the Chamber Board voted to approve a shorter parade route. Following the Board's vote, a former Board member and volunteer who has collected parade applications and fees in past years, confirmed that she would notify the Church of St. George of the new route. It appears that notification did not take place, and the Board is willing to do whatever they need to do to communicate the new route to all parties.

Council members expressed disappointment that the route change was not better communicated in a timely manner to either the Church of St. George or the public, and discussed the impact of the change on residents with an emphasis on multi-family residential facilities such as apartments and the Long Lake Assisted Living that would no longer be located directly on the parade route. Options discussed included tabling consideration of the application, approving the permit with a note requesting the Board reconsider their desired route, or denying approval resulting in no parade.

Mr. Erickson noted that parade applications have already been sent out with the route as applied for, and the Chamber Board is committed to the new route.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Carpenter, adopt Resolution No. 2011-14 approving issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-05 for the 2011 Corn Days Parade to be held August 14, 2011, requesting that the Board consider the Council's feedback and reconsider a return to the previous parade route. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Light Fixture Vandalism – Council member Skjaret referred to a comment he had seen about vandalism on one of the new solar lighting fixtures in the Wayzata Boulevard landscaped berm area. Mayor Hultmann described how the light fixture had been tampered with and rendered inoperable, and indicated Touchstone Lighting would be making repairs to both the fixture and timers on the solar panels. Once new devices are in place, the fixturing should all work properly. Additionally, Touchstone Lighting will be setting up a temporary solar lighting fixture on the City welcome sign for Council members to view as an example.

Coyotes in Long Lake – Council member Chillstrom described recent pet injuries and deaths believed to be the result of increased coyote activity in Long Lake. He had followed up with Long Lake veterinarian Dr. Hartnett who has also observed a growing trend. Council members encouraged individuals to be vigilant in keeping track of their pets to keep them safe and to refrain from feeding wild animals.

LMCC Meeting – Council member Olson questioned whether there is anything the Council needs to do in preparation for the LMCC's August meeting to discuss funding a feasibility study for a fiber

optic network project, and noted she has apprehension about any financial assistance to the project. Council member Carpenter suggested inviting Mr. Woodruff back to a Council work session to gain more information. Post also advised contacting the City's resident LMCC representative, Paul Mahoney, to request his attendance at a work session as well.

Design Engineer for CR 112 Turnback Project – Post encouraged Council members to read through a proposal he had forwarded to them from Hennepin County Engineer Jim Grube. The County is about to begin the RFP process to select a design engineer for the CR 112 turnback project. Mr. Grube has asked the Orono and Long Lake administrators to review the RFP, and Post indicated he would welcome Council member feedback.

MCWD Project Hearing – Council member Skjaret questioned whether fellow Council members had received notification of the MCWD's hearing on Wednesday, July 27 in Orono regarding Long Lake Creek improvements. It was noted that the project proposed is in Orono; though, those individuals interested in water quality issues may want to attend.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Carpenter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk