



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
July 5, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Marty Schneider; Council: Tom Skjaret, and Michelle Jerde

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Scott Weske; and City Attorney: John Thames

**Absent:** Jahn Dyvik and Extra Seat

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Discuss Tower Lease Options Managed by American Tower Company**

The Council reviewed three options that staff received from hired consultants, Community Wireless Consultants.

City Attorney Thames explained the past history the last 6 months related to the renewal proposal. The next step would to be send back a counter proposal to American Tower.

Community Wireless Consultants, Joe Egge and Rick Adams, explained the current market of cell towers and some possible changes with technology. One concern of what is happening at the Capital and it allowing cell service to become a utility and allowed to do work in the right of way.

The 3 options discussed were a buyout, renewal of a monthly payment lease, or taking ownership of the tower.

Staff will be working with American Tower on the next steps.

**Discuss County Road 112 / Old Long Lake Road Intersection Final Design**

On June 6, Staff presented options for designing the CR112 and Old Long Lake Rd intersection. At that meeting the board directed staff to inform Hennepin County to use "Option #1: combined/shared apron access between road-driveways with option #3 for road profile/design". Staff relayed the information and then received a design based off board's recommendations.

The Mayor explained to the people in the audience in 2012, The Project Advisory Committee identified improving road vehicular safety as a value through the project corridor. In December of 2012 the PAC reviewed multiple design concepts through the corridor including the "Correction of Old Long Lake Road."

In March of 2013 the realigned concept layout was presented at an open house. It was presented again at the next open house in July. On March 4, 2014 the Long Lake City Council approved the

preliminary layout that included the realignment and the Orono City Council approved the layout at their meeting on March 24.

In the last 6 month, Hennepin County has met with concerned property owners and were able to move the design 30 feet to reduce impacts to adjacent properties.

Public safety has been the main driver of this design. The new design allows for a left turn lane, gradual curve, improved sight lines to the east from Greenhill, and narrowing to slow speed.

10,000+ cars a day drive by the CR 112/ Old Long Lake RD intersection and traffic will be increasing with the new developments being construction in the area of the Orono High School. The engineers from Hennepin County, Long Lake, and Orono agree these design elements increase safety for the drivers, pedestrians, and community.

Staff presented the design received from Hennepin County and the board verified that the design reflects the vision that was expressed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Skjaret mentioned he has received complaints for car parking on Glenmoor and walking over to Birch's on the Lake. He mentioned he has walked up and down the road and has talked to the residents about it. The biggest problem is that the road is a public street and restricting parking gets tricky and could just move the problem farther down the road or to other streets.

#### **ADJOURN**

*Mayor Schneider adjourned the work session meeting at 6:26pm by general consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske  
City Administrator