



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 17, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Donny Chillstrom; Council: Kurt Kaminski, Jahn Dyvik, Marty Schneider, and Liz Olson

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Scott Weske; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE AND WORK SESSION REVIEW**

Mayor Chillstrom offered the following updates:

- Demolition work has begun at Birch's on the Lake. Also, contractors have been on-site at the former Burger King property and staff is expecting we may see permit applications arriving soon for a new business there.
- As a reminder, for those raking leaves, please remember not to rake leaves and yard debris into the street where it will ultimately run into and negatively impact the lake. The Council is exploring options for a future yard debris disposal site in Long Lake, but in the meantime, residents have access to the Plymouth Yard Waste site. Additionally, spring leaf pickup dates will be announced in April.
- In the work session prior to the regular meeting, the Council discussed the EDA bylaws, purchase of the MnDOT owned parcel of land behind the Public Works building, and a Fire Department health and wellness program the Fire Chief is working on.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of March 3, 2015 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of March 3, 2015 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Approve a 12 Month Contract Renewal with Popp Communications for Phone Service
- E. Award the 2015 Lawn Service Contract to Carefree Services, Inc. of Maple Plain, MN

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

## **OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Long Lake Rowing Crew Seasonal Use Permit Request**

Administrator Weske reported that the Long Lake Rowing Crew has made application to Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol for a seasonal use permit to allow their seasonal use of Long Lake for rowing practices and coaching during the months of April through November, 2015. They propose to conduct rowing activities during varying hours throughout the season on Mondays through Thursdays, and Saturdays, with no organized rowing on Fridays or Sundays. The Long Lake Rowing Club has submitted copies of this permit application to the cities of Long Lake and Orono for their consideration, as both cities border the lake. He noted that the Crew already has an Interim Use Permit allowing them to use the former Billy's Lighthouse property, soon to be Birch's on the Lake, as a base of operations; but will be applying for an amended Interim Use Permit to reflect the need to relocate their boat storage facilities on the site while construction is underway.

John Winston, LLRC Board member, indicated the Crew is basically looking to continue operations as they did last year, with modifications to the lake use permit allowing times of usage to be less restrictive. He commended property owner Phil Ordway and Birch's on the Lake manager Burt Joseph for their efforts in cooperating with the Crew's desire to continue operating out of the new Birch's site, and discussed the Crew's plans for relocating the boat storage facilities for the upcoming rowing season.

In light of the Crew's proposal to locate boat storage closer to the lakeshore, Council member Schneider encouraged the Crew to contact the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to verify whether there may be any concerns or issues that warrant addressing.

Council members reflected they enjoyed seeing the rowing shells out on the lake, and Mayor Chillstrom commended the Crew on the great job they've done since their club reorganization.

*A motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Dyvik, to authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol to issue a Seasonal Use Permit for use of Long Lake by the Long Lake Rowing Crew rowing club, contingent upon the applicant meeting all conditions of permit issuance imposed by the issuing agency. Ayes: all.*

### **2014 Year End Fire Department Service Report**

Fire Chief Van Eyll made a presentation to the Council which summarized Fire Department operations during the year 2014, discussed trends in fire service calls, reviewed Fire Department staffing levels, and included goals from both personnel and training perspectives for the coming year. During his presentation, Van Eyll also discussed the Fire Department's plans for celebrating the Department's centennial in 2015, and noted that the annual all you can eat pancake breakfast has been scheduled for April 19.

### **Ratification of Long Lake Fire Relief Association Fire Pension Deferred Interest**

Van Eyll stated that per their bylaws, the Long Lake Fire Relief Association needs to review and set the interest rate for deferred status members on an annual basis. Currently is one member who is in this category. Deferred members are members who otherwise qualify for a service pension but have not reached the age of eligibility under Article IX Section 2 of the bylaws. The deferred service pension is payable when the former reaches said age. The relief association pays interest on fully

vested and partially vested deferred service pensions during the period of deferral. The Board of Trustees shall annually determine the rate of interest, up to 4%, compounded annually.

Staff recommends municipal ratification of this 4% deferred interest rate on the pensions of the deferred members.

*A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Olson, to adopt Resolution No. 2015- 09 establishing municipal ratification of a deferred interest rate of 4% for the Long Lake Fire Relief Association deferred status members. Ayes: all.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**CSAH 112 Open House** – City Clerk Moeller reflected that the Council has been hosting open houses bimonthly prior to Planning Commission meetings for discussion of CSAH 112 project design updates, and asked whether the Council would be scheduling another open house prior to April's Commission meeting. Council member Olson noted that the County is intending to hold a community wide open house for April 22. Council members were in agreement to hold off on scheduling another city open house until after the County has held its open house to present their plans.

**Wayzata Boulevard Berm Maintenance** – Council member Olson stated she had noticed the lawn maintenance service provider who was awarded this year's lawn maintenance contract had included a quote for mowing of the landscaped berm along Wayzata Boulevard. It was the consensus of the Council that this area should be mowed and maintained this spring, and with more regularity. Public Works Director Wurzer stated that the contractor had indicated he may be willing to mow the berm for \$825, and has agreed to negotiate that price further if more regular mowing and weed control are desired.

**Special Meeting Scheduled** – Council member Schneider noted that the City Council will be holding a Special March 26 to take further action on reshaping and restarting the EDA. The meeting is open to the public, and interested individuals are welcome to attend.

**Ice Out on Long Lake** – Council member Dyvik indicated he is pleased that this year's weather conditions are looking favorable for the ice to be out on Long Lake earlier than the previous year.

**Short Term Rental Issue** – Council member Kaminski stated that in considering addressing rental housing and vacant properties through ordinance changes this year, he would like to see attention given to the issue of residential homes being used as short term vacation/event rentals. There is a property on Underhill Lane being used as such, to the consternation of the neighbors. Moeller noted that the zoning interpretation indicating the city doesn't have any enforcement tools to address that property at this time was made by a former planner, and suggested it may be worthwhile to ask the city's current planning consultant to revisit the issue.

**Reminder to Dog Owners** – Mayor Chillstrom reminded dog owners to please clean up after their dogs when using city parks and trails.

**Congratulations to Orono Lions Club** – Mayor Chillstrom congratulated the Orono Lions Club on their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a charter organization.

**ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Kaminski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk