



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 4, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

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

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

Absent: Council: Brian Carpenter (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY OF LONG LAKE UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann highlighted the following upcoming events:

- The Long Lake Fire Department will be hosting their annual Kids Fire Prevention Day on October 8 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Long Lake Fire Station 1, with fun activities and demonstrations for kids and families to participate in.
- 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.

Mayor Hultmann also encouraged residents to shop in Long Lake and support local businesses.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of September 20, 2011 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of September 20, 2011 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll

A motion was made by Olson, 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

Adoption of City of Long Lake Water Resources Management Plan

Post stated that the City of Long Lake had previously retained the engineering services of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) Project Engineer Ron Leaf at the February 1, 2011 regular meeting to update the City's Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) to comply with statutory requirements. Mr. Leaf presented a draft version of the WRMP to the Council at the July 5, 2011 work session meeting. Since then, he has been working closely with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) staff to address and resolve issues raised in that agency's review comments of the draft document. These items have been resolved and the MCWD Board of Managers approved the City of Long Lake WRMP at their regular meeting of September 22, 2011. From an agency approval flow standpoint, this is now an appropriate time for the Long Lake City Council to consider adoption of the City's WRMP.

Ron Leaf, Project Engineer, provided a summary narrative of the plan development process, discussed key plan items in detail with emphasis on phosphorus load reduction efforts, and responded to Council member questions regarding the frequency at which future City WRMP updates may be needed due to MCWD plan changes.

From a phosphorus load reduction perspective, Council member Olson indicated her interest in seeing the City pursue rain garden projects and commented that researching rain garden project opportunities might be a good study for the Park Board.

Post noted that the MCWD's upcoming wetland mitigation project to rebuild the wetland at the former sewage treatment site will have a reduction benefit on the phosphorus load currently going into Long Lake.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt the revised City of Long Lake Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP), to incorporate it into the City's Comprehensive Plan, and to notify affected organizations (Metropolitan Council, MCWD, and Hennepin County) within 30 days of such adoption and implementation of the plan. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ongoing Lake Issues – Council member Olson commented that in reading about zebra mussels, she had learned smallmouth bass eat them and wondered whether those bass are in Long Lake or could be introduced to the lake. She also emphasized the need for pursuing installation of a fish barrier to keep carp from swimming upstream to other water bodies. Mayor Hultmann suggested that perhaps a representative from the MCWD could be invited to a future meeting to discuss these issues. Council members further discussed regulation of the lake water level and why the lake is currently being maintained at a higher level than in previous years. Discussion also continued relative to available carp removal options.

Park Board Meeting – Council member Chillstrom reported that the September Park Board meeting had not taken place due to lack of a quorum of members present.

Boat Trailer Parking at Nelson Lakeside Park – Council member Chillstrom noted that although improvements to the boat trailer parking area at Nelson Lakeside Park had been undertaken,

vehicles are still being parked at every angle and additional "center vehicle here" signage will be needed.

Third Quarter Utility Bills – Post stated that third quarter 2011 utility bills will be mailed out early in the coming week; but advised that due to the extreme heat of the summer, water usages on average were higher than the prior year.

Taste of Long Lake / Orono – Post reported he had attended the recent Taste of Long Lake / Orono event and attendance was great, with more than 350 people participating.

Fall Leaf Pickup Dates – Moeller stated that fall curbside leaf pickup dates had been scheduled for October 25 and November 1, and noted that compostable bags must be used to bag leaves. Mayor Hultmann also reminded residents not to deposit leaves into the street, as they contribute to the phosphorus load impacting the lake.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Chillstrom, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk