



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 16, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Terrance Post

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE**

Mayor Hultmann reported that the Church of St. George's Corn Days festival had experienced good turnout and congratulated the winner of the \$7,500 prize drawing, former Fire Chief and Long Lake senior resident Gerald Schmitz.

He also noted that the roof and cupola were now complete on the Pioneer Museum storage building, and siding is scheduled for installation the following week.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Prior to entertaining a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Hultmann indicated that firefighter Cole Farley was present at the meeting, and thanked Mr. Farley for his efforts in serving as the LLFD's Training and Safety Assistant officer since July 1.

Post highlighted two Consent Agenda items distributed as bench handouts, commenting as follows:

- Regarding Consent Agenda Item C, Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll, Post pointed out that the list of claims included one larger check payable to Widmer Construction. The check represents final payment for the Greenhill Lane storm sewer improvement project, which is now complete to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director and functioning properly.
- Referring to Consent Agenda Item H, adoption of a resolution approving issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Gear West Mosquitoman Duathlon, Post advised that there was some confusion about the final event race route. Differing route maps had been submitted to the cities of Orono and Long Lake, and the inconsistency will need to be resolved. Additionally, the desired race route as submitted to Long Lake includes the use of Wayzata Boulevard W, which is of concern to the Police Chiefs for both Long Lake and Orono. Staff has recommended permit approval with a condition that the final race route be as agreed to in writing by the Wayzata Police Chief.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of August 1, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of August 1, 2011 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of August 9, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting
- E. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of July 26, 2011 Park Board Meeting
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-21 Accepting the \$58.00 Donation to the Long Lake Fire Department From Stuart Ackman
- G. Appoint Cole Farley to the Position of Training and Safety Assistant for the Long Lake Fire Department Retroactive to July 1, 2011
- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2011-22 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2011-11 for the Gear West Mosquitoman Duathlon to be Held September 3, 2011

*A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Carpenter, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, noting that approval of Consent Agenda Item H is contingent upon Wayzata Police Chief approval of the race route. Ayes: all.*

#### **OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

##### **Resolution of Support for MCWD Long Lake Creek Corridor Improvement Project**

Post indicated that recently he and a few Council members had attended a planning workshop at the MCWD offices where they presented their plans for the Long Lake Creek Corridor Improvement Project. The project area would begin at the Wolf Pointe Woods culvert and run south to Tanager Lake. The estimated total project cost is \$700,000, of which approximately \$200,000 worth of work would be taking place within the City of Long Lake. Long Lake work would include streambank stabilization and berm repairs at the former Long Lake sewage lagoon. The berm has been damaged by muskrat tunneling resulting in leakage of heavy phosphorus content.

At a recent Board of Managers meeting attended by representatives of Long Lake and Orono, the MCWD requested both cities consider adopting resolutions of support for the proposed clean water improvements, at no cost to the cities. Once the MCWD has approved the project to proceed, design work would take place during the year 2012, with construction in years 2013 and 2014.

Council members discussed other areas for improvements within City limits. Post noted that he had advised the MCWD that the City has concerns about runoff and erosion from CSAH 112 into Long Lake. While the MCWD is aware of the City's interest in additional improvements, the scope of their current project proposal is confined by the amount they have available to spend on improvement projects at this time.

Council member Carpenter commented that ultimately if the MCWD makes the proposed improvements and phosphorus continues to negatively impact Long Lake, there will be impetus for future projects and water quality improvement efforts.

*A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-20 supporting the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Long Lake Creek Corridor Improvement Project. Ayes: all.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Greenhill Lane Storm Sewer Improvements** – Council member Skjaret complimented the Public Works department staff for their work on the Greenhill Lake storm sewer improvement project, and stated he is looking forward to seeing how the area looks with the next larger rainfall.

**LMCC Fiber Optic Network Project** – Council member Chillstrom questioned whether the LMCC's proposed fiber optic network project was on the back burner, or if the proposal had been abandoned. Mayor Hultmann referenced a recent news article regarding Orono's majority vote indicating they were not supportive of the project. Neither Council nor staff were certain whether the LMCC remains interested in pursuing the project.

**Dead Fish on Long Lake** – Council member Chillstrom noted that Long Lake has been experiencing a die off of small crappies which has concerned a number of people. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Mn/DNR), the summer kill is a result of a common virus that impacts smaller crappies. Public Works has been continuously cleaning up the beach area.

**Lake Usage Survey** – Council member Carpenter stated he had set up an online survey for people to take regarding how people use and perceive the lake. He had sent it to the Long Lake Waters Association group as a test case and received some interesting information about the lake's usage. Council member Carpenter indicated he would be forwarding the survey link to the City Clerk for distribution on the City Listserv. Post also advised sending the link to Park Board members.

**Scan of Lake for Vehicles** – Mayor Hultmann reported that he had been in contact with an individual who expressed a willingness to be trained on side scan radar equipment which could be borrowed on loan from the MCWD. The main factor preventing a carp netting from taking place is reports from fisherman of cars at the bottom of the lake. The anonymous volunteer has offered to operate the radar for scanning Long Lake if a boat could be made available, and has also volunteered to pay for removal of vehicles found. The scanning work would take approximately a day and a half, and if it proceeds, would take place in September. Mayor Hultmann thanked Council member Carpenter for his previous offer to donate the use of his boat for the scanning work.

**Solar Lighting on City Entrance Sign** – Mayor Hultmann indicated that the City welcome sign has been temporarily lit with solar fixturing for Council members to view, and asked that Council members provide feedback regarding the fixturing to Administrator Post.

**LLFD Budget Submittal** – Post stated that as part of the fire service contract, the City is required to provide contract cities with a preliminary budget by August 15 so those cities can incorporate it within their budgets. The preliminary budget submitted essentially called for a zero increase budget. Post had not yet received any feedback from contract cities.

## **ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk