



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Deirdre Kvale, Michelle Jerde, Jahn Dyvik, and Tom Skjaret

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Public Works Director: Sean Diercks; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner offered the following comments and updates:

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) met prior to the regular City Council meeting. The EDA took action recommending the City Council appoint a candidate to fill the EDA resident member open position; and also provided the City Attorney with direction to continue with the due diligence process for the potential purchase of the former BP station site at 1905 W Wayzata Boulevard.

Mayor Miner and Administrator Weske had recently met with the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Wayzata, as well as the Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Orono, for general introductions and partnership building.

The Orono Lions Club will be hosting their 32nd annual Snowball Open event on Saturday, January 26 on Long Lake in front of Birch's. For more information or tickets, details are available on the Orono Lions Club's website at www.oronolions.org.

Under the Consent Agenda this evening, Mayor Miner announced that the Council will be appointing applicants to open Park Board, Planning Commission and EDA positions. He thanked first-time appointees Suzanne Caswell and Anita Secord for their interest, and welcomed Tim Hultmann back to office. He conveyed the City's appreciation for their service.

APPROVE AGENDA

As a follow up to the EDA's direction to the City Attorney to continue with the due diligence process for the potential purchase of the former BP station site, Mayor Miner indicated that Agenda Item No. 8 would be removed from the Council's meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Jerde, to approve the Agenda as amended, removing Agenda Item No. 8. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2019 City Council Meeting
- B. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of December 11, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting
- C. Receive Minutes of December 18, 2018 Economic Development Authority Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-04 Appointing Suzanne Caswell to the Position of Park Board Member
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-05 Appointing Anita Secord to the Position of Planning Commission Member
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-06 Appointing Tim Hultmann to the Position of EDA Resident Member
- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-07 Authorizing Mayor Charlie Miner, Mayor Pro-Tempore Jahn Dyvik, City Administrator Scott Weske, and City Clerk Jeanette Moeller to be Authorized Signers on the City's Lake Community Bank Checking Account and on the City's TD Ameritrade Investment Account
- I. Rescind the Conditional Employment Offer for the Appointment of Candidate Dylan Aretz to the Position of Firefighter
- J. Rescind the Conditional Employment Offer for the Appointment of Candidate Jesse Grothe to the Position of Firefighter
- K. Accept the Resignation of Firefighter Sarah deVillle From the Long Lake Fire Department

*A motion was made by Jerde, 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

Update From Long Lake Waters Association – Cassy Ordway, President

Cassy Ordway, LLWA President and resident of 1145 County Road 6 (Orono), thanked the Council for the opportunity to provide updates on the work of the LLWA and partnership in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed.

Previously, the LLWA, City of Medina, and City of Long Lake financially partnered to conduct Phase 1 of a carp management project, contracting with WSB & Associates. The project involved conducting electrofishing surveys and radio tagging a limited number of carp to document carp movement within the subwatershed. In December, Tony Havranek of WSB had reported on findings of the study to-date. The average carp biomass density for Long Lake has been calculated to be 570.6 lbs per acre, well in excess of the threshold of 89 lbs per acre above which ecological damage can occur. The information gained by the project will be beneficial to the MCWD as they continue their long range planning for the watershed, and also added momentum to the MCWD's application for a Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) grant. She noted the involvement of the community, and particularly advanced placement biology students, had been a component of the Phase 1 project, and thanked WSB for their great scientific work.

With the Phase 1 project having identified elevated carp populations, the LLWA is looking ahead to the next phase. A biomass removal can be undertaken in winter under ice or in spring under open water. Both approaches have their positives and negatives. In 2018, the LLWA held a community event at Birch's and conducted fundraising on Give to the Max Day to support a biomass removal project. It has been determined that a biomass removal would be a great way to collect more data

on the age and health of the carp population, and the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed Partnership applied in early January 2019 for a Hennepin County AIS prevention funds grant in the amount of \$23,470. Long Lake and City Administrator Scott Weske would serve as the administrative lead again, and if grant funds are awarded, a biomass removal would be undertaken along with carp metrics data collection. It is anticipated that the status of the application will be known in February or early March.

She also announced that in December, the LLWA in partnership with the MCWD received award of a \$112,000 grant from the Minnesota BWSR which will provide an opportunity for reviewing the northern end of the subwatershed to look at nutrient and phosphorus loading and impacts. A press release announcing the grant was recently published in the 'Laker Pioneer' newspaper.

Lastly, she shared that the LLWA is planning to hold its third annual education summit in April with a focus on educating about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The summit will be a great community event.

Ms. Ordway responded to Council member questions regarding the efficacy of a winter biomass removal versus a spring biomass removal project, and clarified that any tagged fish would be returned to the water while their radio tag transmitter batteries remain active.

Council member Skjaret commended Ms. Ordway and the LLWA, noting that the organization has done a wonderful job of sticking together. He expressed disappointment that the City of Orono has not appeared to be interested in participating with the partners, and noted he would like to explore matching grant ideas that could be implemented by Long Lake to encourage participation by Orono residents in the absence of the City's participation.

Ms. Ordway recalled that in 2016, the City of Orono had passed the same resolution as was adopted by other partner cities to share in subwatershed participation. Orono is capable of coming on to more efficiently and positively participate in the partnership, and support from Orono residents would only help the partnership move forward in a positive way.

Council member Dyvik reflected that he loved the scientific approach being utilized, and thanked Ms. Ordway and the LLWA Board for putting in a tremendous amount of hard work.

Schedule Special City Goal-Setting Work Session Meeting

Mayor, Council and staff discussed their availability for setting a goal-setting work session meeting date, and discussed a process for obtaining goal feedback from the City's advisory boards as part of the process.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Dyvik, to establish a Special City Goal-Setting Work Session meeting for Tuesday, February 26 at 5:00 pm, to include comment and participation from the City's advisory boards and commissions. Ayes: all.

Wayzata Boulevard W Reconstruction and Landscaping Project Updates

Public Works Director Diercks offered the following updates:

Tree and brush work along Wurzer Trail had been substantially undertaken while Diercks was away on vacation. Diercks will be having Eureka Construction return for some fine tuning work within the trail corridor in the near future. He clarified that grading will be completed once the frost is back out of the ground, and some shaping and channel shifting will be necessary. Council member Skjaret noted that one particular channel oddly really opens up into his neighbor's yard, approximately 20' to 30' inside his property line, and suggested Diercks make note of the area.

Diercks had met with Paul Backer late in the previous week, and Mr. Backer is officially off the Wayzata Boulevard W reconstruction project as he will be moving to work on light rail construction. Amanda Shotten has taken over project management for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Wayzata Boulevard W reconstruction. Diercks is hoping the City will see an advanced construction season this year with completion of Phase 2 to be wrapped by July 4. A start timeframe for Phase 3 reconstruction is yet to be determined by the County at this time, as Hennepin County is juggling other substantial projects.

Diercks advised that Xcel Energy will be relocating some power poles on the south side of the corridor between Greenhill Lane and Glenmoor Lane. Poles set last spring were placed outside of right of way. Following discussion between local residents, Xcel Energy, and Hennepin County, Xcel Energy ultimately decided to move the poles.

Diercks reported he had attempted to have the project corridor traffic lanes restriped, however equipment has been winterized and striping is unavailable.

Council and staff discussed a positive increase in Wayzata Police oversight in the project corridor; anticipation of further action being necessary regarding the establishment of the 30 mph speed limit from Old Long Lake Road to Cemetery Road; the need for flashing pedestrian crossing signals for the pedestrian crossings in the east end of the corridor once construction is complete; and the timeline for removal of lighted garland decorations on light poles in the corridor.

Diercks reported that he and Weske are scheduled to meet with the Phase 1 landscaping project contractor, Hoffman & McNamara, in preparation for moving forward with the landscaping project come spring. Council member Dyvik asked that staff keep him apprised of the meeting date as he would be interested in attending. Council member Dyvik noted he would like for the CR 112 Landscaping Subcommittee to have an opportunity to review staking of landscaping areas before planting in spring, particularly in the area of the steep berm; and he anticipates that the City and contractor will be making changes that could result in scaling back in some areas in exchange for enhancements in other planting sections. Council member Dyvik complimented Public Works for their work using the new ToolCat to remove snow from the bike trail downtown. Diercks stated that staff is continuing to look at options for finding a bucket truck within the City's budget.

Council member Dyvik noted that the flowers and hanging flower baskets are on order now with Gregor Farms, and he had forwarded the color palette for flowers to the CR 112 Landscaping Subcommittee for member feedback. Council member Dyvik had referred to the contractor's expertise and flowers will include petunias and a mix of hardy plantings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Snowball Open – Council member Jerde encouraged attendance at the upcoming Snowball Open event.

Holbrook Park Update – Mayor Miner sought an update on the status of the Holbrook Park rinks. City Clerk Moeller noted that no applications for the position of warming house rink attendant had been received and the position remains open for hire; however, establishment of safe and skatable ice has been an issue this season due to weather conditions. Public Works Director Diercks expanded on how weather conditions had impacted ice development, and explained that a timer has been installed so that once ice sheets are open for use, rink lights will be on from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm should the warming house not be staffed.

Lights at City Hall – Administrator Weske advised that Milow Electric will be out to make repairs to the exterior light fixtures around City Hall.

Government Meeting Calendar for Council – At the suggestion of Mayor Miner, City Clerk Moeller had created a new meeting calendar to be shared with City Council members which would exclusively include their Council and city official meeting information. She noted that City Council work session and EDA meeting date start times are subject to change in the week prior to the meeting, as the amount of agenda business may impact meeting start time.

Drug Deactivation Disposal Bags – Moeller indicated that staff had received a supply of Desterra drug deactivation disposal bags courtesy of the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition. The bags provide for safe, effective and easy destruction of prescription drugs.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk