



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm.

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

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

Absent: Council: Sam Rettinger and Sharon Henderson

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 October 20, 2009 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of October 20, 2009 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Approve Renewal of the Contract with Embedded Systems, Inc. for Siren Maintenance Through 2010
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-31 Appointing City Administrator Terrance Post as a Regular Employee

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Application for Payment No. 3 from Sunram Construction, Inc. for the 2009 DT SWM Improvements Project

Post reported staff received Application for Payment No. 3 from Sunram Construction Inc. for the 2009 Downtown Surface Water Improvements Project in the amount of \$98,834.09, representing total contract earnings through September 25, 2009 of \$393,616.03, less Payments No. 1 and No. 2 and 5% contract retainage. The contractor has completed approximately 97% of the total amount due under the contract. Staff recommends approval of the payment request in the amount of \$98,834.09. Post also provided an update on the current status of the project and how weather had affected construction.

Council member Olson asked whether the MCWD approved of the project as constructed, and questioned the speed at which repayments are made to the City from the grant.

Post affirmed the MCWD viewed the project favorably, and indicated that the turnaround for repayments has been approximately two to three weeks from the time requests are submitted.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Carpenter, to approve Application for Payment No. 3 from Sunram Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$98,834.09 for the 2009 Downtown Surface Water Improvements Project. Ayes: all.

Trunk Highway 12 Bypass Noise / Barrier Concerns

Post introduced resident Craig Riedl, who contacted City Hall with a request to be placed on the agenda at the next council meeting to generally discuss the noise of the new roadway and his concerns about the construction of the visual and noise barriers built in conjunction with the MnDOT project. Mr. Riedl has had previous communications on this topic with both Mayor Gilbert and MnDOT West Metro Area Engineer Scott Pedersen.

Craig Riedl, 269 Inglewood Street, appeared before the Council to express concern about traffic noise levels and seek any assistance the City could offer in requesting additional noise abatement with Mn/DOT. His points of concern were that he believed the sound wall was built shorter than that approved by Resolution of the Long Lake Council in approximately 2001 or 2002; and that traffic noise levels may be exceeding anticipated levels, especially since Highway 12 reopened all the way through Delano. Mr. Riedl asked that the Council request Mn/DOT to retest traffic noise levels, and that the City research whether the sound wall through the neighborhoods was built according to contract and City Resolution specifications.

Council discussed Mr. Riedl's concerns and requests. It was the consensus of the Council that further staff research was warranted and should be directed.

Post summarized his understanding of direction to staff as being (1) to request that Mn/DOT conduct additional decibel level testing; (2) to find the previous Council Resolution addressing the height of the sound wall; and (3) to ask Mn/DOT if they would consider changing the type of maintenance access road fence to the pond from chain link to some kind of wooden structure.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dumpsters at Town Center Site – Council member Carpenter requested that Post revisit the issue of dumpsters sitting unenclosed at the Town Center strip mall. He emphasized the negative appearance made by the four visible dumpsters. It was his understanding that the garbage hauler indicated they are unable to access the dumpsters when placed behind the current screening on site, but stated it is the responsibility of the property owner to locate the dumpsters behind screening where they can be accessed for disposal. Mayor Gilbert agreed, and Post responded that he would follow up on the issue.

City of Long Lake Entrance Signs – Council member Olson had received a nice compliment on the reinstalled City of Long Lake signs newly painted by Public Works. She stated they look great.

Food and Toys for Tots Drive – Mayor Gilbert announced that the Slow Burn Brigade would be holding a food and Toys for Tots drive with drop locations in Long Lake and Orono, and encouraged donations and participation.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk