



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; City Engineer: Jeff Oliver; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner noted that he and City Administrator Weske had a meeting yesterday with the City's Metropolitan Council representative, Dr. Tyrone Carter, and briefly reviewed some of their discussion topics.

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 February 18, 2025 City Council Work Session Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of February 18, 2025 Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 Approving a Fund Transfer in the Amount of \$9,067.20 from the General Fund to the 2013A Debt Service Fund to Close Out Matured Bond

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

Wayzata Police Department 2024 Year in Review Presentation – Jamie Baker, Interim Police Chief

Interim Police Chief Baker gave a presentation that shared some of the highlights of Wayzata Police Department operations and activities, including details on personnel; planning ahead for 2025; call statistics for service in Long Lake over the last few years, with over 1,600 calls occurring in 2024; the

breakdown of the different types of calls in 2024, including 760 traffic citations/warnings; and reviewed other highlights and awards for the Department.

Councilmember Kvale observed that it looked like crime had gone down a bit since 2023, but was also a bit elevated more than it had been in the previous years.

Baker agreed that while crime had dipped a bit since 2023, it was a bit higher than in some of the previous years. She added that while this was not included in her presentation, the embedded social worker had become a pivotal part of the Department and had handled 170 cases in 2024 for Wayzata and Long Lake. She commented that she could not speak more positively about the embedded social worker's ability to help the Department with repeat offenders and getting people the social services or mental health services that they need.

Councilmember Newcomer asked how the Department deployed the embedded social worker.

Baker explained that the Department would get a call and she, the Records Technician, or the Officers would screen the call situation and refer the matter to the social worker when appropriate. When the embedded social worker receives them, she is able to take a look at other systems and come up with a game plan to see if it was something that she could provide assistance with or if they were already receiving services. She shared examples of the types of situations where a case would be referred to the embedded social worker.

Mayor Miner pointed out that the largest number of criminal calls for service in the City were related to domestic violence, followed by DWIs.

Councilmembers discussed some of the call types and asked if Interim Police Chief Baker had any tips for residents with regard to criminal activity, such as theft from a vehicle.

Baker urged residents to make sure that they take all of their valuables out of their vehicles, and to also to lock their vehicles.

Mayor Miner also encouraged people to close their garage doors and lock the 'people' door to the inside of the home.

Councilmember Dyvik asked about the potential upcoming drone program and if they would be training Police Department staff to fly them or if they would hire an outside drone pilot.

Baker responded that operating a drone does require a pilot's license; however, two officers have gone through the training and taken the test for licensing, so operation would be officer based versus conducted by civilians.

Mayor Miner sought an update on the Flock camera program.

Baker replied that she and former Police Chief Schultz had looked at the Flock camera program as a 'force multiplier' and noted that they have had several successful case outcomes due to the cameras. She explained that it monitors license plates and stressed that the camera does not track people. She shared that the camera's been helpful within the metropolitan area for tracking vehicles that have been involved in crimes.

Mayor Miner stated that the City currently has one Flock camera but there were plans, through the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition, for a second camera to be installed in the City. He mentioned that starting in 2026, the City would need to be prepared to cover the costs of the annual maintenance fees for the cameras.

Mayor Miner recalled that Wayzata Police Department Community Service Officers had been handling some code enforcement activities for the City, which had been going well.

City Clerk Moeller commented that it has been a pleasure working with Interim Police Chief Baker and reflected that she had appreciated her responsiveness, help, and flexibility in working with the City.

Baker noted that she loved and appreciated the community support she had received from Long Lake.

2025 Street Improvement Project Accept Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertising for Bids

City Engineer Oliver provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Street Improvement Project for Lindawood Lane. He reviewed the location map; scope of the project; existing conditions; plans for reclamation, drainage, and removal of the island located within the cul-de-sac; his opinion on the probable cost of the project; and the current plan for construction scheduling.

Councilmember Feldmann questioned what utilities were located along Lindawood Lane.

Oliver indicated that most of the utilities were located overhead, but the gas main was underground. CenterPoint Energy is planning on replacement of the main, making some new connections, and undertaking partial replacement of services. Oliver also confirmed that there would be no impact to the City's lift station and noted that there would only be an adjustment to the top slab on the vault because it appeared to have been hit by a snowplow or heavy equipment. He stated that there would be very minimal utility work involved with the proposed project.

Mayor Miner asked about contractor and pricing trends for 2025.

Oliver replied that he had conducted a bid opening for a different community within the south metro area earlier in the day where they had five bidders. He had found the bids to be very competitive, and was hopefully anticipating great results in this case.

Councilmember Feldmann asked City Administrator Weske about the Pavement Management Fund balance.

City Administrator Weske stated that the existing fund balance should cover the entire proposed project costs and still have a bit remaining. Two or three more quarters of franchise fees will have been received as well as cell tower rent payments by the time of project completion, so he felt the City should be able to replenish the fund in part by the end of the year.

A motion was made by Miner, seconded by Feldmann, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-07 approving the plans and specifications for the 2025 Street Improvement Project and authorizing advertising for bids. Ayes: all.

Mayor Miner thanked City Engineer Oliver for his assistance in putting together information for the bonding bill request. He asked if City Engineer Oliver would be working with staff to update the City's Pavement Management Plan and the street condition map index.

Oliver shared that he had discussed getting started on Pavement Management Plan and related map updates with Public Works Director Diercks earlier in the day. He also offered to assist in lobbying for funding for improving some of the City's roadways, such as Grand Avenue and Lakeview Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Newly Elected Officials Training - Councilmember Newcomer stated that at the end of February, he had attended the League of Minnesota Cities training for newly elected officials, which he had found to be very informative.

MnDOT Fencing Repairs Needed - Councilmember Dyvik noted that the fencing at the top of the berm along Wayzata Boulevard W has portions that are, once again, falling apart and asked if it was a MnDOT responsibility. Weske confirmed that the fencing on top of the berm was MnDOT's maintenance responsibility. Councilmember Dyvik asked if the City could contact MnDOT in order to take another look at it. Moeller recalled that in her email archives she has an email that staff had sent to MnDOT about repairs needed to fencing in the Highway 12 corridor, and their typical response to these situations has been that if it was not a public safety hazard, they will 'get to it'. She indicated that she had received complaints about a number of sections of the fencing and MnDOT had not been super receptive to a prior request for repairs. She suggested that perhaps City Administrator Weske could try contacting them because he may have more success than she'd had. Mayor Miner observed that the fencing was getting a bit ratty, and added that there is also a fencing area over by Stoneridge Circle that looks a bit scary and has a huge crack in the concrete. He suggested that the City may also be able to reach out to Representative Myers to see if he can assist in putting some pressure on MnDOT to handle some of these repairs.

Update on Fire Service Discussions – Mayor Miner shared that he and Council member Dyvik were continuing to have some good discussions with representatives from Orono related to the Fire Department and future fire services, and had also provided an update to the firefighters on Monday night about what has been happening. Councilmember Kvale asked if the Council was planning to hold a work session meeting on March 18. Moeller replied that whether or not a work session would occur was still to be determined.

Mobile Food Unit Marketing – Moeller stated that she had planned to put out a post on Facebook earlier in the day about marketing the City's mobile food unit policy as a way to try to get some word of mouth circulating about the idea, but decided not to after she got a look at the snow forecasted and now planned to do it a later time.

Residential Fencing – Moeller pointed out that the City has an interesting regulation in their fence related code that allows business fences to tie together with written permission from area property owners; however, residential fences were not permitted to do the same. She explained the current requirements related to setbacks; noted that it was not unusual for other communities to allow fences to be joined as long as there was property acquiescence; and shared that she had received a request from a resident asking the City to consider allowing tie-in fences for residents and not just the businesses. With no objections raised by Council members, she added that she would speak to City Planner Rybak about the matter before bringing a draft ordinance back for Council consideration.

Upcoming Meetings - Mayor Miner reminded the Council that their next meeting would be on March 18, 2025. Councilmember Feldmann mentioned that he would be unable to attend the April 1 City Council meeting.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator