



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; City Engineer: Chris LaBounty; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG LAKE NEWS UPDATE AND WORK SESSION MEETING REVIEW

Mayor Chillstrom offered the following updates:

- In a work session prior to the regular meeting, the City Council received an update from staff regarding Birch's on the Lake grease trap issues allowing grease to infiltrate the City's sanitary sewer service; discussed Watertown Road Improvement Project bids received and bid alternates; and began discussion of public involvement in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of April 19, 2016 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of April 19, 2016 City Council Meeting
- C. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of April 12, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting
- D. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of April 26, 2016 Park Board Meeting
- E. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- F. Authorize Pay Request No. 6 & Final to Kuechle Underground, Inc. for the 2013 Brimhall Avenue and Tamarack Avenue Improvement Project
- G. Approve Equipment License Agreement No. A165122 with Hennepin County for the License to Use Electronic Pollbook Election Equipment
- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-14 Approving the Issuance of 2016 Residential and Commercial Refuse Hauler Licenses for Empty Can Sanitation

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Watertown Road Improvement Project – Public Assessment Hearing

City Engineer LaBounty reported that the Watertown Road Improvement Project is a City Council initiated project that includes utility improvements and pavement reclamation improvements on Watertown Road between Brown Road and the western municipal boundary, and Harrington Drive from Watertown Road to Glendale Drive. The primary purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the existing roadway pavement and address existing drainage and utility issues in the project area.

Previously the Council took action ordering the Assessment Hearing for the Watertown Road Improvement Project to be held May 3, 2016. The City Clerk published the Notice of Assessment Hearing in the official newspaper and mailed notice to all property owners listed on the assessment roll not less than two weeks prior to the hearing.

The proposed Watertown Road Improvement Project Final Assessment Roll was developed in accordance with the City of Long Lake Special Assessment Policy for road improvement/reconstruction projects. An assessment rate of \$0.37 per square foot was set for this project based on this policy, and thus far no formal objection to proposed assessments has been received.

The estimated cost of the proposed improvements is \$1,008,764 including construction, engineering, legal, and financing costs. Approximately \$157,028 is proposed to be assessed to benefiting property owners and \$851,736 to be paid by the City.

Staff recommends the City Council hold an assessment hearing and consider a motion to adopt a resolution adopting the assessment for the Watertown Road Improvement Project.

Council member Schneider questioned whether institutional use properties were assessed differently than other properties in the project area.

LaBounty replied that they would not be, and confirmed the property in question would be assessed based on the benefit to the subdividable lot.

Mayor Chillstrom opened the public assessment hearing at 6:41 pm.

Chuck Moburg, 58 Inglewood Street, spoke in favor of the project and indicated he was happy to see it finally happening.

Mayor Chillstrom noted that project area resident Jim Benson had also expressed his support for the project.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Chillstrom closed the public assessment hearing at 6:43 pm.

A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Olson, to adopt Resolution No. 2016-15 adopting the assessment for the Watertown Road Improvement Project. Ayes: all.

LaBounty stated that he is anticipating presenting staff's recommendation for the project bid award at the Council's May 17 meeting. The same contractor would be working on the Orono section of

roadway as well, and it is likely project work would begin in June. Newsletters will be sent to project area residents following the bid award.

Approve the 2016-2020 Pavement Management Plan

LaBounty stated that the City's pavement management plan consists of pavement maintenance and improvement projects scheduled for the City in a five-year look ahead period. The plan is revised and amended by the City every three years. Last year the City completed a city-wide rating of pavements and prepared three pavement improvement strategies for the 2016-2020 Pavement Management Plan.

The proposed Pavement Management Plan includes both a pavement maintenance schedule and pavement improvement schedule. No changes are proposed to the pavement maintenance schedule which has been working adequately for the City in the past. The pavement improvement schedule identifies roadways for improvement on an every other year schedule. The Watertown Road Improvement Project is currently scheduled for 2016, and Grand Avenue and Upper Lea Lane are scheduled for 2018. LaBounty presented a color map depicting the overall condition of the City's roadways, highlighting streets that are candidates for more frequent maintenance or potential improvement projects.

This proposed plan reflects a \$4,530,000 investment in infrastructure including pavement and utilities over the next five years.

LaBounty responded to Council member questions regarding the seal coating maintenance schedule and the benefits to regularly seal coating City road surfaces.

A motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Dyvik, to approve the 2016-2020 Pavement Management Plan, with corrections to reflect the accurate spelling of "Glenmoor". Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Clerk Updates – City Clerk Moeller noted that she has received two special event permit applications from Gear West. The first is an application for their annual Twilight 5K run, and the second would be an application for a new event involving paddleboarding, a run, and a brunch meal at Birch's on the Lake.

Moeller also indicated she had received reports of oversized refuse hauler vehicles being present in town and would be sending letters to refuse haulers to remind them of the maximum vehicle size allowed in city limits.

Channel 8 Issue – Administrator Weske had been contacted by the LMCC and was informed some LMCC subscribers have been unable to receive reception of local access Channel 8. To encourage Mediacom to respond to the LMCC, Jim Lundberg of the LMCC is requesting the Council consider making a motion giving direction to staff to request information from Mediacom needed to resolve this issue.

A motion as made by Kaminski, seconded by Olson, directing staff to request information from Mediacom relative to the public access channel issue. Ayes: all.

Funding for Highway 12 Barrier Wall – Olson asked whether it was known yet if funding had been approved for the proposed center barrier wall to be installed on Highway 12. Mayor Chillstrom confirmed that Senator Osmeck and Representative Hertaus continue to work diligently in pursuit of

funding for safety improvements. Council member Schneider had heard the barrier wall project had been included in part of a larger bill that was now in committee.

Dump Truck Sale – Council member Schneider noted that he will be taking photos of the retired Public Works dump truck and posting it for sale soon. He added he had already learned of a couple of local interested parties.

“Government in Action” – Council member Schneider shared a story about a lost cat he and his wife had found. They were able to locate the owners, who had recently moved from Maple Plain to a residence on Glenmoor Lane. He had subsequently learned that fellow City official and Planning Commission member Roger Adams had been feeding the cat during the stormy week.

Grant Updates – Council member Schneider stated that he is expecting agreements reflective of the two recent Hennepin County grant awards discussed previously to be available soon for the Council's consideration and action.

Comments Regarding Lake Use/Shoreline – Council member Dyvik indicated that although the Water Patrol permit for the MN Spring Ride had been approved by a 3:2 vote of the Long Lake Council, the Orono Council had voted 3:2 against permit issuance. Not knowing how Orono would vote, Council member Dyvik had worked with the event organizer who had cooperated with establishing a lake use route for the event that would have placed most of their path 700' from shore. Though the event ultimately was not approved by both cities, he wanted to share his work with the event organizer on a route away from shore to make clear that his vote supporting the event taking place was not against consideration of shoreline erosion issues. He stated that the lake is a valuable asset to the community in part because it provides for a wide range of activities, and he will continue to support multi-recreational use of the lake. He reflected on his experience boating and skiing on other lakes, adding that Long Lake has less traffic per acre than many other lakes similar in size, and that the lake has a strict no-wake rule in place for times of high water to help protect shoreline. Some concern was expressed through public comment that enforcement of rules on the lake is limited; however, he noted that lakes of Long Lake's size never have law enforcement out patrolling proactively. He encouraged lake users who see people violating lake use rules to try speaking with others respectfully, and shared positive experiences he'd had doing the same with others. He also encouraged contacting Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol to report any issues observed, as they are the enforcement agency responsible. Further, he spoke to rip-rap being the best solution to protect shoreline for lake property owners, and commented on the destructive effects of wind generated waves. Reflecting on Union Cemetery's shoreline erosion issues, he asked whether the cemetery had pursued additional information or assistance on a possible project through the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). Council member Olson discussed possible costs of a project of that magnitude and indicated funding a project of that size would be an undertaking involving fundraising efforts. She also commented on the impact of the dam at the east end and the loss of shoreline resulting from both wave action and unnecessarily high lake levels created by the dam. Council members continued to discuss lake water quality issues, phosphorous loads, and the potential for a future rip-rap project at the cemetery. Council member Kaminski spoke to his experiences regarding shoreline erosion, reflecting that although he had installed rip-rap along his lakeshore property, he had experienced losses as well. He further commented on the wakesurfing event that had been held in 2013 through the same event organization team as the MN Spring Ride, and indicated the event had not been a positive for Long Lake.

Preliminary Event Planning – Mayor Chillstrom reported that preliminary planning is underway for an event similar to SummerFest that would take place in the fall. A tentative date of Saturday, October 2 has been discussed. The event may be a partnership between the Chamber of

Commerce, the Orono Lions Club, and the Fire Department, similar in scope to the Fire Department's centennial celebration.

Wakesurfing vs. Wakeboarding – Mayor Chillstrom and Council briefly discussed the difference between wakesurfing and wakeboarding, clarifying that wakesurfing generates more powerful boat wake waves.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Chillstrom adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk