



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Brian Carpenter (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann complimented the appearance of the new roofing on the Town Center plaza, noting that the roofing project is nearing completion.

The Mayor also reminded the viewing audience 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 the few neighborhood block parties that are scheduled, Police and Fire will be visiting Hardin, Dexter and Holbrook Parks as well. Mayor Hultmann read aloud the times at which public safety departments would be stopping by the three parks.

Lastly, Mayor Hultmann encouraged shopping and buying locally to support the community's businesses.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of July 19, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of July 19, 2011 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-15 Accepting a Donation to the Long Lake Fire Department from Duane & Carol Sulander Through the RMG "Refer a friend. Build your community."TM Program
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-16 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-10 for the 2011 Corn Days 4 Mile Run/Jog/Walk to be Held August 14, 2011
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-17 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-07 for the Minnesota Cycling Challenge to be Held August 20, 2011

- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-18 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-08 for the Tonka Auto & Marine Re-Grand Opening to be Held August 19, 2011; Approve Issuance of a Noise Variance Permit for Musical Entertainment by a Disc Jockey
- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-19 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-09 for the 10,000 Lakes Wakesurf Open to be Held August 19 and 20, 2011
- I. Receive Seven Months Ended July 31, 2011 Interim Financial Information

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Chillstrom, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 Council had reviewed a first draft of an Ordinance which would amend the Zoning Ordinance to regulate solar and wind energy facilities in zoning districts. During that meeting, the Council expressed a desire to see all districts being treated in a similar manner with regard to removal of green technology equipment that is no longer operable or in use, rather than such language solely being included for technologies installed in industrial districts. Post stated that the draft Ordinance had been revised to incorporate the Council's direction and include provisions to address removal of inoperable equipment in all zoning districts.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-06 amending sections of the Long Lake Zoning Ordinance pertaining to solar and wind energy (green technology) provisions in all zoning districts. Ayes: all.

Public Hearing: Consideration to Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 23, Long Lake Tobacco-Free Act, to the City Code of Ordinances

Post stated that this topic was first considered at a May 24, 2011 Long Lake Park Board meeting by a group of Orono High school students as a community activity project. This student group had previously made similar presentations to the City Councils of Orono and Spring Park. After the presentation, the Park Board recommended the City Council support the adoption of such an ordinance for the City of Long Lake. The Orono High School student group made a presentation at the June 7, 2011 Council work session, then were subsequently invited to make a similar presentation during the the June 21, 2011 regular Council meeting to encourage more public input in the decision to implement such a tobacco-free policy. At that meeting, Council gave staff direction to draft a tobacco-free ordinance and legally notice a public hearing on the subject.

With substantial input from City Attorney Jeff Carson, a draft ordinance was prepared and public hearing notices were published. The draft ordinance was reviewed by the Council at their July 19, 2011 work session meeting and revisions were suggested in the areas of prohibited areas and enforcement. The draft ordinance for the Council's consideration includes the revisions previously requested.

Post responded to Council member Skjaret's question regarding designation of smoking areas for special events, indicating that the ordinance language includes an exception for non city entities leasing city facilities.

Mayor Hultmann opened the public hearing at 6:44 pm.

Four Orono High School recent graduates and current students made brief statements in support of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Hultmann closed the public hearing at 6:46 pm.

Emily Anderson, Tobacco-Free Youth Recreation, indicated their organization would be able to provide metal tobacco-free facility signage at no cost to adequately sign the parks.

Post applauded the Orono High School students for their tenacity and noted that getting involved does make a difference.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Chillstrom, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-07 adding Chapter 23, Long Lake Tobacco-Free Act, to the City Code of Ordinances prohibiting the use of tobacco products within city-owned parks, open spaces and recreational areas, and city facilities.

Council member Olson voiced her opposition to the intent and purpose of the ordinance, as it is trying to make a social statement about something that is not a problem. She stated she does not believe second hand smoke is a danger at any of our parks. She noted that the ordinance states smoking is a fire risk; however, so are the barbecue grills at the beach. She indicated her opinion is that there needs to be a place for everyone, and she could not support taking action alienating citizens for their personal choices as it would be a wrong thing to do.

Ayes: Skjaret, Chillstrom, Hultmann. Nay: Olson. Motion carried.

Consideration of Modifications to Nelson Lakeside Park Gravel Parking Lot

Post indicated that this agenda item has been discussed by the Park Board, and at their July 26, 2011 meeting the Board requested that the Administrator be asked to present their recommendations for modifications to the Nelson Lakeside Park gravel parking lot to the City Council for consideration.

The proposed modifications to the lot would include both slightly expanding the gravel parking area square footage for safety reasons while not increasing the number of diagonal parking stalls, as well as making some aesthetic improvements by means of additional split rail fencing to be consistent with the pond areas of the park.

Brian Torney, Park Board Chair, noted that Board members have observed people having trouble getting in and out of the gravel lot as it is currently configured, and as a result are parking on the street. The Board's goal for the project was to make it easier for boat traffic to get in and back out of the parking lot, utilizing the existing space with the same number of parking stalls; and also to improve the lot's appearance to be more consistent with the overall park property. Signage could be included and curbs could be painted to assist in orderly parking and traffic movement within the lot.

Council, staff, and Chair Torney continued discussion of how signage, designation of spaces, and curb improvements could improve traffic flow; and the timeline for completing improvements.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to authorize obtaining project quotes for modifications to the Lakeside Park gravel parking lot and direct staff to evaluate and present recommendations to the City Council at the September 6, 2011 regular Council meeting for possible fall 2011 project implementation. Ayes: all.

Consideration of Authorizing Seasonal Dog Park at Holbrook Park Hockey Rink

Post stated that he had attended the Park Board's July 26, 2011 meeting. Previously the Board had been having ongoing discussions at their meetings with the goal of identifying locations for a possible permanent dog park. Dexter Park had been identified as the most desirable site; however, the cost to construct the facilities and make the improvements needed for an off-leash dog park at the Dexter Park site would have been approximately \$16,000. Board members had also been research how other cities were operating their off-leash dog parks, and had discovered other cities were having positive experiences using their hockey rinks as seasonal dog parks. These rinks were not used during non-ice season and were underutilized. After much discussion, the Park Board endorsed the concept of using the Holbrook Park hockey rink as a seasonal off-leash dog park as a kind of low budget "market test" to gauge the level of interest in such a facility, and requested the matter be forwarded for the Council's consideration.

Park Board Chair Torney commented on the Board's dog park project research efforts, reviewed other cities' seasonal off-leash dog park areas, described the minimal improvements that would be necessary for the Holbrook Park hockey rink to be similarly used, and showed examples of signage and facilities other cities were using for their seasonal off-leash dog areas. The Board is strongly in favor of establishing a seasonal off-leash area in the Holbrook Park rink and is enthusiastic about the cost savings to the City that would be realized by doing so.

Council, Chair Torney, and staff discussed verification of dog licensing, both necessary or optional equipment for the rink's seasonal use as a dog park, and contacting veterinarians and dog trainers in the area to encourage their use of the site once ready.

Chair Torney highlighted Board members Michelle Jerde and Mike Sadler for their efforts in researching off-leash dog park projects, and noted the Board's proposal was a result of their work.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Olson, to authorize the use of a seasonal dog park (off leash area) at the Holbrook Park hockey rink from April to October and to authorize the purchase of appropriate signage detailing regulations, the construction of an entry gate within the hockey rink area, and the expenditure of funds for weekly garbage hauler pickup from a waste receptacle. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Live Burn Training at 1780 Martha Lane – Fire Chief Van Eyll advised the Council that there will be live burn training taking place in the rooms inside the structure located at 1780 Martha Lane. Once training has been completed on August 15 and 20, the Chief will be preparing a request for Council action to formally accept the property owner's donation of the use of the home for fire training based on actual time spent training on the site.

LLFD 5K – Fire Chief Van Eyll reported that the LLFD had hosted a very successful 5K run on Saturday, July 30, with more runners participating than in the previous year.

Drowning Incident on Lake Minnetonka – Fire Chief Van Eyll indicated that the LLFD had been involved in responding to a drowning incident on Lake Minnetonka the evening of July 30, and returned to assist Water Patrol in the search on the following Sunday. To his knowledge the missing person had not yet been found, but the LLFD expressed their willingness to continue assisting Water Patrol in the search any time they may be needed.

Request to Increase Lake Patrol – Council member Skjaret noted that over the last few weeks, Long Lake has been very busy with boat traffic, and he had asked the Police Chief to request the Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol increase their patrolling of the lake.

Annual Blood Drive – Council member Chillstrom reported that the LLFD and Orono Lions Club would be hosting the annual American Red Cross blood drive at Fire Station 1 on Monday, August 8 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Chillstrom, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk