



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
August 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske, Public Works Director: Jason Goehring, Planning Consultant: Addison Lewis-WSB

Absent: Council:

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 8, Article V: Sign Regulations (Temporary Signage)

Planning Consultant Lewis explained the past timeline of the process of cleaning up the sign ordinance. Council at the last meeting wanted to discuss temporary signs. There was thoughts of helping the business community out by allowing more days around holidays.

Lewis expressed the City Attorney thought that could be a difficult enforcement issue and suggested only federal holidays. Council agreed and decided to look at other option.

Council felt comfortable about changing the allowed days from 60-90 knowing that the surrounding Cities already have a stricter policy on temporary signs. It will be discussed farther at the regular meeting.

Discuss Standby Generators for Lift Stations

Public Works Director Goehring explained that the Appleglen Road and Lindawood Lane Lift Stations are the two lift stations in the City of Long Lake which are in need of on-site, standby generators. Currently, these lift stations are monitored through cellular dialers which call out to Public Works staff in the event of a power failure to the stations. Upon receiving an alarm call from the dialer, staff must respond in a timely manner with portable, trailer mounted generators to prevent sewage back-ups into the basements of surrounding homes. Both lift stations have a history of power failures and sewage backups into basements.

Staff feels that the addition of standby generators to both the Appleglen Road and Lindawood Lane Lift Stations would be a significant and responsible upgrade to the City's sanitary sewer system. On-site generators provide affected residents with piece of mind in regards to protecting their basements from sewage backups during power outages.

Council expressed that this is a need and would like to see more detailed pricing. This idea has been tossed around for a while but lately we are seeing more power outages that are beyond the City's control.

Discussion of Public Works Department Wage Adjustments

At the July 5 work session Council discussed pw workers' wages and wanted to staff to do a little more research.

Wages earned including overtime and on call time:

2016-*estimated	\$65,408.66	*\$31.45 an hour
	\$63,726.31	*\$30.64 an hour
2015	\$58,340.68	\$28.04 an hour
	\$55,030.61	\$26.45 an hour
2014	\$61,014.27	\$29.33
	\$61,562.90	\$29.60

Final pay periods fell over the December/January dates which resulted in the differences

Current Long Lake wage-\$26.95

Normal practice is to adjust wages in December when approving the next years budget. The practice is to adjust wages 2% and move employees a step if they have received acceptable review. Currently the only employee who hasn't maxed out the steps is the City Administrator and soon the Public Works Director.

Council discussed concerns on what amount is needed if any. Some feel 2% is plenty and others thought maybe 4%. The item is to be discussed in farther depth at the regular session.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Chillstrom adjourned the work session at 6:32 pm by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske, City Administrator