



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore: Brian Carpenter; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, and Liz Olson

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

Absent: Mayor: Randy Gilbert (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of May 5, 2009 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of May 5, 2009 City Council / Board of Review Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of May 5, 2009 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Minutes of May 12, 2009 City Council Work Session
- E. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- F. Approve Contract Renewal for Employee Training Services Between the City of Long Lake and Safe Assure Consultants, Inc.
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-14 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Orono Lions Carp Fishing Contest
- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-15 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Gear West "Splash 'n' Dash" Triathlon

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Hardin, 238 Greenhill Lane

Mr. Hardin announced that a Memorial Day ceremony would be held at the Long Lake Veterans Memorial in Nelson Lakeside Park on Monday, May 25 beginning at 11:30 am. He indicated the master of ceremonies for the event would be Fire Chief Van Eyll, and the guest speaker would be Congressman Erik Paulsen. Light refreshments are to be offered prior to the ceremony courtesy of the Slow Burn Brigade.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Authorize Sale of G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2009A

Post noted that this item was a follow up to the Council's previous action at their May 6 meeting authorizing a pre-sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Two bench handouts had been distributed to Council members – one document being a summary of the bids received for the bond sale, and the other a recap incorporating the bond sale to low bidder Dougherty & Co. into the future debt service levy stream.

Stacie Kvilvang, a representative from the City's financial advisor Ehlers and Associates, described the negotiated sale process, presented the results of the bids received and commented on the savings the City would experience as a result of the award.

Post commented that a bid package had been sent to Lake Community Bank but they had elected not to participate.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-13 authorizing the sale of \$540,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2009A. Ayes: all.

LMCC Building Purchase

Post reported that the City is part of a seventeen member city Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that provides governance to the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC). The LMCC has been leasing its current facility in Spring Park for the last ten years and the existing lease provides for three, five-year renewable terms. Instead of renewing the last five year lease term, the organization has been exploring purchase options. The purchase option that appears the most financially advantageous is purchasing the existing leased facility.

Representatives from the LMCC Board wanted to be present at this meeting to answer any questions that the Long lake Council may have on this proposed building acquisition, but were unable to due to a full Commission meeting scheduled for the same night. Chairman Tom Scanlon had provided staff with a "talking points" background information memorandum which was included in the Council's meeting informational packets.

Staff recommends supporting the LMCC Board facility purchase recommendation. Approval of the Board recommendation requires approval of two-thirds of the 17 member JPA cities. To a large extent the financial ramifications of this transaction are moot at the front end to the City of Long Lake since the LMCC captures all Mediacom franchise fees which, along with reserves, will be used to satisfy the CD obligation. However, in the event the organization would dissolve for some future reason, member cities would share in the distribution of any asset sale proceeds.

Council and staff discussed whether the facility proposed to be purchased was adequate for the LMCC's needs.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Henderson, to endorse the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) Board recommendation to purchase property at 4071 Sunset Drive, Spring Park, Minnesota to conduct its administrative, studio, and technical production activities. Ayes: all.

Accept 2009 Striping Quote

Post stated that one of the ongoing maintenance activities of the Public Works Department is to ensure that intersection pedestrian crossings and center lines are clearly marked. Public Works Director Wurzer initiated a Request for Quotation process for this year's striping which specified that

an epoxy, rather than a latex, paint product be used to have a greater application useful life and a more cost effective longer term maintenance cost. The low quote bidder for these services was AAA Striping Service Co.

The specific scope of work may be reduced in the downtown crosswalk areas pending confirmation from Mn/DOT of the construction limits of a fall old Highway 12 mill and overlay project prior to turnback of the roadway to Hennepin County. If they will be doing a "full radius" on the corners to meet ADA compliance requirements, then they would be striping the cross streets in addition to old Highway 12/Wayzata Boulevard. In that event it would not make any financial sense to stripe the cross street pedestrian crossings in June.

The funding source for the project will be reimbursement from Hennepin County Aid to Municipalities (CAM) funds as an eligible maintenance item. Staff recommends accepting the striping quote from AAA Striping Service Co. in the amount of \$6,389.75 subject to a possible scope reduction due to the construction limits of the 2009 Mn/DOT mill and overlay project.

Council members questioned whether a fall mill and overlay of old Highway 12 was a certainty, as well as whether guardrails would be repaired at that time.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Rettinger, to accept the quotation from AAA Striping Service Co. in the amount of \$6,389.75 for 2009 intersection striping in addition to the center yellow line marking on Daniels Street and note that the scope of work may be reduced subject to a 2009 MnDOT mill and overlay project. Ayes: all.

Authorize Emergency Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repairs

Post indicated that as part of its inflow and infiltration (I & I) work plan, Public Works staff recently completed the District 4 televising of the public sanitary sewer system. In addition to finding expected leaks in manholes, bad joints in the mains, and significant clear water flow from several residences, the video also indicated two instances at private residences where the clay connection pipe had collapsed and was only flowing because of surrounding soil compaction. This is a high risk situation in terms of potential sewer backup as well as contributing to the sanitary system's I & I level.

Independent of the "District 4" televising, the City also undertook additional sanitary sewer line televising in conjunction with the planned 2009 Highway 12 Water Main Replacement CIP project. A review of this video revealed two service connections near the Greenhill Lane intersection that had similar collapsed connection situations.

Public Works Director Wurzer explained how damage to the pipes occurred, reviewed the quotes he had received for the repair work, and clarified for the Council at what point in the line damages would become the responsibility of the property owner. He also answered Council member questions regarding ongoing efforts to reduce the City's I & I problem.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Rettinger, to authorize the City Administrator to contract with G & L Contracting to make repairs to public sanitary sewer laterals at four (4) residential service connections for a price of \$7,600.00, excluding any necessary sod restoration. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

I & I Reduction Program – Council member Rettinger stated he thinks the City should pursue adoption of an Ordinance to create consequences for private owners with illegally installed sump pump and drainage systems. Council and staff discussed the City's I & I problem, how violations

could be addressed, and Ordinance changes that could be made to take a more proactive approach to addressing I & I contributors and factors. The issue of I & I from unmetered connections with Orono was also discussed. It was noted that the subject of Ordinance changes to address I & I should be a topic for an upcoming work session.

Highway 12 Watermain Update – Public Works Director Wurzer reported that Toby Muse of SEH is currently working with Mn/DOT to obtain confirmation the City will be able to complete the watermain repair in the Highway 12 corridor. He anticipated that the project itself will only take about a 30-day period to complete.

Wayzata Boulevard Landscaping Project – Council member Henderson expressed her concern with the appearance of the plantings installed in the Wayzata Boulevard landscaping project area. Council members discussed their impressions of the plantings and other project items, and requested that the landscape architect from SEH, Brady Halvorson, come to an upcoming meeting to address the project concerns.

Park Board Meeting – Council member Henderson stated that the newly expanded Park Board had met prior to the Council meeting and officer positions had been filled. Donny Chillstrom would serve as Chairperson, and Nancy Dougherty volunteered for the Secretary position. Post reviewed items of business the Park Board had discussed which included a few resident requests, setting the date of their next meeting, and their interest in being involved in the Nelson Lakeside Park stormwater project landscaping plan. Council member Henderson also indicated she had given the Park Board copies of the Long Lake amenity plan document Council member Olson had drafted. She would like to see hanging flower baskets installed in the downtown area. Council and staff discussed how the baskets could be feasibly hung. Council member Rettinger pointed out the additional workload the Public Works Department would experience in having to water them daily and suggested that planters on the ground would be a better alternative.

Mn/DOT Construction Meeting – Post had attended a recent Mn/DOT construction meeting and a representative from Mn/DOT's sign department asked that the City provide her with some feedback regarding how the City would like to see new Highway 12 overhead signs to read. Council members were in agreement that a reference to Long Lake and Orono would be preferred over using the road name, whether or not the road name remains Wayzata Boulevard W.

Otten Bros. Donation to Veterans Memorial – Post stated Bob Hardin had informed him Otten Bros. Nursery had decided to "adopt" the City's Veterans Memorial park area and will be donating plants in preparation for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Surface Water Management Project – Post indicated he is working with property owners to obtain easements where needed for the Surface Water Management Project to proceed.

2008 Audit Report – Mayor Pro-Tempore Carpenter asked when the City's annual financial statement would be available from the auditors. Post anticipated the report would be ready in time for the next Council meeting. Council member Olson noted that beginning 2010 budget discussions would be the next step.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Mayor Pro-Tempore Carpenter reminded everyone that a Memorial Day ceremony would be held at the City's Veterans Memorial in Nelson Lakeside Park on Memorial Day beginning at 11:30 am.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Pro-Tempore Carpenter adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk