



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Absent: Council: Tom Skjaret (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner offered the following comments and updates:

Mayor Miner commented that with summer drawing to a close, he hoped people are getting out and enjoying the City's trail system. He personally had walked the loop of trails made possible through the addition of the CSAH 112 trail for the first time recently and had a great experience.

Prior to the regular meeting, the Council met in a work session to continue discussion of 2020 budget considerations. Budget discussions will continue during the coming weeks and months.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of August 20, 2019 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Receive 2nd Quarter 2019 Preliminary Revenues and Expenditures
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-36 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2019-09 for the Brewery Running Series 5K Fun Run (Birch's on the Lake, Birch's FallFest 2019) To Be Held on September 29, 2019

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Jerde, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Regarding Consent Agenda Item C, Council member Dyvik referenced the payment made to TScherber for demolition of the former BP station, soil remediation and leveling, and asked whether they were done with their scope of work.

Administrator Weske indicated that the final walk through has not yet been completed but the contractor's work is complete. The expense for soil remediation was a little higher than anticipated because Carlson McCain had found it beneficial for the contractor to remove an additional truckload

of material. Weske confirmed the removed soil material down to around a two foot depth in a particular area. He also noted that to meet MCWD requirements for reducing hardcover, grass had been planted in an area on the site. The contractor had also invoiced for asbestos testing and removal, which had not been anticipated in the original quote. Weske commented favorably on the value of work received for the amount paid by the City, noting the contractor stayed close to their original budget which had been established before site and environmental conditions created additional work items. Caution fencing will remain while erosion control measures are in place, and he and Public Works Director Diercks will be in contact regarding when to remove the items mentioned.

Weske further confirmed that Carlson McCain had been paid for their services through the Council's last meeting and claims approval, with their billing amounting to under \$3,900.

Ayes: all.

Council member Dyvik questioned whether TScherber had conducted the compacting work at a reduced price as committed to previously. Weske replied that they had done so.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Update Regarding September 17 City Council Meeting Agenda

Noting that the current agenda had been light, City Clerk Moeller advised Council that the next meeting could be expected to have a substantial agenda due to the timing of items staff has been working on behind the scenes. Two planning cases are anticipated to be on the next Council agenda, engineering items will potentially include an I/I update in follow up to the recent metering study, establishing the preliminary levy will be an item, and those are the items known to date.

Moeller advised Council that the planning case for the Zvago proposal may not come forward to Planning Commission and Council for the full scope of the application at this time, as planning and engineering staff are reviewing the submission and finding that plan changes for public safety ingress/egrees and additional engineering documentation are needed. It is possible the application may move forward for preliminary plat only while items are being addressed to satisfy engineering and public safety concerns.

Updates/Further Discussion of Grand Opening Ceremony for Completion of Wayzata Boulevard W (CSAH 112) Project, Phases 1 and 2

Moeller sought direction from Mayor and Council regarding the start time for the proposed October 1 CSAH 112 grand opening celebration, potential speakers, and refreshments to be provided. She noted that she had followed up on Council member Kvale's suggestion to involve the Pioneer Museum site, and had received permission from the West Hennepin History Center (Pioneer Museum) President Tom Dorrell for use of the Museum grounds and building access for the event.

Mayor and Council provided direction to establish a start time of 5:00 pm for the event; and identified Mayor Miner, Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison, former Mayor Schneider who could also likely speak on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, and Council member Dyvik as CR112 Landscaping Subcommittee Chair, as speakers to commemorate the project. Arrangements for refreshments including cake and water were discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on Finance Position Hiring – Council member Kvale questioned the next steps in the finance position hiring process. Weske recalled that both Council members Kvale and Skjaret had volunteered to be on the interview subcommittee, and he would be confirming availability for the subcommittee to meet once staff has narrowed down the applicant pool in preparation for setting interviews.

Wayzata Boulevard Landscaping Project, Tree Replacement – Council member Dyvik asked if staff was aware of new news from the project contractor regarding plans for the replacement of trees. Public Works Director Diercks replied that the contractor is considering the trees as having gone into dormancy, and will be reviewing them in the spring to see if they re-pop. Council member Dyvik noted that while not unexpected, that was not the answer he had wanted to hear from the contractor, and he voiced disappointment that a year of growth would potentially be lost for the affected trees.

Recognizing Dyvik's Visiting Family – Council member Dyvik stated he was pleased to see his family members currently visiting from out of state had been able to come and watch the meeting. Mayor and Council welcomed Dyvik's visiting family to the meeting.

Emergency Warning System – Council member Dyvik noted that he was glad to see the emergency warning system had worked well the previous night when the sirens sounded at the same time as smartphones received alerts for the storm warning. Mayor Miner also commented he was happy to see the system was very effective in operation.

Weeds in CSAH 112 Corridor – Mayor Miner indicated that while out walking, he had observed an area near Old Long Lake Road where a berm was installed by a retaining wall with a lot of weeds growing. He noted weeds will be problematic if they remain uncontrolled. Diercks described weed control measures taken by the County closer to the Old Long Lake Road area in Long Lake limits near the new subdivision site, and stated that staff will continue to monitor weed conditions. He clarified that the specific area Mayor Miner was asking about was outside City limits in Orono. Diercks also advised that a few punch list items for the project remain underway, and Hennepin County staff have now moved on to other projects so communication and follow up on items is largely addressed by email or phone now.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk