



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Sam Rettinger (with prior notice)

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 July 7, 2009 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-22 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for Corn Days Parade 2009

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Receive 2nd Quarter 2009 Fire Department Operations Report

Fire Chief Van Eyll commented on the tragic loss of long-time Fire Department member Mike Brown who passed away the week prior and thanked the Council for their support. He went on to provide the Council with an update on second quarter 2009 Fire Department operations. Van Eyll reviewed quantities and different types of calls, and provided comparisons and similarities to the previous year.

Mayor Gilbert expressed his gratitude to Chief Van Eyll for the teamwork showed by the Department through memorial services for Mike Brown, and for his work in the Department and the community.

Chief Van Eyll thanked the Fire Department for all their contributions and encouraged Council members to thank individual firefighters as well if they saw them out and about in the community.

TH 12 Water Main Replacement, Advertise for Bids

Post stated that the watermain replacement project proposed was a 2009 budgeted expenditure involving the replacement of approximately 1,500 feet of 8" watermain from 1070 to 1310 West Wayzata Boulevard.

The timing for the project is being accelerated because of both the uncompleted repair of the Highway 12 bypass watermain leak; as well as the Mn/DOT old Highway 12 mill and overlay project scheduled to take place in late September to October. Best efforts will be made to complete this project before the Mn/DOT mill and overlay project is underway.

The tentative project timetable is to allow three weeks for bid advertisement followed by a bid opening on August 17, and potential contract award at the regular City Council meeting of August 18, 2009.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Carpenter, to authorize advertisement for bids for the TH 12 Water Main Replacement Project. Ayes: all.

Highway 12 Business Signage Discussion

Post explained that this topic was discussed as an agenda item at the Council's June 16 meeting, at which time the Council supported the business community's request to endorse the use of Logo signs by Minnesota Logos on both the east and west ends of the Highway 12 Bypass project area.

Since that time, the business group reconsidered their earlier recommendation and are now recommending logo signage on the east end and Specific Service signage on the west end of the project. The primary reason for the changed recommendation is that the tighter logo signage requirements would not allow enough business signage advertising opportunities compared to the Specific Service signage category.

Bob Erickson, representing the business group, described his many unsuccessful efforts to seek variances or waivers to allow the maximum number of businesses to appear on Minnesota Logos signage at the west end of the project area.

The Long Lake SuperAmerica store supervisor also discussed his company's past and present experiences in pursuing flexibility in the distance requirements that must be met in order to have their company logo on the logo-type signage.

Council members discussed their disappointment that Minnesota Logos and Mn/DOT were unwilling to be more flexible in this matter.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to support the use of business Logo signage on the east end of the Highway 12 Bypass project and the use of Specific Service business signage on the west end of the Highway 12 Bypass project and communicating this decision to Heather Lott at MnDOT. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Thank You to Businesses – Council member Henderson thanked the businesses in Long Lake who had been putting out planters with flowers out in front of their businesses, and complimented them on their efforts to beautify Long Lake.

Mn/DOT Representative at Chamber Meeting – Post informed the Council that Scott Pederson of Mn/DOT would be attending the September 9 Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss the old Highway 12 mill and overlay project.

July Newsletter – City Clerk Moeller reported that a July edition of the “CityScene” City newsletter was at the printer and should be mailed out to residents later in the week. She thanked all those who submitted copy for doing so promptly by the deadline.

Corn Days Parade – Mayor Gilbert asked Council members if they would be interested in riding in the Corn Days Parade on August 8. The consensus of those present was that they would be.

Graffiti Under Brown Road Bridge – Mayor Gilbert questioned when the graffiti under the Brown Road bridge would be painted over. Post replied that Public Works was aware of the graffiti and would be painting over it in the nearby future. Mayor Gilbert stated he would like to see it taken care of.

Mayor’s Picnic – Mayor Gilbert announced he would be hosting another Mayor’s Picnic in Holbrook Park on Tuesday, August 11 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk