



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
August 3, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske, City Engineer Consultant: Chris LeBounty

Absent: Council:

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Watertown Road Improvement Project – Chris LaBounty, City Engineer

A feasibility report is currently being prepared for the Watertown Road Improvement Project which proposes surface and limited utility improvements on Watertown Road, from the western municipal boundary to Brown Road. Staff will provide the City Council with a summary of the existing conditions and lead a discussion regarding proposed pavement width and scope of utility improvements.

Roadway Width:

The City of Long Lake standard roadway width for residential roadways is 32-feet. The City Council has approved a reduction to these standards from 32-feet to 28-feet on past projects in the immediate area. The average width of Watertown Road is currently 24-feet wide.

Scope of Utility Improvements:

The City watermain currently loops from Watertown Road to Glendale Drive between a series of private property. This watermain has a history of breaks adjacent to the existing creek, but no utility easement currently exists over this main. An alternative alignment could be included in this improvement project to create a loop along Harrington Drive.

Update from EDA Chair Regarding “Open for Business” Initiatives

Councilman Schneider updated the whole council on an initiative that is new through Hennepin County. The City of Long Lake can cost share in the program the help local business get one on one time with consultants. There are many aspects to this program and the City would get report cards reflecting the amount the program is used.

The council would like the time frame for be rest of 2015 and all of 2016. The total cost would be \$3250 and with City's share would be \$3125. The hope is that the City of Orono would help contribute to that dollar amount as it will be viewed as a whole business district by Hennepin County. Council supports this idea.

Discuss Petition Received From Long Lake and Orono Business Community Regarding CSAH 112

Staff talked with the City Attorney and to receive the petition and if the council agrees with the resolution that can also be done.

On July 7th, Mr. Erickson appeared to formally submit a petition to the City Council on behalf of local businesses. The petition expresses the business community's concerns regarding potential closure of Wayzata Boulevard W during future CSAH 112 project construction and asked that the City partner with the business community to represent their interests to the County. Mayor Chillstrom indicated the Council continues to work diligently to represent Long Lake in CSAH 112 project discussions. Mr. Erickson expanded on the business community's concerns and stated that two lanes of traffic must remain open at all times for the duration of the project and for the viability of the community. He also requested an economic impact study be completed.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Chillstrom adjourned the work session at 6:26 by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske, City Administrator