



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Planning Consultant: Addison Lewis; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Donny Chillstrom (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann offered the following updates:

- The Church of St. George Corn Days festival and Chamber of Commerce Corn Days parade were successful again this year.
- Long Lake continues to see many lake users, while overflow parking at the former BP station is becoming less of an issue.

Lastly, Mayor Hultmann encouraged everyone to keep shopping in Long Lake and support local businesses whenever possible.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of August 4, 2014 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of August 4, 2014 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Dan MacDonald, 335 Russell Lane – Mr. MacDonald noted that in the work session prior to the regular meeting, Hennepin County Transportation Director Jim Grube had appeared receptive and agreeable to opening a discussion with the state about improvements to the ramp area from Highway 12 to CSAH 112. He encouraged the City Council to push Mr. Grube to further action

regarding this issue, and noted that both the location of signage and the design of the berm in the ramp area are his concerns.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Planning Case #2014-05 / 306 Wolf Pointe Trail, Ashley and Becky Brandt, Request for 6-Foot Variance From Required Wetland Setbacks to Allow for Pool and Retaining Wall Construction

Planning Consultant Lewis reported that the Applicant is requesting a 6 foot variance to the required 50 foot structure setback from a wetland edge, as required by Section 17A of the Zoning Ordinance, to locate a pool 44 feet from the wetland edge at 306 Wolf Pointe Trail. This is an after-the-fact variance, as a building permit has been issued and construction has commenced on the property. A variance may be granted by a 4/5 vote of the City Council, if approved.

The applicant has been conducting background research, wetland analysis, and seeking permit approval for the last couple of years on this project. There is a drainage and utility easement that covered a large portion of the backyard that was protecting a wetland and buffer area. Last year, the applicant sought a revised wetland delineation, and received approval from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the city's Local Government Unit responsible for Wetland Conservation Act administration. Earlier this year, an easement vacation was approved to allow adjustment of the drainage and utility easement on this property to correspond to the revised wetland delineation. Upon review of the building permit, it was discovered that the proposed pool did not meet the required 50 foot setback from the wetland edge.

In 2008, an 11 foot variance was approved at the property immediately to the north of the subject property at 342 Wolf Pointe Trail to allow the construction of a 20 by 40 pool 39 feet from the wetland edge.

Lewis described how the applicant's request meets criteria for approval of a variance, and responded to Council member questions regarding the Planning Commission's review of the application, as well as whether additional language should be added in City Code to further address swimming pools.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Kaminski, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-25 approving a 6 foot variance to allow for the construction of a pool 44 feet from the required 50 foot wetland setback, including the construction of a retaining wall 31.5 feet from the required 50 foot wetland setback for property at 306 Wolf Pointe Trail, subject to conditions. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Corn Days Weekend – Council member Kaminski noted he had been unable to attend Corn Days this year. Mayor Hultmann stated that it was a successful weekend, and the parade was longer with additional vehicles participating this year.

Maintenance of Landscaped Berm – Council member Skjaret questioned whether any decisions had been reached regarding mowing and cleanup of the landscaped berm along Wayzata Boulevard. Mayor Hultmann recalled that the consensus seemed to be to leave the subject on hold at this time, undertake the limited maintenance possible without excessive expenditure of funds, and review the berm's design with prairie restoration firms as well as Hennepin County to plan for possible improvements in 2017.

Music with a Bang – Mayor Hultmann announced that the Orono Lions Club and Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Music With a Bang as a make-up for the fireworks and live

entertainment missed out on due to poor weather at SummerFest. The event will be held on Saturday, September 27.

Thank You to Election Judges – City Clerk Moeller expressed her sincere appreciation to Head Election Judge Sherrill Michel, and Election Judges Jim Gulbranson, Kenny Duke and Anita Paster for their excellent service during State Primary Election Day.

Mayor and Council Candidates – Moeller noted that the final list of candidates for City office to be seen on the General Election ballot are: Donny Chillstrom running unopposed for Mayor; and Marty Schneider, Roger Adams, Cary Bacall, and Jahn Dyvik running for two Council seats.

Beach Closure – Moeller received results from beach water samplings conducted by Hennepin County prior to the meeting and learned that due to high bacterial counts in two samples, Nelson Lakeside Park beach will be closing. The beach will remain closed until test results return to being within acceptable limits.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Skjaret, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk