



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 6, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

City Clerk Jeanette Moeller administered Oaths of Office to new City Council members Brian Carpenter and Liz Olson. Mayor Gilbert noted he had been sworn into office prior to the start of the meeting.

**Present:** Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Brian Carpenter, and Liz Olson

**Staff Present:** Interim City Administrator: Terrance Post; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of December 16, 2008 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Approve the Agreement for 2009 Legal Services with Campbell Knutson, PA
- D. Approve the Fee Increase for Ehlers and Associates Effective January 1, 2009

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

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Presentation: Recognition of Outgoing City Council Members Ben Goodwin and Jim Benson**

Mayor Gilbert presented outgoing City Council members Ben Goodwin and Jim Benson with framed Certificates of Appreciation in recognition and gratitude for their dedicated service and commitment to the City of Long Lake.

**Public Hearing: Ordinance Amending Maximum Number of Licensed Refuse Haulers**

Moeller reported that Vintage Waste Systems had contacted staff to request they be considered for a residential refuse hauler license. While Vintage Waste operates small collection vehicles which are

desirable; however, a provision in City Code limiting the maximum number of residential refuse hauler licenses that may be issued would not allow consideration of a new application.

In response to resident requests for Vintage Waste to be allowed to operate in Long Lake, staff asked Council members at their December 1, 2008 meeting whether they had an interest in amending the maximum number of residential refuse hauler licenses allowed to either an alternate number or removing the restriction entirely. Moeller said the Council at that time directed that the provision limiting the number of licenses should be amended to allow for four licenses instead of three; and that Vintage Waste be notified the Council would be considering an amendment. Staff prepared Ordinance No. 2009-01 consistent with the Council's direction and would recommend approval of the ordinance as proposed. Vintage Waste has also submitted a letter confirming their active interest in operating in Long Lake.

Mayor Gilbert opened the public hearing at 6:41 pm.

Emilee Metcalf, Vintage Waste Systems, provided an overview of the company's operations and the services they provide to their customers.

Mayor Gilbert closed the public hearing at 6:44 pm.

*A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-01 amending Chapter 28, Article III, Section 28-61 of the City Code of Ordinances to allow issuance of up to four residential refuse hauler licenses at any one time. Ayes: all.*

### **2009 City Appointments**

Mayor and Council members discussed various appointments and subcommittee positions, and indicated their preferences.

*A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Carpenter, to adopt the City of Long Lake 2009 Appointments Worksheet, including the following appointments:*

- Council member Carpenter to the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore;
- Council members Carpenter and Olson to the Economic Development Authority to terms expiring December 31, 2009;
- Mayor Gilbert and Council member Carpenter to the Police Advisory Committee;
- Council members Olson and Rettinger to the Fire Advisory Committee;
- Mayor Gilbert and Council member Henderson to the Highway 12 Turnback Committee;
- Council member Carpenter and resident Tim Szeliga to the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission;
- Council member Henderson as the Park Board Liaison;
- Council member Olson as the Planning Commission Liaison;
- Planning Commissioner Jon Crump as Chair of the Planning Commission for the year 2009;

- Planning Commissioner Art Loosen as Chair Pro-Tempore of the Planning Commission for the year 2009; and
- Planning Commissioner Tim Hultmann as Liason to the Chamber of Commerce for the year 2009.

*Ayes: all.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Signage on New Highway 12** – Council member Rettinger stated that a meeting between Mn/DOT, Long Lake, Maple Plain, and the Chamber of Commerce regarding the signage issue on new Highway 12 should be scheduled as soon as possible. Council members discussed their ideas for improving the signage. It was noted this issue will be the topic of the next Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

**Stormwater Project Presentation** – In a work session prior to the next Council meeting, Post reported he intends to have the City Engineer give a presentation with detailed exhibits of the stormwater improvement project proposed at Nelson Lakeside Park.

**Verizon Consent to Lease Agreement** – Post informed Council members that a representative for Verizon would be attending the next meeting to present a revised request for a Consent to Lease Agreement. Their new proposal would site a structure to house an emergency generator in a location with less impact to water tower accessibility.

**Strategic Planning Session** – Post stated that \$1,500 had been budgeted in 2009 for a strategic planning session with Council and staff. The session would result in developing a work plan and prioritizing goals. It was the consensus of a majority of Council members that a facilitator should be contracted to conduct the session as in past years. Post indicated one facilitator in particular had been suggested by the City Attorney, and other cities who had used their services had positive feedback of their experience.

**Workload Update** – Post noted that in terms of workload, this was a peak time for financial duties including processing quarterly utility billing.

**Loss of LGA** – Mayor Gilbert informed the viewing audience that the City is in a positive position relative to the loss of local government aid for 2008, having been proactive and not relying on LGA for operations costs. The loss of LGA had been somewhat anticipated.

## **ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk