



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 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; Public Works Director: Jason Goehring; 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:

As a reminder, Hennepin County staff will be hosting a pre-construction public open house on Thursday, March 23 at Long Lake Fire Station 1 beginning at 4:30 pm. Dedicated County project liaison staff and project contractor representatives will be in attendance for introductions to the community, and to answer questions about the Phase 1 construction. With construction anticipated to begin in four to six weeks, Mayor Schneider encouraged attendance at this informative meeting.

In an EDA meeting prior to the regular Council meeting, the EDA received two new proposals from developers interested in the Virginia Avenue city-owned property. A proposal was received from Pillar Homes presenting a townhouse style development; and a proposal was made by Overland Property Management for a market value apartment property with up to 30 units. Both presentations were for quality proposals.

The Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce recently communicated that they will be looking to restart a SummerFest type event in Nelson Lakeside Park, possibly to be held July 22. The event would be a partnership including participation by the Orono Lions Club and Orono Rotary Club as well. There also continues to be discussion of planning community activities surrounding the weekend of SuperBowl 2018.

The Council is continuing to work towards finalizing results of their recent goal setting exercise with involvement by all Boards and Commissions, with the hope of having a final goals summary completed in time for the April 4 City Council meeting. The final goals list will be published on the City's website.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of March 2, 2017 City Council Special Work Session Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of March 7, 2017 City Council Work Session
- C. Approve Minutes of March 7, 2017 City Council Meeting
- D. Receive Minutes of February 21, 2017 Economic Development Authority Meeting
- E. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of March 14, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting
- F. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- G. Authorize Pay Request No. 5 to Valley Paving, Inc. in Amount of \$12,361.54 for Work Performed in Conjunction with the Watertown Road Improvements Project, with \$32,522.53 Withheld in Retainage to Assure Final Project Completion

Regarding Consent Agenda Item G, Council member Kaminski questioned the status of work remaining to be completed by Valley Paving, Inc. for the Watertown Road Improvements Project. Mayor Schneider also inquired as to the retainage being withheld to assure project completion.

Administrator Weske replied that the contractor will have a punch list of items to be completed before final payment would be authorized. Also, the final wear course will be installed on the roadway during the summer to have allowed for a year of settling prior to the final course. The final wear course will be completed before punch list items are finalized and complete. A five-percent retainage in the amount of \$32,522.53 is being withheld until final completion, and other mechanisms in the contract also are in place to assure correct completion by the contractor.

Mayor Schneider asked that the action on Consent Agenda Item G be amended to be reflective of the retainage amount being withheld.

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

John Hovanec, 1010 Old Long Lake Road – Mr. Hovanec indicated he was present to speak with the blessing and authorization of his neighbors at 1030 and 1020 Old Long Lake Road. The purpose of his attendance was to object to County Road 112/Wayzata Boulevard W reconstruction plans for the intersection of Old Long Lake Road and County Road 112. Mr. Hovanec raised the following points:

Moving of the intersection to the east would be a waste of time and money. He feels strongly that with proper curb and gutter, established turn lanes, signage, and enforcement, the intersection can be made safer without having to move it.

The relocation of the intersection would place a forever and inappropriate burden on homeowners. The current plan would extend the shared driveway by 60 to 80 feet, resulting in significant added expense being placed upon the homeowners for seasonal plowing and shared drive maintenance on an ongoing basis.

Regarding the holding pond planned for the intersection, while he and his neighbors are advocates of water quality improvements, he stated that the pond appears to be an add on that lacks specificity, design and function at this point. With no idea who will take care of maintaining the pond or plans for landscaping, it is likely to become unsightly.

The intersection design plans would drastically change the complexion of his neighborhood, leveling a number of trees and changing the woody feel that appealed to the homeowners as they decided to live there.

Mr. Hovanec urged the Council to view the intersection and give consideration to whether moving the intersection of Old Long Lake Road with County Road 112 100 to 150 feet to the east would result in an improved situation. He stated he hopes the Council will vote against this aspect of Phase 2 construction design plans.

Council members indicated their interest in familiarizing themselves with the intersection being discussed. It was also noted that moving the intersection would result in a portion of the area falling under Orono city limits, including the holding pond.

Mr. Hovanec indicated he and his neighbors have met with Hennepin County project staff in both December and February, and that they are aware of the homeowners' concerns.

Mary Claire Owen, 1030 Old Long Lake Road – Ms. Owen indicated her support of Mr. Hovanec's comments. She had sent an email to Council members previously regarding her concerns about the additional driveway length and loss of trees proposed. She added that as a single person who has to bring her recycling bin down the driveway to the curb, adding another 75 feet in length to the driveway did not make that prospect appealing. Regarding the holding pond, she visualizes it becoming a big pit that collects trash materials. She also expressed concern about emergency vehicles being able to navigate the new intersection and travel further to the residences in the event of an emergency. Ms. Owen shared her own idea for remedying the situation without building a new intersection, suggesting the installation of a barrier and changing the turn lane configuration. She indicated she really disapproves of the design plan, and hopes the Council will do the same.

Mayor Schneider thanked the neighbors for their time, and clarified for the audience that the specific intersection being discussed is that of Old Long Lake Road and County Road 112/Wayzata Boulevard W which would fall under Phase 2 of the road reconstruction project, set to begin in 2018.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of Planning Commission Work Goals for 2017-2018

Mayor Schneider noted that when the Council held the March 2 Special Work Session goal setting meeting, the Planning Commission had not had the opportunity to meet as a group to discuss their goal ideas prior to that work session. The Commission also had not yet had a chance to meet with their new member, Virginia See. Mayor Schneider welcomed Planning Commission Chair Bob Erickson, and Commission members Steve Keating and Virginia See to the Council meeting.

Planning Commission Chair Erickson indicated the minutes of their March 11 meeting, as distributed to Council members in draft form, well-described the goals discussed by the Commission. The Commission agreed their primary priorities would be working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update, as well as a review and update of the Zoning Ordinance. Work on these items can be undertaken simultaneously, and Administrator Weske had offered suggestions to the Commission regarding procedural ideas for completing review work.

Erickson encouraged City Council and EDA members to attend the free of charge April 1 "Planning 101" training session being offered by WSB & Associates, and commented on what a valuable experience it had been reported to be by those who have attended similar sessions.

Erickson also encouraged the Council to consider implementing a point of sale ordinance similar to that adopted by Golden Valley to establish a means to facilitate reducing I/I.

Lastly, Chair Erickson informed the Council that he was resigning his position as Planning Commission, and that the April 11 Planning Commission meeting would be his final meeting. Erickson added that his resignation was due to increased demands of other obligations upon his time, and stated that he was thankful to the City Council and previous Councils for the valuable experience of being on the Commission.

Mayor Schneider and fellow Council members expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Planning Commission Chair Erickson for his service.

Council and staff discussed noticing the position for acceptance of applications, as well as the timeline and process for appointment of the position.

Review and Summary of City of Long Lake 2017-2018 Goals

Mayor Schneider suggested that this item be revisited at the Council's next meeting to allow for including further Planning Commission and Park Board input in the prepared goals summary. Council members agreed this item could be deferred.

Consideration of Water Meter Program Alternative

Public Works Director Goehring reported that at the February 7 City Council meeting, three residents had voiced their concerns regarding the new radio water meter registers being installed throughout the City. In response to their concerns and request for an "opt-out" option, Public Works has been researching alternatives to the standard installation of a retrofit Neptune R900i E Coder onto pre-existing Badger meter bodies.

The recommended alternative to the standard program would be to replace an existing Badger water meter with a Neptune water meter equipped with a standard E-Coder register that does not produce any radio activity inside homes. The standard E-Coder register can then be wired to a R900 Radio Frequency meter interface unit and mounted to the exterior of a home, similar to the old Badger exterior remotes.

This is the recommended alternative to the standard program because this approach would remove the radio device from the interior of the homes and would be compatible with the City's new hardware and software for reading water meters and utility billing.

Residents who want to take this approach would file for a plumbing permit at City Hall to purchase the necessary equipment and would be responsible for hiring a plumber to complete the installation. The City can recommend a qualified plumber if needed.

Goehring reviewed cost estimates as follows, noting that plumbing costs would ultimately vary based on actual installation time:

Neptune T-10 Residential Water Meter with E Coder Register	\$119.00
R900 Radio Frequency Meter Interface Unit	\$120.00
Local Plumber (2 hours at \$138/hour)	\$276.00
Plumbing Permit	\$27.03
Total	\$542.03

Goehring affirmed that costs would be at the expense of a home owner should they choose to utilize the alternative option, and that the technology proposed as an alternative would fit with the City's new system.

Council and staff discussed the functionality of the alternative proposed, the warranty for the alternative equipment, and what the cost/time impact would be of continuing to manually read select meters. Suggestion was made that if the three neighbors choose the alternative option, perhaps they could combine their appointment with a plumber for cost efficiency.

Goehring noted that his proposed alternative equipment option would meet the goal of achieving consistency throughout the system.

A motion was made by Kaminski, seconded by Jerde, to adopt the replacement of existing Badger water meters with Neptune T-10 Residential Water Meters with E-Coder Registers and R900 Radio Frequency Meter Interface Units as the water meter program alternative, with the alternative option to be at the expense of the property owner who chooses it for their property. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Clerk Updates – City Clerk Moeller offered the following updates:

Lagos Mexican Restaurant is pursuing a name change after receiving correspondence notifying them of a possible trademark name infringement. The new name is likely to be San Pancho Mexican Restaurant.

The April 4 City Council work session and meeting agendas will collectively include a review of a revised draft cell tower lease, a public hearing on the proposed goose management plan, selection of monument sign verbiage, and further discussion of land use application fee revisions. Weske later added that rather than amending the existing cell tower lease, a largely new contract has been prepared. Weske noted he would likely be emailing that contract out to Council members early in advance of the meeting to allow additional review time.

At the advice of the City Attorney, the draft sex offender residency restriction ordinance has been recommended for addition to zoning code rather than the City Code. The Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing on that ordinance at their April 11 meeting, to be followed by the Council's review on April 18.

City Engineer LaBounty had sent over examples of the three alternative monument sign texts as they would appear on the monument signs. The examples were distributed to Council members at the bench prior to the meeting. LaBounty will be preparing a board showing the three examples with spaces for casting "sticker votes" to be displayed at the March 23 pre-construction open house meeting.

Schedule Conflict – Council member Kaminski advised that his next few weeks will be busy and his work schedule may prevent him from attending the April 18 meeting. Regarding the April 11 Planning Commission meeting, he did believe he could attend in his position as Planning Commission Liaison.

Congratulations to Orono Girls Basketball Team – Council member Dyvik congratulated the Orono Girls Basketball Team, who recently won the Class 3A championship against Winona.

Landscaped Berm Trees – Council member Dyvik had inquired of County Road 112 project staff whether there would be opportunity to remove and relocate trees in the landscaped berm along the roadway, and learned from County project staff that Public Works Director Goehring was already looking into this. Goehring will be reviewing underground utilities in the area to determine whether spade removal is possible. Council member Dyvik felt that if they can be removed, it would be worth doing so to either relocate them to other parks or offer for public purchase.

Old Long Lake Road Intersection – Council member Dyvik reflected that he appreciated the neighbors' concerns as discussed earlier under Open Correspondence regarding the longer driveway proposed and the burden that could create for them. As far as the pond goes though, with curb and gutter to be installed along County Road 112, his understanding is that water would be directed to run to the pond by the cemetery or the new pond proposed, and that the new pond would do more than service adjacent runoff. Mayor Schneider commended Hennepin County and City staff for being responsive to the neighborhood in trying to formulate a remedy to address the neighbors concerns, and further review of the intersection continues.

March 23 CR 112 Pre-Construction Open House – Mayor Schneider reminded the public that the County Road 112 / Wayzata Boulevard W pre-construction open house will be held Thursday, March 23 at Long Lake Fire Station 1 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Phase 1 construction is set to begin in six weeks.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk