



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 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 reminded residents to continue to shop local as often as possible and support local businesses.

Mayor Hultmann also advised that the City will be advertising for volunteers for a new Highway 12 turnback project advisory committee. The committee will meet monthly for approximately 22 months, with meetings running an hour and a half long. The City will be seeking between six and eight volunteers representative of both the resident and business communities. More information about the volunteer opportunity will be published in the newspaper and posted online. It is anticipated that improvements to old Highway 12/CR 112 will begin construction in 2015, phased in five segments, with completion in the year 2020.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 21, 2012 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of February 21, 2012 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Firefighter Matt Urspringer
- E. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Firefighter Amanda Dahl

Council member Carpenter commented it was worth noting that two line items under vendor claims and payroll were reimbursements to the Fire Department contract cities of Orono and Medina following a year of operations under budget.

Post credited Fire Chief Van Eyll for his management of the Department from a budget standpoint. The Fire Department has operated under budget for four consecutive years, and funds have been returned to contract cities accordingly.

A motion was made by Carpenter, 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

There were no regular business items for discussion on this Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Contract Quote – Council member Skjaret apologized for his recent quote in a Sun Sailor newspaper article following up on Chief Risvold's presentation to the Council two meetings prior. He had not fully understood the terms of the Police contract and had been under the impression that the City would be deciding whether to renew the contract next year. The contract is actually a rolling contract that continues unless the City were to give notification to Wayzata prior to a certain date each year. Council member Olson commented that she would be interested in seeing the Council discuss the Police contract annually to evaluate how things are going, whether any issues may have arisen, and whether any change in service provision may be of interest. Council members were in favor of Council member Olson's suggestion.

Barking Dogs – Council member Chillstrom indicated that a neighbor had recently asked him to intervene with another neighbor about a barking dog. He asked that those with dogs who bark a lot please think about their neighbors and try to do something about it. There are measures and devices that can be purchased to help control nuisance barking.

Rowing Club at Billy's Lighthouse Site – Council member Carpenter noted that questions had arisen following the posting of a sign advertising a rowing club coming to the former Billy's Lighthouse site. He stated that a developer had approached the Council about tearing down the old Billy's Lighthouse building to construct a rowing club. Council member Carpenter emphasized that should the rowing club move forward, the rowing club would in no way have any exclusive rights to the lake. Although the club may host an event or two a year, the lake would not be turned over to the rowing club for any exclusive use. Council members discussed other events that would be utilizing the lake this summer, including a national wakesurfing competition and a barefoot waterskiing tournament. Mayor Hultmann noted that the club had installed the advertising sign prematurely and the sign had been removed by request. Should the club wish to proceed with their project, they will need to go through the planning and zoning process.

Welcome to Dyvik Family – Council member Carpenter welcomed a new family to town, the Dyvik family.

Utility Agreement Subcommittee – Council member Olson reported that she and Administrator Post had met with Orono representatives to begin discussion of future sewer and utility agreements. The group received assignments and would be meeting again on March 16. She indicated that the initial meeting had provided opportunity to touch base on each city's needs and desires. Work will continue towards drafting a policy or some kind of comprehensive document that will serve as a template to address future sewer connections. It was agreed that Council members Olson, Skjaret, and Administrator Post would meet prior to the March 13 Planning Commission meeting to discuss items from the City's perspective. Post advised that MCES Chief Engineer Kyle Colvin will be attending the March 16 utility agreement subcommittee meeting to provide the cities with information on how MCES charges are derived between the two cities.

Televising of District 3 – Post indicated that Public Works Director Wurzer had completed the initial televising of sewer lines in District 3, the downtown area of the city. A lot of leaks were discovered through the televising process. Public Works Director Wurzer estimated that the cost to correct all leaks detected could be \$120,000. Wurzer will be coming up with ideas and suggested direction to address the worst of the problem areas in the next week. Some private property owners will be informed of broken services that were detected during the televising process. It was noted that 60% of the sanitary sewer line system is made up of private segments, and education of property owners is a factor.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk