



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 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; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Others Present: Jim Grube, Hennepin County Engineer; Mike Turner, SRF Consulting

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann thanked Public Works for their continued efforts in keeping streets clear of snow during winter weather.

He also commented that last year's rainy weather conditions led to significant shoreline erosion issues along Long Lake. In preparation for the spring melt, the Council is hoping to schedule a joint meeting with the Orono Council in the nearby future that would serve as an open forum to discuss a no wake ordinance for Long Lake, with MnDNR representatives present to respond to questions. This open forum will be open to lakeshore residents and lake users alike.

Lastly, Mayor Hultmann encouraged continued support of local businesses as often as possible.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 18, 2014 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of February 18, 2014 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Brickley, 1806 Symes Street – Mr. Brickley asked that Public Works re-evaluate their method of plowing snow in his neighborhood. All the snow along his street is routinely plowed up against

his side of the roadway, blocking his driveway with substantial snow and drifts. He indicated he would appreciate help in rectifying the matter for future winter plowing.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Engineering Services Proposal for Wellhead Protection Plan Part 2 Amendment

Weske reported that the original Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP) was completed by engineering firm SEH and approved by the Long Lake City Council in 2005. The Minnesota Department of Health requires WHPP plans to be updated at eight year intervals. The WHPP consists of two parts; Part 1 was completed primarily by the MDH and was approved by the Long Lake City Council on July 2, 2013. It is the City of Long Lake's responsibility to complete Part 2 of the WHPP by October 7, 2014.

The proposal submitted by City Engineer Jason Wedel of WSB & Associates describes in detail the purpose of the WHPP Part 1 and Part 2 and the proposed work plan to complete Part 2 of the WHPP. Staff has reviewed the work plan and proposed fee and believes them to be reasonable for this project.

Public Works Director Wurzer indicated that the recent Part 1 Amendment was completed and stated that the City's wells and recharge areas are somewhat protected and not considered vulnerable at this time. The Part 2 Amendment is required by the MDH to focus on potential future problems that may exist, and to establish action plans for addressing future issues. He is expecting the end result of the Part 2 Amendment engineering work will provide staff with some type of check off list of work items that can be kept up on with regularity.

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Kaminski, to approve the February 14, 2014 proposal from Jason Wedel of WSB & Associates, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the Wellhead Protection Plan Part 2 Amendment. Ayes: all.

Resolution Approving CSAH 112 Reconstruction Project Layout

Weske stated that in March 2012 a Project Advisory Committee comprised of residents and business representatives from both the cities of Long Lake and Orono was created to assist Hennepin County and engineering firm SRF Consulting plan and design a layout for the turnback of CSAH 112. After two years the layout is now complete and approval from the cities is needed to further the reconstruction project. The layout includes trails, improved sightlines at intersections, and reductions in speed limits posted through town.

The area of impact will extend from CSAH 6 to Trunk Highway 12, and by accepting the layout, the cities will express support for the design thereby triggering Hennepin County to start moving forward with securing state turnback funding for the project. This project will include turnback money, county money, and local money. The City of Long Lake, City of Orono, and Hennepin County will have shared costs throughout the project.

After the yearlong first stage is complete, the overall reconstruction project will be presented again to the City of Long Lake. At that time the Council will be able to determine the reconstruction details of the city's share of the project by approving or denying certain aspects of the project. Some examples of what the Council would be considering in the future during construction contract negotiations would include the cost and location of amenities such as the number of light poles, potential utility burying, color of décor, and installation of landscaping and streetscape improvements.

Council members discussed different options for locating the trail segment proposed to run through the downtown area and commented on the concessions and efforts made on both the City and County sides to arrive at a more acceptable arrangement.

Hennepin County Engineer Jim Grube, along with Mike Turner of SRF Consulting, responded to Council member questions regarding trail alignment, limiting infringement of trails in the downtown upon residents, designating biking and walking lanes with insignias.

Council members expressed continued favor for a crosswalk being located at Mill Street.

Council member Olson reflected that she personally is in agreement with the plan up to the Martha Lane or Southwood Shores townhome area; however, further east along the corridor, she does not support the location of a pedestrian crossing at Greenhill Lane. Also, the neighborhood in that area has expressed strong opposition to the trail proposed, and she positioned that their words should be respected. She questioned what power future Councils may have to change things in the plan if project layout is approved.

Mr. Grube clarified that the layout approval the County is seeking and hopes to receive would lay the groundwork for construction of the roadway. He is cognizant of ongoing concerns with trail layout and location. In terms of the trepidation expressed about the proposed crossing at Greenhill Lane, he questioned whether moving the crossing two blocks west would be more palatable. Connection of trail facilities to Old Long Lake Road is a priority for the County, and with respect to the neighbors and concerns, the County's approach to project planning is from the perspective of greater Hennepin County. If a future Council elects not to support trail construction, Mr. Grube did not feel the County would be able to "let bygones be bygones", as trails are that important to Hennepin County.

Mayor Hultmann stated that although he originally had not been in favor of extending trails east as far as have been planned, after gaining further knowledge of similar trails and the benefits he personally had witnessed, his position has changed and he now supports additional trail facilities.

Council member Olson expressed disappointment that compromises with the property owners have not been made, and stated she feels the neighbors believe their concerns were not listened to.

Council members briefly continued discussion of the trail segment through downtown, and it was noted that the location will be pinned down in the next detail level of design.

Council member Skjaret commented that the project proposed is a long term investment and represents the type of improvements the next generation of property owners will value.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Kaminski, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-04 approving the CSAH 112 reconstruction project layout for the proposed improvement of Wayzata Boulevard/County State Aid Highway 112 between County State Aid Highway 6 and the Orono/Wayzata City limits depicted in a layout plan dated March 3, 2014, by Hennepin County. Ayes: Kaminski, Skjaret, Chillstrom, and Hultmann. Nay: Olson. Motion carried.

Mr. Grube indicated that moving forward, there will be a number of steps to go through from now until fourth quarter 2016. The County will be working with the City and affected property owners regarding specific project details with the intent to arrive at a design that is as palatable as possible.

Earl Swanson, resident, stated he continues to object to the proposed trail on the east end of town. He also commented that he had a petition to present to the Council in objection to trail facilities and project elements.

Council members discussed the potential impacts of project construction and phasing.

Dale Lemmerman, resident, also stated his objection to trail facilities, and to a pedestrian crossing at Greenhill Lane.

Pat Brickley, 1806 Symes Street, suggested that between discussion of the roadway and proposed trail facilities, roadway improvements are more important.

OTHER BUSINESS

Snow Plowing Efforts – Council member Chillstrom took a moment to commend Public Works also on their snow removal efforts over the winter months.

Holbrook Park Warming House Closed – City Clerk Moeller stated that the Holbrook Park Warming House is closed for the season; however, skaters are still welcome to skate unsupervised on the remaining ice as long as weather conditions permit.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Skjaret, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk