



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 7, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 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 Henderson, seconded by Carpenter, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of March 17, 2009 City Council Work Session (Prior)
- B. Approve Minutes of March 17, 2009 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of March 17, 2009 City Council Work Session (After)
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Establish Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:30 PM as the Date and Time for the 2009 Local Board of Review Hearing

Mayor Gilbert highlighted the date and time of the City's Board of Review hearing for the viewing public.

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

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Public Meeting: NPDES Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program**

Wurzer indicated that as part of the MPCA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, the City must annually report on the status of its Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program and its compliance with permit conditions. A public meeting is required as part of this report to allow opportunity for public comment and input regarding the City's stormwater prevention efforts. The purpose of this agenda item is to hold the required public meeting, after which the

annual report can be submitted to the MPCA. Copies of the required report as completed by Wurzer and City Clerk Moeller were distributed to Council members at the meeting as a bench handout.

Upon conclusion of the meeting, at the Council's direction a completed report with information regarding any input received during the meeting would be submitted to the MPCA.

Council member Carpenter referred to the section of the report discussing impaired waters and questioned what due diligence and measures would be necessary once Long Lake is added to the impaired waters list.

Wurzer responded that being unfamiliar with addressing impaired waters he would need more knowledge, but if Long Lake were included on the impaired waters list he would be consulting with the City engineers.

Council discussed how to become more informed on what the impact to the City would be should Long Lake be listed as an impaired water. It was suggested that Julie Westerlund of the MCWD be contacted about the District's NEMO program, which is an educational program the MCWD offers for public officials to learn about the water quality issues. Council member Olson suggested it would be nice if any presentation could be made at a regular meeting so the public would be able to watch and learn as well.

Mayor Gilbert opened the public hearing at 6:48 pm.

Council member Carpenter commented that Mn/DOT had cleared out debris from the drainageway on the north side of Martha Lane; however, with the debris gone the velocity of runoff will increase and likely enhance damage already being done. At one point there had been a suggestion to add rocks to slow the velocity of the water down. He asked what the plan was for this area.

Wurzer stated he would contact Mn/DOT and follow up with Council member Carpenter.

Mayor Gilbert closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

*A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Henderson, to accept the 2008 annual report for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Ayes: all.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Meeting with Mn/DOT Regarding MOU** – Council member Henderson informed the Council that she and Council member Olson had met again with John Griffith from Mn/DOT regarding the provisions in the City's MOU with Mn/DOT. At this juncture there remain two issues outstanding, one being the request of the City's businesses for blue advertising signage as seen regularly on state highways. Though Mr. Griffith assured them he would look into the matter, the signage request did not look promising as there are regulations and formulas governing where those signs may be located. The initial concern was that if a blue advertising sign were installed, one of the Orono/Long Lake signs would have to be given up. The other remaining discussion item pertained to the City's request stated in the MOU for Mn/DOT to install pedestrian walkways along Long Lake Creek and through Holbrook Park. The purpose of the connection along the creek would primarily be to connect residents between north and south Long Lake. It would also be advantageous if Mn/DOT could construct a pathway between the neighborhoods and the Luce Line trail. Council discussed recollections of where trails had initially been requested in comparison to what had been completed; ideas for additional trails; and what trails were indicated on the City trail plan. Public Works Director

Wurzer indicated he would provide copies of current and earlier City park and trail plans to Council members Henderson and Olson in preparation for their next meeting with Mr. Griffith.

**Council Member Involvement in Property Sale** – Council member Henderson desired to go on record as stating she does sell real estate for a living and has a client interested in a commercial property in Long Lake. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the property by the Council, herself included, and she verified that according to the City Attorney they have all conducted themselves in an accurate way. Statute states that in situations where a Council member may have a conflict of interest or potential for financial gain, the Council member may engage in discussions the Council may have about an issue but must recuse themselves from any voting action. She indicated that there is no sale or letter of intent currently pending, and welcomed anyone with any concerns or questions to call her.

**Police Advisory Meeting** – Council member Carpenter reported that he and Mayor Gilbert had attended a Police Advisory subcommittee meeting. There was substantial talk during the meeting of the potential future for developing a Police service district. Mayor, Council and staff discussed how a service district would be sectioned; ideas for allocation of costs to member cities; and when the City's budget could be affected by a change. Much further discussion will be held on the matter at future Police Advisory meetings.

**Fire Advisory Meeting** – Council member Olson stated that she and Council member Rettinger had attended a Fire Advisory subcommittee meeting. The most notable discussion topic was the pension fund and the group is awaiting info from the City's auditors on pension projections.

#### **ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk