



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 3, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

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

**Staff Present:** Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 17, 2009 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of February 17, 2009 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Accept the Donation of Snow Pushing Shovels From Joe Schlosser for the Holbrook Park Warming House and Skating Rinks
- E. Accept the \$50.00 Donation From RMG "Refer a Friend, Build Your Community"™ Program and Paul & Denise Aasen to the Long Lake Fire Department
- F. Accept the \$100.00 Donation From Marie Landberg and Family to the Long Lake Fire Department

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

Prior to the vote on the motion, Post displayed one of the three snow pushing shovels donated by Joe Schlosser for the Council to view.

*Ayes: all.*

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Appointment of Park Board Members**

Post stated that the City currently has two openings on the Park Board. Interviews for these positions were conducted in a work session prior to the regular meeting. During the work session Council members had expressed a desire to see the membership of the Park Board expanded. An ordinance amendment would be required to do so. Post explained notice requirements and that the earliest the Council could take action on an ordinance amendment would be at their April 21 meeting. He also noted that if the Board were expanded to six members, if the Board ever became divided on a recommendation, without a tie breaking vote the Board would be unable to put forth that recommendation to the Council.

Mayor Gilbert noted that there were five excellent candidates that had been interviewed for the Park Board positions, and two spots currently open.

*A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Rettinger, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-05 appointing Cindy Borgert to the Park Board. Ayes: all.*

*A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Rettinger, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-05 appointing Don Chillstrom to the Park Board. Ayes: all.*

Rettinger suggested a motion be made to direct staff to pursue an ordinance amendment increasing the Park Board to seven members. Mayor Gilbert indicated a motion would not be required for the direction to be given if Council members were in agreement. All Council members concurred.

Staff and Council also discussed the need and process to advertise the new member positions following ordinance approval.

Council member Carpenter indicated he was glad to see the interest expressed in the Board by the people who applied and would like to see them have an opportunity to be involved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Conference for Newly Elected Officials** – Council member Carpenter had recently attended the League of Minnesota Cities Conference for Newly Elected Officials. He stated it had been well done, he had met some interesting people, and had become familiar with Open Meeting Law.

**City Council Strategic Planning Session** – Council member Olson said she thought the Council's recent goal setting session had been inspiring and a lot had been accomplished. Post indicated that he would like to schedule a work session to review the goals once the facilitator has completed the final report. He also suggested that once the final report had been reviewed by the Council, it might be useful to have a work session meeting of all the City's Board and Commission members together to discuss the goals the Council would be operating on. Later during the discussion of Other Business, Mayor Gilbert added that he had really enjoyed the goal setting session. Council member Carpenter commented it was clearly the thought of the Council to be very engaged and to assign themselves to cheerlead individual goals. He had been encouraged by the process, and commented on the difficulty in building relationships as a Council recognizing that whenever Council members get together it has to be publicly noted. He stated it was nice to take time and dream a bit on behalf of the City.

**Senate Seat Election Contest Court Case** – City Clerk Moeller had been scheduled to testify at the election contest court case currently ongoing for the Senate race, but was informed her testimony would no longer be needed for the one rejected absentee ballot in question the day prior to her scheduled appointment. She continues to respond to data practices requests from the parties. She recently had attended a meeting with Secretary of State Mark Ritchie where upcoming changes in election law and procedure were discussed.

**Meeting with Metropolitan Council** – Post informed the Council that the meeting scheduled with Metropolitan Council to review the City's currently proposed stormwater improvement project in relationship to the grant had been postponed. Post had received a new form that the agency would like completed prior to the meeting. Mayor Gilbert had spoken with Bob McFarlin, Metropolitan Council Member for District 3, and Mr. McFarlin expressed his advocacy and support for the City's project.

**Highway 12 Turnback Committee** – Mayor Gilbert stated that the Highway 12 Turnback Committee made up of representatives from Long Lake and Orono had reconvened the week prior. The group would be meeting again on March 20 to review the turnback plan previously developed by the committee.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk