



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Present: Mayor: Tim Hultmann; Council: Kurt Kaminski, Tom Skjaret, and Liz Olson

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Planning Consultant: Addison Lewis; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Donny Chillstrom (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE

Mayor Hultmann offered the following updates:

- Prior to the regular meeting, the Council met as the Long Lake Canvassing Board to canvass the City's municipal election results. Mayor Hultmann congratulated Donny Chillstrom for his election to the office of Mayor, and Marty Schneider and Jahn Dyvik for their election as Council members.
- Mayor Hultmann expressed gratitude to Police Chief Risvold and Hennepin County Engineer for their work on installing a solar powered speed indicator sign at the east end of town. He has observed it has been effective since it's installation, seeing many drivers braking as the sign notified them of high speeds. Risvold and Grube are also discussing restriping Wayzata Boulevard W at the east end of town to create a center lane.
- At the former Billy's Lighthouse site, the property owner removed the fence that was in a state of disrepair and neatly stacked it on site. The Long Lake Rowing Crew has removed their boats from the site for the season. He also noted that a lease has been executed with QuickBurger for the Burger King site. QuickBurger originated in Europe, and the Long Lake location will be the first in the United States.
- As a reminder, parking on street overnight is prohibited on city streets year-round. This becomes especially important during the winter months as snow plowing activities take place overnight.

Lastly, Mayor Hultmann thanked all veterans for their service. The Orono Rotary Club will be hosting a ceremony honoring veterans on Veterans Day in Nelson Lakeside Park at 4:00 pm. Also, many dining establishments will offer free meals to card carrying VFW and American Legion members.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2014 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2014 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Approve Adjusting the Observed City Holiday Work Schedule From Offices Closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, to Being Closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26
- E. Approve the LMC Joint and Cooperation Agreement with the Amended Changes as Presented
- F. Authorize Pay Request No. 5 to Kuechle Underground, Inc. for Work Performed in Conjunction with the 2013 Brimhall and Tamarack Avenue Improvements Project

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Planning Case #2014-10 / Tasha Stuemke & Greg Abbott, 2208 Grand Avenue, Request to Expand a Non-Conforming Structure for the Purposes of Constructing a Second Story

Planning consultant Lewis stated that the Applicant wishes to construct a second story on top of their existing home at 2208 Grand Avenue. The property is a corner lot at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Inglewood Street and is zoned R-1 Single Family Residential. In the R-1 zoning district, a corner side yard setback of 35 feet is required. The existing home is located 30 feet from the corner side lot line, making it a legal non-conforming structure. The proposed second story will be directly above the main level of the home and have the same footprint, except that the length of the east edge of the home - the side not meeting the required setback - will be 4.5 feet longer than the main level. Because a portion of the second story will be constructed in an area not meeting the side yard setback, the request is considered an expansion of a non-conforming structure. The second story will not be any closer to the corner side lot line than the existing home is today. The proposed project conforms with all other provisions of City Code.

By a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the entire Council, the City Council may permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming structure or use if in no case would a structure or use prohibited in the zoning district be extended beyond the present lot and upon making the following findings:

- A. The expansion will be compatible with the adjacent property and the other properties in the vicinity.
- B. The expansion will not result in significant increases in adverse off site impacts such as noise, dust, odors, and parking congestion.
- C. The expansion, because of improvements to the property, will improve the appearance or stability of the vicinity.

Staff believes that the above findings are met with this request.

Council members were supportive of the property owner's request to improve the home.

A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Chillstrom, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-37 approving the expansion of a non-conforming structure at 2208 Grand Avenue for the purposes of constructing a second story on top of the existing structure within the required side yard setback. Ayes: all.

Resolution Supporting the Creation of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition

Weske reported that the Highway 12 Safety Coalition will work collaboratively with organizations including MnDOT, local elected representatives, and county governments in order to identify any combination of issues related to improving the safety of transportation along Highway 12. The Coalition will work to seek out and implement solutions to increase driver safety on Highway 12, and will regulate its operation through bylaws setting rules and guidelines for conduct.

The Highway 12 Safety Coalition will consist of representatives from those organizations that have passed a resolution joining the coalition and approving the bylaws. Each entity of the Coalition shall appoint one representative and one alternate representative. The representatives of each community within the Coalition shall be the only voting members. Any action to be taken by the Coalition shall be taken by the form of a motion. A vote of the motion shall be taken by written/oral ballot. A majority vote will be required in order to perform said action. Representatives from other relevant organizations may attend meetings as necessary, though will have no vote.

There shall be a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary elected from the members of the Coalition at the initial meeting of each year. The officers shall be elected from those representatives of the Coalition. The Coalition may elect or appoint such other officers as it deems necessary to conduct its meetings and affairs.

The Coalition shall meet at least biannually, but may meet more frequently when needed at the discretion and approval of the Coalition.

Weske also indicated that he has been attending Coalition meetings for the past three to four months, and as many as 40-50 people have been in attendance at meetings. It is estimated the core voting group will stay at about 12-15 individuals. Once all interested communities have adopted resolutions stating their intent to participate, officers will be appointed by the group. In the meantime, Delano's City Administrator has been running meetings.

A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Skjaret, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-39 supporting the creation of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Highway 12 Turnback Meetings – Council member Olson stated she had received an email that the Highway 12 Turnback Committee will begin meeting the third Wednesday of each month. From the initial email, it appears the group's first focus will be on improvements to Wayzata Boulevard W from Willow Drive to Cemetery Road. Meetings in November and December are likely to be more greeting in nature, but she anticipates more detailed information about project designs will be forthcoming after January 1. She also suggested the City implement a series of regular public open houses for individuals interested in seeing designs as they move forward. Administrator Weske added that he will be attending a "kickoff" meeting with SRF Consultants, Hennepin County, and Orono staff on Thursday, November 13.

Welcome to Council Members Elect – Council member Kaminski congratulated Marty Schneider and Jahn Dyvik on their election to the City Council, and welcomed them to the office they'll be taking in January.

Help Keep Hydrants Clear of Snow – Moeller asked that those residents with fire hydrants in front of their homes please help keep hydrants clear of snow. She expressed her thanks to those who help, and noted their assistance is much appreciated by the Fire Department and Public Works staff.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Kaminski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk