



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Marty Schneider; Council: Tom Skjaret, Jahn Dyvik, Michelle Jerde, and Kurt Kaminski

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Scott Weske; Engineering Consultants: Chris LaBounty and Tony Havranek, WSB & Associates; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS - LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES**

Mayor Schneider offered the following comments and updates:

On Thursday, March 2, the City Council hosted a public special work session goal setting meeting with members of the City's Planning Commission, Park Board, and Economic Development Authority (EDA) in attendance. Thoughtful input was received from Board and Commission members, and once an overall goals list has been established, at the suggestion of Council member Jerde, the goals list will be available to the viewing public on the City's website. Mayor Schneider did request that staff give direction to the Planning Commission to meet as scheduled on March 14 and formulate more specific working goals consistent with their purpose in land use and zoning control review, with goals to be reported back to the Council.

On March 4, Mayor Schneider attended the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award celebration held at the Burl Oaks Country Club. This year's honoree was Orono High School Principal Dave Benson. Mayor Schneider noted that he'd enjoyed the opportunity to visit after the ceremony with four former Long Lake Mayors. As an aside, Mayor Schneider had assisted the Chamber of Commerce by retrieving Mr. Benson's award from the owners of Budget Printing outside of store open hours. The Chamber of Commerce, in a gesture of thanks, had sent a nice flower arrangement. Mayor Schneider expressed his appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for the flowers, and had brought them to City Hall to be shared for public purpose as there are limits upon the ability of City officials to accept gifts.

On March 23, Hennepin County staff will be hosting a pre-construction public open house at Long Lake Fire Station 1 beginning at 4:30 pm. County and project contractor representatives will be in attendance to answer questions about the Phase 1 construction soon to begin. Mayor Schneider encouraged the resident and business community to attend the meeting and learn more about construction and the timeline in preparation for the project to start mid-April. Earlier in the day, Mayor Schneider had met with Hennepin County representatives Paul Backer, construction director for the project; and Nick Kim, community liaison for the project. He was able to bring them door to door to introduce them to a number of businesses. City Clerk Moeller will be publicizing the upcoming March 23 open house on the City Listserv.

In a work session prior to the regular meeting, the Council received a report from the City's engineering firm regarding expenses the City is likely to incur through Phase 1 and Phase 2 of County Road 112 project construction. The City will be working very hard with WSB & Associates to contain costs, recognizing that the project will be an expensive one for a small community to participate in, and that it will be important to continue efforts to be very respectful of taxpayer dollars throughout the process.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 21, 2017 City Council Meeting
- B. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of February 27, 2017 Park Board Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Appoint Park Board Chair (Donny Chillstrom) and Park Board Secretary (Sally Skjaret) for the Year 2017
- E. Approve a Request by Audi Club North America to Conduct a Raffle Drawing on December 15, 2017 at Shavlik Financial in Long Lake
- ~~F. Authorize Construction Administration Engineering Services for the County Road 112 (CSAH 112) Improvements—Phase 1~~
- ~~G. Authorize Final Design Engineering Services for the County Road 112 (CSAH 112) Improvements—Phase 2~~
- H. Approve Renewal of the Commercial Kennel Permit for Augusta Dog Training and Doggy Daycare at 2250 Daniels Street

Council discussed removing Consent Agenda Items F and G to allow further review of the scope of engineering services proposed for each item.

*A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Skjaret, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, tabling and removing Consent Agenda Items F and G to be actioned upon at the March 21, 2017 City Council meeting. Ayes: all.*

### **OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

**John Mayer, Bonanza Enterprises LLC** – Mr. Mayer recently purchased the property at 520 Tamarack Avenue and expressed concern about the sandblasting practices of neighboring business, Perry's. Grit from their sandblasting activities has negatively impacted his business, scratching vehicle windshields and causing mechanics to have to move their work indoors for the safety of their respiration because of the level of grit in the air. Mr. Mayer indicated he has taken video he could share as witness to the air pollution, and presented an MPCA handout detailing regulations for sandblasting and other air-based blasting. He had provided his neighbor with a copy of the handout and discussed the matter directly with Perry's in September, but with issues ongoing, he expressed his hope that the City can seek out a resolution to the problem. He noted that some of the items in Perry's yard awaiting blasting are older products that could have lead-based paint, and ultimately, their sandblasting practices are creating an environmental issue impacting not just neighbors but resulting in grit traveling with stormwater to ponds and the lake. Mayor Schneider responded that Mr. Mayer's comments and concern were appreciated, and the next step will be for staff to look into options for remediating the situation with the property owner.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Annual Seasonal Use Permit Application by Long Lake Rowing Crew for Use of Long Lake**

City Clerk Moeller stated that at their January 17, 2017 meeting, the City Council voted to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-02 allowing rowing club facilities as a conditional use in the B-3 Lakeshore Business District; and to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 approving a conditional use permit to allow rowing club facilities for the Long Lake Rowing Crew (LLRC) on the property located at 1310 W Wayzata Boulevard, Birch's on the Lake. Conditional use permit approval included conditions regarding LLRC allowed hours for practices and coaching activities, and a condition that any events or regattas hosted by the LLRC must go through the proper special event permitting process and obtain all required permits.

The LLRC has made their annual application to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Water Patrol for a Seasonal Use Permit to continue using Long Lake for their seasonal rowing practice and organized group coaching from April 1 or "ice out" through October 31, 2017. During their season, the LLRC proposes to use the lake for practices and coaching activities according to a schedule that is consistent with the terms of their approved conditional use permit.

As part of their permit process, HCSO Water Patrol requires that the cities bordering the impacted lake given their authorization for Seasonal Use Permit issuance. The LLRC will be seeking authorization for approval of their seasonal lake usage permit request from both the cities of Long Lake and Orono, in order for HCSO Water Patrol to issue a permit.

Finding that the LLRC's 2017 Seasonal Use Permit application appears consistent with the terms of their approved conditional use permit, staff recommends the City Council consider authorizing the HCSO Water Patrol to issue a Seasonal Use Permit for the LLRC's use of Long Lake as requested.

Amy Johnson, LLRC, indicated that the LLRC is looking forward to the coming rowing season. They have had a great turnout for indoor conditioning at True Champion Crossfit, and are off to a great start with a new coach who has a successful background.

*A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Skjaret, to authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol to issue a Seasonal Use Permit to the Long Lake Rowing Crew rowing club for use of Long Lake in 2017, contingent upon the applicant meeting all conditions of permit issuance imposed by the issuing agency. Ayes: all.*

### **Review of March 2, 2017 Special Work Session Goal Setting Meeting**

Mayor Schneider introduced an overview of the March 2 Special Work Session Goal Setting Meeting. The Park Board had offered a very thoughtful presentation of their goal ideas and are proposing a number of improvements to the City's park system. As a for instance, the Board highlighted ideas for Nelson Lakeside Park including adding a fire feature somewhere in the park, rebuilding the retaining wall, exploring a better enclosure/location for restroom facilities, and implementing a goose management plan. Council discussed other items that arose in the conversation, including interest in a bicycle repair station at Hardin Park, installation of park benches along the new walking path in the vicinity of Orchard Road, improvements to Dexter Park to include a water fountain. Council also discussed the feasibility of removing trees installed along the Wayzata Boulevard W landscaped berm for relocation elsewhere.

Planning Commission contributions to the meeting included offering lighting ideas for highlighting the Luce Line Bridge, and sharing visionary ideas on development concepts. The Planning Commission will be further discussing goals focused on their role and function.

EDA conversation was primarily focused on the most prominent project currently facing the board – the development of the Virginia Avenue City-owned property. The EDA has recently seen a couple proposals by developers interested in the site, and it is anticipated a couple additional proposals will be presented at the EDA's next meeting. It was noted that at the last EDA meeting, informal presentation was received by an interested party in redeveloping lots along Symes Street.

Mayor Schneider also indicated that the City Council's main priority over the next two years will be focusing on all things relating to the County Road 112 project, scheduled to begin within a month.

Recognizing that Agenda Item No. 9 may take some time for presentation and review, Mayor Schneider asked if there would be any objection to switching the order of Agenda Items No. 9 and 10. Hearing no objection, discussion moved on to Agenda Item No. 10.

### **Discussion of Monument Sign Verbiage**

Administrator Weske reported that at the Council's February 21 meeting, Council had voted to approve the construction of two monument signs as part of the County Road 112 improvement project – one to be located at Brown Road, and the other to be located in the area of Wurzer Trail. Staff has further researched options for sign content and received confirmation from Hennepin County that "Hennepin County" does not have to be stated on the sign.

City Engineer LaBounty presented a graphic of the monument's originally designed content, to state "Long Lake, Village Center, Hennepin County". There remains an opportunity to change the text of the signs if desired. With that in mind, LaBounty offered some graphic examples of other sign text alternatives for consideration.

Council members voiced their individual preferences for sign text and explored different text alternatives. The idea was raised that the March 23 County Road 112 pre-construction open house would offer an opportunity to seek public input on a few sign text alternatives, and to learn what a majority of attendees may prefer. Council members requested that LaBounty prepare renditions of the following verbiage designs, to be shown at the open house:

City of Long Lake, Established 1906  
Long Lake, Village Center, Hennepin County  
Long Lake, City Center, Hennepin County

### **Authorize Participation in the Application for the Hennepin County Natural Resources "Opportunity" Grant Program Through the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed Partnership**

Weske stated that at their April 5, 2016 regular meeting, City Council passed a resolution of support for a Long Lake Creek Subwatershed partnership. Similar resolutions were passed by the City of Orono and City of Medina. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and the forming Long Lake Waters Association have also been identified as partner entities in this effort. Over the past year the partnership has been working on identifying potential grant opportunities and agency partners to improve water quality in the subwatershed. A grant opportunity has been identified for a proposed carp management project. Medina is proposed to be the lead agency on the application and at their February 21, 2017 meeting indicated they were in support of the grant application and serving as the lead agency in this effort. The Orono City Council has also authorized their participation in the grant application.

Tony Havranek, Senior Environmental Scientist with WSB & Associates, offered a detailed presentation describing the proposed carp management, focusing on carp management as integrated pest management. His presentation detailed the role of integrated pest management in phosphorus reduction; improvements to ecological integrity to be realized through carp management; the multi-layered strategies to a carp management project including data gathering through tracking of fish movements, physical removal of carp biomass, barriers to impact fish movements, monitoring and ongoing education efforts; water bodies to be included in the Long Lake Subwatershed common carp integrated pest management project; and identifying partners in the project to include Medina, Orono, Long Lake, the MCWD, and the LLWA. He reviewed budgetary considerations including a total project cost of \$205,000; with in-kind contributions from the MCWD and a grant request in the amount of \$100,000 from Hennepin County resulting in a remaining \$59,020 proposed to be split between Long Lake, Orono and Medina over a 3-year period (\$6,557 per city/year). He also highlighted the successes of similar projects for water bodies including Clam Lake, Silver Lake, Spring Lake, Circle Lake, Staring Lake, and others.

Havranek responded to Council member questions regarding how biomass reduction can equate to phosphorus level reduction; how the radio tagging process works to help locate where fish aggregates are and to identify spawning grounds; clarifying that if Hennepin County did not approve the full grant request but instead approved a lesser amount, the project scope could be changed to reflect budget changes; and whether extensive shoreline work as part of the County Road 112 road project may cause disturbance that could negatively impact a carp study.

Mayor Schneider reflected upon the 2013 carp harvesting project conducted on Long Lake and indicated that his concerns are focused on environment and budget. He believes carp biomass removal is key, but with costs to be incurred through the County Road 112 project, he is concerned about the budgetary impacts to the City. While he would support a willingness to submit a grant application, his observation was that he would not support a financial commitment to the project of \$7,000-\$8,000 year potentially with uncertain future funding needs beyond that. He reflected that both neighboring partner entities Orono and Medina have a more robust budget to work within, and for Long Lake, the commitment would be a concern.

Council member Dyvik disagreed, emphasizing that Long Lake is a centerpiece of town, and with the current active momentum of the partnership including the LLWA, the project opportunity represents a small investment for a large return.

Mayor Schneider indicated he would be in favor of a motion to submit the grant application as long as the motion does not obligate the City to a current financial commitment for the project.

Council member Jerde voiced her agreement with Council member Dyvik, and indicated the importance of conducting carp management in a right and lasting way for the betterment of Long Lake in the long run.

Council member Kaminski reflected upon the long-term commitment and potential expense, noting that for the project to be effective, it really would need to continue beyond a three-year basis. He indicated the proposed grant and project opportunity were of interest in his opinion.

Council member Skjaret observed that water quality has always been a topic of discussion, and this was the first he has seen of a scientific approach to improving the water quality. He felt the Council could make a priority of the annual financial commitment necessary at the proposed figures, and did not believe residents would be opposed to expense to clean up the lake. He suggested the grant application be submitted, finding out what a grant award would be worth, and then the Council could take the next step of having an in-depth conversation about funding.

*A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Skjaret, to authorize participation in the application for the Hennepin County Natural Resources "Opportunity" Grant Program through the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed Partnership. Ayes: all.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Sex Offender Residency Ordinance** – Moeller had distributed copies of a Long Lake draft version of a sex offender residency restriction ordinance, very similar to the ordinance recently adopted by the City of Orono. With direction from the Council, Moeller would seek attorney comment on the draft and prepare a notice of hearing for a proposed ordinance consideration of adoption. Council member Skjaret encouraged verifying that the 2,000 foot residency restriction from parks, daycare centers or schools as included would not eliminate all Long Lake housing. Mayor Schneider indicated that a legal review will ascertain any issues, and indicated Orono had put a lot of effort into their prepared ordinance. He noted that a reason for moving forward with an ordinance of this nature was that as neighboring communities do so and Long Lake has not, Long Lake could become an opportune location for these offenders. Mayor and Council encouraged moving forward with the legal review and hearing notification process.

**Land Use Application Fee Changes** – Moeller distributed an example of a revised 2017 land use application fee schedule, depicting both current fees charged and proposed revisions. The most substantial revision relates to adding escrow charges to many applications, reflecting that the current land use fee schedule dates back to the time when Long Lake had a full-time City Planner on staff and rarely used the services of consultants. Council suggested the proposed fee schedule be shared with the Planning Commission for their feedback as well.

**Concession Vehicles** – Council member Kaminski had spoken with an associate of his, Mark Palm, who builds concession vehicles to explore ideas for Nelson Lakeside Park opportunities.

**Xcel Energy Light Replacements** – Council member Skjaret asked if staff had information on when Xcel Energy would begin replacing lights with LED replacement fixtures. LaBounty replied that he would inquire as to the timeline and report back to Weske.

**Meeting with Police Chief Risvold** – Mayor Schneider indicated he had met with Wayzata Police Chief Risvold on February 28 to discuss various safety issues. Wayzata Police have committed to being more communicative of timely information regarding public safety concerns, and to providing some community education event opportunities. Chief Risvold would encourage Long Lake neighborhood residents and groups in general to speak with Wayzata Police and share concerns or information, and Wayzata Police will provide any assistance they can. He complimented Police Chief Risvold on being extraordinarily responsive in a proactive way.

**Upcoming Community Events** – Mayor Schneider reported that the Long Lake Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Business District Initiative group are interested in planning a return of SummerFest to Nelson Lakeside Park, likely in July. There is also interest in planning a large scale SuperBowl winterfest type event to be held in conjunction with 2018 SuperBowl weekend February 2 through February 4.

**City Information Resource** – Mayor Schneider encouraged everyone to consider signing up for the City Listserv email subscriber resource to receive general information and regular updates throughout the County Road 112/Wayzata Boulevard W reconstruction project. The City Listserv registration is on the home page of the City's website. Moeller will soon be sending information about the March 23 pre-construction open house meeting out via the Listserv.

**ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Jerde, seconded by Kaminski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk