



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 6, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Mayor Chillstrom offered the following updates:

- In a work session prior to the regular meeting, the Council discussed a potential Watertown Road Improvement Project and reviewed playground concepts for play structure improvements at Nelson Lakeside Park.
- Birch's on the Lake is now open for business. Initially there have been some parking issues with the restaurant's opening and vehicles parking both along CSAH 112 and the Union Cemetery road, but the restaurant is looking great.

Lastly, Mayor Chillstrom encouraged shopping local as often as possible.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of September 15, 2015 City Council Meeting
- B. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of September 22, 2015 Park Board Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll

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

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

**Fire Chief Van Eyll** – Van Eyll expressed his gratitude to the City of Long Lake for this support of the Long Lake Fire Department's Centennial Celebration. Funds donated by the City to the event were largely used to support activities and inflatables for kids to enjoy during the celebration. The City's support was much appreciated by the LFLD.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Update from Minnesota Senator David J. Osmek, District 33**

Senator Osmek provided an update regarding the Senate legislative office relocation currently underway; and discussed his activities as Minority Whip, and as a member of the Energy and Environment Committee. He's been traveling recently for legislative energy commission research, including touring Berkeley Labs to learn more about a number of projects they've undertaken to benefit small businesses, focusing on green energy and being carbon neutral. He also visited the Tesla manufacturing plant and remarked upon the significant progress that has been made in battery technology, and the possible positive implications of implementing new battery technologies. He commented that he was recently honored to receive a third award issued by the Taxpayers League, and he continues to fight for taxpayers.

Senator Osmek recalled that at his last visit to a City Council meeting, the Council at that time had expressed concern regarding the future CSAH 112 turnback project. He indicated he is available to provide support and take any concerns or issues to the legislature.

Council member Schneider observed that back in the early 2000's, a lot of area residents and businesses were greatly impacted by the Highway 12 bypass construction project. Completion of the project was followed by an economic recession, and everyone is still recuperating from the turbulence. Now, another three-year roadway project is pending. He noted that he believed the Council would like to leave the door open to reach out to Senator Osmek for advice or assistance in the future in order to help the business community through the duration of the project. The City has already engaged in much discussion with Hennepin County also along these lines.

Senator Osmek noted that he comes from a background of service as a Council person and has worked with communities through road projects in the past. He indicated a willingness to assist and respond to questions as needed.

Mayor Chillstrom and Senator Osmek further discussed improvements in battery technology, as witnessed by the Senator in his recent travels.

Fire Chief Van Eyll expressed concern regarding ongoing safety issues on Highway 12, noting the number of recent car crashes on the roadway. He asked that the Senator consider supporting funding to address safety improvements to Highway 12 as he returns to the legislature.

Senator Osmek indicated that there is a working committee looking to address Highway 12 safety, and he will continue to be involved in and support its activities moving forward.

### **Authorize Use of LLFD Utility 14 as a Trade-In Vehicle and Accept Donation of a 2014 Polaris Ranger 6x6 HD by the Long Lake Fire Relief Association**

Van Eyll reported that Utility 14, a 2006 Kawasaki Mule 610 ATV, was purchased by the Long Lake Fire Department Relief Association / Second Call Fund in August of 2006 and donated to the City of Long Lake. At that time, the firefighters had identified a need for the department to aid in their response to wildfires, medical emergencies in the woods or trails and to respond to Big Island in the winter months. The vehicle has done an adequate job since its purchase. The LLFDRA was approached by one of our firefighters who spoke with a representative of Tri-K Sports regarding a very well-equipped military version of a Polaris Ranger 6x6 HD for sale. They came up with a generous proposal which includes taking in Utility 14 on trade to help offset the costs. Tri-K, Fast Signs and Safety Vehicle Solutions have indicated they are prepared to donate items to help outfit the Polaris Ranger vehicle for identification and use as a firefighting vehicle.

There is a motion on the floor that was tabled for a month due to the dollar figure being over \$500, which the LLFDRA membership needs to vote on. If this motion passes, the LLFDRA would complete this purchase and donate the Ranger to the City of Long Lake as they did originally back in 2006. No City funds would be used to complete the purchase if approved, but the City would need to agree to take ownership of the vehicle and roll it into the fleet. If the LLFDRA motion fails, then Utility 14 would not be traded in and would remain in the fleet.

Council member Kaminski noted that the Orono Lions Club would have funds available if additional donations are needed to outfit the proposed ATV purchase.

*A motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Kaminski, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-45 allowing the Long Lake Fire Department Relief Association to utilize Utility 14 for trade-in for the 2014 Polaris Ranger 6x6 HD as stated in the proposal dated September 2, 2015. Ayes: all.*

### **Final Approval of Revised Wayzata Police Services Contract**

Weske reported that on at their regular meeting held September 1, the City Council made a motion to approve the amendments to the contract with Wayzata for Police services reflecting a five-year option subject to final contract document approval. Council requested that the contract include clarifying language outlining in what year the three-year successive term included in the current proposal would start; and addressing any unemployment insurance payment obligations the City would have responsibility for in the event of contract termination.

A draft copy of the final contract document has been reviewed by the City Attorney and was included in the Council's meeting informational packets. Changes to the contract have been highlighted for ease of review.

Weske also noted that Wayzata staff could be available to review fine revenue information with the Council in the future.

*A motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Olson, to approve the final draft of the amendments to the Wayzata Police Service contract reflecting the 5 year option. Ayes: all.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**City Logo Discussion** – City Clerk Moeller recalled that at a prior Council meeting, staff received direction from the Council to begin using the former City logo when making future stationary and other purchases. Staff is now preparing to order a number of new stationary items to replenish depleted stock, and is seeking a motion from the Council to formalize direction to begin utilizing the former blue, black and white “City of Long Lake” logo. Council members discussed the old and current logos and agreed that the current logo being used would likely still have a place when advertising a variety of cooperative efforts, but that a return to the former logo for City business would be preferred.

*A motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Kaminski, to direct staff to begin incorporating the City of Long Lake logo reflecting the sun and waves shapes for official City business. Ayes: all.*

**Fall Leaf Pickup Dates** – Moeller noted that staff is working with the City's refuse haulers to coordinate this year's fall leaf pickup dates.

**Vitality of Community** – Council member Schneider commented that he feels there is a very nice vitality growing in the Long Lake community this year. Last Saturday, as he left his house on the

east end of town to visit the Taste of Long Lake event at Otten Bros. in Orono, he observed parking lots overflowing for restaurants all through town and also at Otten Bros. for the event he was attending. He reflected he felt truly proud as to what is currently happening in Long Lake. Recent community events have also added to the number of positive things in town as well. Council member Kaminski and Mayor Chillstrom added their comments as well, reflecting on the recent success of the LLFD Centennial Celebration, the Taste of Long Lake event, and the Fire Prevention Open House. Mayor Chillstrom noted that Long Lake is a great town with great people – when asked by others why he chose to run for Mayor, he always responds that it's not about the politics, it's about the great people who make the town what it is. He reflected that he is proud to be a part of that.

**ADJOURN**

*Hearing no objection, Mayor Chillstrom adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:09 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk