



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
September 3, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 5:30 pm.

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

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Terrance Post; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; City Engineer: Jason Wedel; LMCC Resident Representative: Paul Mahoney

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Provide Update on Brimhall/Tamarack Improvements Project**

Engineer Wedel shared information that 3" minus rock quantities used on Tamarack Avenue to-date are approaching what were anticipated to be used for both streets in Change Order No. 1 because of the worse-than-expected clay soils encountered on Tamarack. He estimated that there may be another \$30,000 in Change Order quantities beyond the \$70,000 that was expected. He was hopeful that soil conditions on Brimhall would be better than Tamarack.

**Update from LMCC Representative Paul Mahoney**

Mr. Mahoney shared observations from the last few LMCC meetings including a few cities opting to leave the organization, possible Joint Powers franchise fee sharing proposals and related LMCC budget implications, and level of service being impacted by the age of the phone and cable lines.

**Discuss 2014 Preliminary Levy and Proposed General Fund Budget**

Post distributed a detailed General Fund revenue and expenditures report and commented on highlighted items including: the 2014 budget treatment of LGA, and expected increase in Fire Relief Aid and corresponding increase in the pass through expenditure to the Relief Association, 2013 Professional Services for City Administrator recruitment fees, a 2014 increase in Administration salaries to accommodate a part-time accounting clerk, 2013 severance costs, and the 2014 increase in the Police contract.

**Overview of Fire Relief Association Deferred Interest Bylaw Recommendation**

Post gave an overview of the state statute that does not allow vested retired firefighters to withdraw pension benefits until the age of 50. There are currently no retired firefighters in this category and the current deferred interest rate for this category is 0%. The Long Lake Fire Relief Association (LLFRA) Board has made a recommendation to establish a 5% deferred interest factor for retirees in this category and is seeking Council approval to ratify the recommendation. This is a regular meeting agenda item.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Post noted that the joint City Council work shop meeting with the City of Orono has been scheduled for October 1, 2013 at 5:00 pm in Long Lake City Hall chambers and encouraged councilors to identify agenda items they would like to have discussed at that meeting.

**ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 6:34 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Terrance Post, City Administrator