



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Assistant Fire Chief: John Hall; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann offered the following updates:

- Music With a Bang will be held in Nelson Lakeside Park on Saturday, September 27 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The event is intended to be a "makeup" for the cancelled fireworks display and live musical entertainment missed during SummerFest weekend due to poor weather conditions. The Orono Lions Club will be sponsoring a beer tent as well.
- For those in their senior years or looking for care opportunities for a loved one, there are three local options including the Long Lake Assisted Living, Orono Woods senior apartments, and the Trails of Orono facility. All three are wonderful organizations, and Mayor Hultmann encouraged considering "shopping local" for senior housing when the time comes.

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 September 2, 2014 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of September 2, 2014 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Accept the Resignation of Firefighter Jason Nordstrom from the Long Lake Fire Department
- E. Accept the Resignation of Firefighter Grant Nalls from the Long Lake Fire Department
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-31 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Gear Western Country Half Marathon and 5K to be held October 11, 2014; Approve Issuance of a Noise Variance Permit Authorizing Use of Sound Amplification Equipment

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one appeared to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Appointment of New Firefighters

Assistant Fire Chief Hall reported that after completing an application and interview process, Fire Department staff recommends that conditional job offers for the position of paid on call firefighter be made to the following individuals: Zachary Berbig and Joseph Blackstone. The conditions of the offer are that each new firefighter passes a physical exam, physiological exam, agility test and probationary period. The interview panel consisted of a Fire Lieutenants, District Captain and Assistant Chief. The split between the stations is 1 for Station 1 and 1 for Station 2.

Mayor Hultmann read Resolution No. 2014-30 aloud for those in attendance.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Kaminski, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-30 appointing the following candidates to the position of paid on-call firefighter, with contingencies: Zachary Berbig and Joseph Blackstone. Ayes: all.

Following the appointment, Assistant Chief Hall administered the Oath of Office to the new firefighters.

OTHER BUSINESS

Construction at Gear West – Council member Kaminski solicited an update on the status of construction at the Gear West site. Administrator Weske responded that construction continues on their Phase 2 building. Staff is monitoring the construction process and will be working with the property owner to assure a new parking plan that meets parking requirements is submitted.

Tennis Court Update – Council member Skjaret noted that the Hardin Park tennis court is looking great, and work looks to be largely complete. City Clerk Moeller asked that tennis users please be patient and do not attempt to use the courts until they are cured and ready for use again. She also advised that there should be no skateboarding on the facility at any time.

CSAH 112 Right of Way Marking – Council member Olson questioned whether anyone had taken photos to document the spray painted lines marking where the County right-of-way line is from Russell Lane heading west. She encouraged neighbors in the area to take note of the markings.

Affordable, Workforce and Senior Housing – Council member Olson, referencing Mayor Hultmann's earlier comments regarding senior housing opportunities in the area, commented that the community's largely single family home housing base is supporting a large senior citizen population, and it would be nice to see that group of individuals be able to stay in the community. She noted that she would rather see a focus on senior-friendly housing rather than affordable housing. Mayor Hultmann discussed a recent example of workforce housing, which houses all age groups, and added that it was a growing trend in California. Mayor and Council members continued to discuss affordable, workforce, and senior housing trends and examples. Council member Olson suggested that as a developer for Virginia Avenue or redevelopers for other sites consider projects in town, it would be great to keep the city's aging population in mind.

Reschedule Meeting and Canvassing Board Meeting – City Clerk Moeller reported that the November 4 regular City Council meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the State General Election.

Additionally, the City Council will need to meet as the Long Lake Canvassing Board to canvass election results for municipal offices. She sought availability and input from Mayor and Council on the preferred date, in preparation for placing this item on the next meeting's agenda for action. Council members agreed both the regular meeting and Canvassing Board meeting should be scheduled for Monday, November 10.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Kaminski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk