



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann reminded residents not to rake fall leaves and yard debris into the street, and added that leaves can be either set out in compostable bags for fall leaf pickup days or may be brought to the Plymouth Yard Waste site.

Mayor Hultmann also highlighted the following upcoming events:

- The Western Hennepin County Pioneer Association will be having an Open House on October 8 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the new Carriage House storage building on the Pioneer Museum grounds.
- The Long Lake Art Crawl will be taking place on Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, at The 10 Dome in Long Lake. An artistic pumpkin contest will be held in conjunction with the art crawl.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of September 6, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of September 6, 2011 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Mahoney, 260 Lindawood Lane

Mr. Mahoney, as the City's resident representative on the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC), reported on the LMCC's recent activities including the LMCC's 2012 budget process; the decision to suspend the TonkaConnect project indefinitely; franchise agreement renewal negotiations with Mediacom; and launch of a new LMCC website. He encouraged residents with Mediacom customer service issues to also contact the LMCC staff for assistance, as the LMCC does log and track customer service complaints and concerns. He also noted the LMCC had covered the Corn Days celebration and had put together a video that is available on their programming as well as on YouTube.

James Van Eyll, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Van Eyll announced that October 8 would be Kids Day at Long Lake Fire Station 1. Fire truck rides, additional rescue vehicles, and activities will be taking place at Fire Station 1 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Appointment of Candidates to the Position of Paid On-Call Firefighter

Fire Chief Van Eyll stated that after an application and interview process, it is the recommendation of staff that conditional job offers for paid on-call firefighters be made to Jason Nordstrom, Randall Gilster, Matt Upspringer, David Rothstein, and Michael Van Patten. Van Eyll introduced the candidates to the Council and indicated what their station assignments would be. He noted that one additional candidate initially recommended for appointment, Scott Hage, had withdrawn his candidacy due to personal time commitments and the resolution prepared by staff for the Council's consideration had been updated to remove his name.

The conditions of the employment offer are that each new firefighter passes a physical exam and agility test. Physical exams are performed through HealthPartners and agility tests are administered by the Long Lake Fire Department. The interview panel consisted of a Station Captain and Assistant Chiefs.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-26 appointing candidates to the position of paid on-call firefighter for the City of Long Lake which makes conditional job offers to Jason Nordstrom, Randall Gilster, Matt Upspringer, David Rothstein, and Michael Van Patten. Ayes: all.

Mayor Hultmann thanked the firefighters for stepping forward and volunteering.

Consider Adoption of Resolution Supporting MCWD Managing Watershed AIS Issues

Post indicated that this item had been discussed at the Council's last regular meeting on September 6. At that time, action was tabled until the Council could learn more about AIS management efforts. In a work session prior to the September 20 meeting, the Council had met with Eric Evenson, representing the MCWD, and Joe Shneider of the Christmas Lake Association to learn more about the role of the MCWD versus the Mn/DNR as it relates to managing AIS issues; current and potential future impacts of AIS and treatment strategies; and the boat launch gate operating pilot program at Christmas Lake. Staff is seeking Council direction regarding the proposed resolution of support for MCWD management of AIS issues in the watershed district.

Council members discussed the proposed resolution of support at length. Concerns were that the Mn/DNR has not yet approved the pilot program at Christmas Lake to date; any future programs

and strategies adopted by the Mn/DNR for management of AIS may override or make void any MCWD efforts; effects of an operating gate system such as the Christmas Lake program on Long Lake resident boaters and outside boat traffic may be more negative than positive; AIS management strategies must give consideration to the rights of both lakeshore owners and taxpayers at large who use the lake; past MCWD practices have negatively impacted the City of Long Lake through loss of parkland and projects required to be undertaken; local controls and ordinances could have a positive effect on management of AIS and boat traffic; and the need for further discussion of AIS by the Council.

Eric Evenson, representing the MCWD, indicated that the MCWD is not specifically advocating for an operational gate system at boat launches at this time, but rather, their Board has stated that getting involved in AIS management will require significant additional resources. The Board does not want to move toward research and development of AIS management comprehensive planning unless the communities within the MCWD are desirous of the organizations involvement. Mr. Evenson responded to Council member questions regarding the timeframe for AIS management planning work to begin and rules amendments to take place.

Council members further discussed how local controls could be utilized to impact the level of boat traffic on the lake, including enforcement of current allowable parking and signage improvements.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-25, a resolution of support of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to manage aquatic invasive species efforts in the region, and direct the City Clerk to forward an approved copy on to the MCWD. Ayes: all.

Mr. Evenson commented that the MCWD's goal would be to have a plan in place before next year's lake usage season begins. He also noted that Council member Olson had made a wise point regarding use of City controls. Development of an effective program will require work by all effective authorities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rental Housing Ordinance – Council member Skjaret provided the Council with an update on the work of the Planning Commission subcommittee tasked with researching regulation of rental housing; however, noted that the subcommittee is requesting an opportunity to meet with the Council and receive additional direction. Their questions include whether a registration or a licensing process is preferable. Council discussed the impetus behind regulation of rental housing, and the impacts of a registration process versus licensing. Council member Skjaret asked that fellow Council members consider the matter until a work session meeting with the subcommittee is scheduled.

Thank You to LMCC Resident Representative – Council member Carpenter thanked Paul Mahoney for his service to Long Lake as a member of the LMCC. The LMCC's meeting schedule regularly conflicts with the Council's meeting schedule, and Mr. Mahoney's regular attendance at meetings has been appreciated.

Long Lake / Orono Joint Council Meeting – Post reported he had been experiencing some difficulty in establishing a date for a joint meeting with the Orono City Council due to scheduling conflicts. Orono's City Administrator has now proposed two alternate dates in November. Post indicated he would send an email to Council members including the two dates proposed and requesting feedback on attendance availability.

RFP for CSAH 112 Turnback – Post advised that Hennepin County has initiated an RFP process for CSAH 112 turnback planning. Copies of the County's RFP have been placed in Council member mailboxes for review.

New Email Address Update – City Clerk Moeller indicated that technical difficulties had delayed launch of staff and City Council member new longlakemn.gov email addresses; however, problems have now been resolved and she will be undergoing administration training for the new accounts the following day. She stated she would anticipate Council members receiving their new email log in information before the end of the week.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Hultmann adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk