



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore: Ben Goodwin; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, and Jim Benson

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator: Terrance Post; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Mayor: Randy Gilbert (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gilbert invited Fire Chief Van Eyll to lead recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of November 25, 2008 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of December 1, 2008 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
- C. Approve Minutes of December 1, 2008 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Approve 2009 Utility Usage Rates for Inclusion in the 2009 City Fee Schedule
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-64 Approving the 2009 Compensation Plan
- G. Adopt Amendments to the Adopted 2008 Budget
- H. Approve Ordinance No. 2008-10 Adopting the 2009 City Fee Schedule
- I. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-65 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Snowball Open
- J. Approve Change Order No. 1 From Sunram Construction Inc. for the Wayzata Boulevard Gateway Landscape Project
- K. Approve Change Order No. 2 From Sunram Construction Inc. for the Wayzata Boulevard Gateway Landscape Project
- L. Approve Pay Application No. 2 From Sunram Construction Inc. for Wayzata Boulevard Gateway Landscape Project
- M. Authorize City Administrator to Hire Holbrook Park Rink Attendants for the 2008-2009 Skating Season

A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Recognize 2008 Long Lake Fire Department Retirees

Fire Chief Van Eyll stated that the Long Lake Fire Department would like to recognize the firefighters who retired in 2008 and are vested members in the Long Lake Fire Department Relief Association. There are five of them and they have a total of 114 years experience between them with the Long Lake Fire Department. They were firefighters, past chiefs, assistant chiefs, lieutenants and training officers. Their knowledge and experience will be missed. The following individuals were recognized, though not all were in attendance:

- Brad Roehl – 15 years on the Department, he was a past chief, involved with the donation and acquisition of Boat 12
- Steve Becker – 26 years on the Department, he was the last volunteer chief, assistant chief and lieutenant
- Rick Perry – 41 years on the Department, he was a past chief, instrumental in making the pancake breakfast run smoothly
- Rick Fredericksen – 10 years on the Department, he was a past chief, lieutenant and training officer
- Luke Laakkonen – 22 years on the Department, he is a member of our Public Works Department and was a daytime responder.

Van Eyll indicated the LLFD will be resurrecting a program called the Gold Badge Club, which would be defined more in the coming year. Staff will be working with current members and retired members of the Department to accomplish this.

Presentation of Fire Department Officer Badges and Collar Pins

Van Eyll said that the City Council had approved a new officer slate for the Long Lake Fire Department during the fall. Van Eyll introduced the following officers:

- Assistant Chief of Operation, David Goman
- Station Captain 21, John Hal
- Fire Lieutenant 21, Brandon Stovern
- Fire Lieutenant 11, Nathan Spring
- Fire Lieutenant 22, Phil Steahl
- Fire Lieutenant 12, David Nalls
- Fire Lieutenant 13, Jesse Chappell

Collar pins were pinned on the officers by their friends and family members, and then Chief Van Eyll administered the Officer's Oath to them.

Presentation of Badges for Non-Probationary Firefighters

Chief Van Eyll stated that the LLFD would like to bring back the tradition of presenting firefighters coming off probation status with their badges. Van Eyll formally presented the Department's newest non-probationary firefighters to the City Council. Each firefighter has fulfilled the requirements of their probationary period.

The following individuals were recognized, though not all were in attendance:

Gary Herreld
Chris Adams
Pat Cotton
James Elder
Shane Gardner
Angie Headman
Jeff Headman
Chris Markov

Following the presentation of badges, Van Eyll read the "What is a Professional Firefighter" statement aloud.

Resolution Establishing the Final 2008 Tax Levy Collectible in 2009; Resolution Establishing the Final 2009 Total City Budget; Resolution Establishing the 2009 Capital Improvement Plan

Post stated that the current 2009 final budget presented to the City Council reflects a total levy increase of 2.89%, the overall result of an operating levy decrease and a debt levy increase. The levy supports total General Fund revenues of \$1,687,545 and General Fund expenditures of \$1,687,545 which results in a balanced budget. Assuming full receipt of certified state aids, the 2008 estimated year-end General Fund balance represents approximately 50% of proposed 2009 General Fund expenditures.

Significant items in the 2009 Capital Improvement Program are completion of the downtown Nelson Park regional surface water quality improvement project; a Wayzata Boulevard water main replacement project from Billy's east to the curve; purchase of the MnDOT owned Virginia Avenue reconveyance property; and Fire Department replacement of Tanker-11 and Rescue -13. These four items represent 89% of the total 2009 CIP budget expenditures.

Post also discussed how the loss of Local Government Aid (LGA) would impact City budgetary efforts both currently and in the future.

A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Rettinger, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-61, "A Resolution Establishing the Final 2008 Tax Levy Collectible in 2009". Ayes: all.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Benson, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-62, "A Resolution Establishing the Final 2009 Total City Budget". Ayes: all.

A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Henderson, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-63, "A Resolution Establishing the 2009 Capital Improvement Plan". Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Signage on New Highway 12 – Post stated he and Council member Rettinger had been speaking to Mn/DOT regarding the lack of clear directional signage along new Highway 12. Post and Council members discussed feedback they'd received from businesses and others about the need to add signage specifically referencing Long Lake. Post noted that a celebration of the opening of Highway 12 would be held Friday of that week at Long Lake Fire Station 1 beginning at 11:00 am. With the number of Mn/DOT staff who will be present at the gathering, there will be opportunity to discuss the signage problem further.

Farewell From Departing Council Members – Council member Benson said that it had been a privilege serving Long Lake for his seven years on the Council, and he looked forward to seeing what lies ahead for the new Council.

Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council member Goodwin reflected upon his last meeting and thanked his fellow Council members, having enjoyed serving with them all. He discussed the landmark opening of Highway 12 and his hope that the City can encourage new development towards a bright future and making the downtown area a destination.

Post offered thanks and appreciation to Council members Goodwin and Benson on behalf of Mayor Gilbert and from himself.

Administrator Vacation – Post noted he would be going to Texas for the following week and wished everyone "Happy Holidays".

Elections Update – Moeller stated that Long Lake did not have any erroneously rejected or "fifth pile" absentee ballots to contend with, as all of Long Lake's rejected absentee ballots were rejected consistent with statutory criteria.

Public Works Update – Wurzer updated the Council on Mn/DOT's plowing efforts along new Highway 12; reviewed the current condition of buildings and equipment; and discussed the state of the City's water, sewer, parks and trails infrastructure.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Pro-Tempore Goodwin adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk