



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, Deirdre Kvale, and Todd Newcomer

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Finance Director: Amanda Nowezki; Public Works Director: Sean Diercks; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner reported that the City Council had just finished a work session at which they had discussed some upcoming budgetary items, including a possible roof replacement for City Hall and other capital improvements.

He reflected that summer was in the air and it has been good to see people out and about, going to grab ice cream, going to restaurants, and using the City's local parks and beach.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Dyvik, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of June 3, 2025 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Approve a Six-Month Probationary Status Extension for Public Works Maintenance Worker/Mike Decker
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-19 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the 51st Annual Corn Days Parade on August 9, 2025

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Newcomer, 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

A. Special Event Permit Request for Buckhorn Days 2025

City Clerk Moeller introduced the annual permit request for Buckhorn Days 2025 and noted that because the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce was planning some new event items, she would welcome Marty Schneider to come forward and update the Council on behalf of the Chamber.

Marty Schneider, 1176 Wayzata Boulevard W and Chamber of Commerce Board member, presented highlights of the upcoming Buckhorn Days event schedule including a return of a carp fishing event sponsored by the Long Lake Waters Association; the Fire Department would be blending their annual 5K Red Hot Run with Buckhorn Days rather than having it on a separate date; live music would begin at 12:00 noon; and noted that another new addition would be bringing in Midwest All-Star Wrestling. He indicated that the event would not feature a fireworks show this year, mainly because the costs had greatly increased. He added that if the Council approved the Special Event Permit request, the overall schedule for the event would be posted within the next few days.

Mayor Miner asked Mr. Schneider to give a brief update on the upcoming Corn Days Parade.

Mr. Schneider thanked City Clerk Moeller for her assistance with the parade entry form and stated that applications were available for parade entries through August 8, 2025. He explained that the parade would be starting at 11:00 am and not 12:00 noon this year at the request of staff at St. George's Church.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Dyvik, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18 approving the issuance of Special Event Permit #S2025-08 for Buckhorn Days to be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, and to approve all other licenses and permits as identified within the staff report. Ayes: all.

B. Approve 2025 City Street Seal Coating Project

Public Works Director Diercks shared the background of discussions leading up to a City seal coating project for the roads in the industrial park and reviewed issues that had occurred and made completing the project in 2025 seem unlikely to move forward. However, the seal coat contractor contacted him a week ago and asked what could be done to keep the project alive. After some negotiations, Pearson Bros, Inc. was able to work through the City's request to move a seal coating project timeline to around August/September, to keep the project scope the same, and to revise estimates to fit the work into the City's budget. He indicated staff was asking the Council to approve the project.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Miner, to award the 2025 Street Seal Coating Project to Pearson Bros., Inc. of Hanover, Minnesota in the amount of \$59,819.76. Ayes: all.

C. Fire Department Transition/Future Fire Services News & Updates

Mayor Miner noted that Council representatives had met with the Excelsior Fire District a few weeks ago to gain some input on what their successes have been over the last 20 years with their setup, and if they had any suggestions for Long Lake moving forward. He stated that he thought it was a good meeting and they were able to receive some helpful feedback. He reported that Long Lake and Orono were continuing to work on drafting a Joint Powers Agreement for fire services.

Council member Kvale asked if they were working with any cities other than Orono.

Mayor Miner replied that initially they were keeping Minnetonka Beach and Medina in the loop on their discussions.

Council member Dyvik commented that the Excelsior Fire District operates under a JPA that is very similar to what they were looking to create, and their District included five cities - Excelsior, Deephaven, Greenwood, Shorewood, and Tonka Bay.

OTHER BUSINESS

Visit with Representative Myers - Council member Newcomer indicated that he had recently met with Representative Myers and was able to have a good talk about fire district issues.

Water Quality Updates - Council member Dyvik recalled that the lake water quality was bad a few weeks ago due to a strange algae bloom that many had not seen before. He'd spoken with the Long Lake Waters Association to see if they were aware of anything that may have released a lot of phosphorus into the lake, but they were not aware of anything. He noted that over the last few days, the water seemed to be pretty clear again, which he appreciated because the lake had been essentially unusable during the bloom. Mayor Miner added that the City had received some public feedback related to the goose poop at the beach and explained that Public Works would be doing what they could to clean it up daily moving forward.

Condolences to Legislative Representatives – Mayor Miner reflected that he was saddened by the circumstances and losses that had occurred over the weekend impacting members of the legislature and their spouses. They had stepped forward as public servants and he didn't feel that anyone should have to go through what they and all their families were because of policy decisions. He voiced that the City's thoughts were with all of the legislators during this time, and he expressed his appreciation to law enforcement for working all weekend to apprehend the suspect.

LMC Conference – Mayor Miner advised that he planned to attend the League of Minnesota Cities conference next week in Duluth.

Bonding Bill and Street Project Funding – Mayor Miner reported that the state had approved a bonding bill last week but Long Lake's request had not been included. The City will need to have some discussions about other ways to complete its street projects. Council member Dyvik pointed out that the City did not receive any Local Government Aid (LGA) annually, but he felt that Long Lake should be eligible since they were such a small City. Finance Director Nowezki mentioned that she had just recently learned that there was an appeal process for LGA and she planned to look into it more thoroughly. Council and staff discussed other possibilities for helping to fund road projects, including grants that may be available.

Water Service Line, Wayzata Boulevard W - Diercks noted that there would be a hole in Wayzata Boulevard W overnight because contractors had brought the wrong tapping saddle for putting in a water service line to serve the expanding Long Lake Veterinary Clinic.

Upcoming Dates of Note - Mayor Miner reminded the Council that June 19 was a state and City holiday; therefore, all City offices would be closed. He added that the next Council meeting would be on July 1, and Night to Unite would be the first Tuesday in August.

Council member Newcomer noted that he would be unable to attend the July 1, 2025 meeting in person and asked if there would be an option to participate remotely. Moeller offered to discuss the logistics of remote participation with him after the meeting.

Watercraft Operators Permit Requirement - Council Member Dyvik stated that after July 1, 2025, any boaters or operators born after June 30, 2004 will need a Watercraft Operators Permit to operate motorboats or personal watercraft in the state, and everyone will need one by 2028.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator