



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm.

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

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann offered the following updates:

- Mayor Hultmann and Council member Chillstrom recently attended the Person of the Year recognition dinner for Dave Lundberg, and had enjoyed conversation with an individual sitting at their table who previously served as Mayor for West St. Paul.
- Public Works had dealt with two watermain breaks in one day during the week prior to the meeting – one break in downtown Long Lake by Dr. Hartnett's office, and the other located on Heather Lane. Nobody went overnight without water service despite the extensive repairs.
- Mayor Hultmann complimented the Public Works staff on their snow removal efforts following the latest snowstorm, and reminded residents to help keep fire hydrants clear of snow.
- Mayor Hultmann had received an email from a former Long Lake resident, now residing in Omaha, NE, that included an article from the November 27, 1976 edition of the 'Omaha World Herald' newspaper. The article was about the growing popularity of carp with local residents and tourists in the area's restaurants at the time. The article also referenced Falt Companies, which is the same fishery that conducted the carp harvest of Long Lake recently. Mayor Hultmann provided a description of the harvesting process as he'd witnessed it, and indicated that the February Long Lake harvest had netted about 18,000 pounds of carp. The fishery had hoped to net closer to 70,000 pounds, but they experienced some problems with their net getting hung up on a previously undetected rock pile.

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 February 19, 2013 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of February 19, 2013 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

Brimhall Avenue and Tamarack Avenue Improvement Project – Call for Assessment Hearing

Post advised that mention of the need to schedule an assessment hearing had been made at the February 19, 2013 meeting following Council action to approve final plans/specifications and authorize advertisement for bid for the Brimhall Avenue and Tamarack Avenue Street improvement project. An assessment hearing is a key part of the street improvement project process and needs to be noticed well in advance of the scheduled hearing date. Staff is recommending adoption of a resolution calling for an assessment hearing to be held on April 2, 2013 to comply with Minn. Stat. Section 429 requirements.

City Engineer Wedel indicated that the total estimated project cost included in the project feasibility report was just over a million. Of that, the total amount proposed to be assessed is only \$260,000. The remainder of the project cost would be funded through a combination of city and grant funds. Notices of the assessment hearing will be sent to each individual affected property owner and will include the proposed assessment amount for their property. Property owners are welcome to attend the hearing to address their proposed assessment amount.

Post added that for a project to be classified as a Minn. Stat. Section 429 project, 20% of the proposed cost must be assessed to property owners. The Brimhall Avenue and Tamarack Avenue project meets the Section 429 threshold.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-06 calling for an assessment hearing for the Brimhall Avenue and Tamarack Avenue improvements. Ayes: all.

Wedel clarified that a letter explaining the assessment process in detail, including instructions for filing objections to pending assessments, will be sent to all impacted property owners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Snow Removal – Council member Skjaret stated his appreciation for Public Works staff and their snow removal efforts.

Lakeside Wine & Spirits – Council member Kaminski had recently met with Bryan Keeler of Lakeside Wine & Spirits and had spoken about how much he enjoyed having their store at their new downtown corner location.

Carp Harvest – Mayor Hultmann further expanded on the carp harvest process and the complications the contractor had experienced with their netting equipment, noting that the contractor intends to try and bring up an additional harvest in the coming week. He indicated that only a very small number of fish other than carp had been brought up from the lake in the harvest. Council members discussed the potential for lake water quality improvements that could be realized with regular carp harvesting.

CSAH 112 Project Open House – Council and staff discussed the upcoming CSAH 112 project public open house scheduled to be held Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Lake Community Bank from approximately 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, with a firm start and end time soon to be determined. The open house will offer an opportunity for the public to review and offer feedback on current project preliminary designs. Post outlined the anticipated steps to be taken for future Council review and approval of both preliminary and final design plans, and the addition of landscaping and other amenities to project plans.

Collaborative Meeting with Wayzata – Post reported that the Wayzata / Long Lake Collaborative Services study group will be meeting next Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 am to continue discussion of sharing services, with a focus on Public Works.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk