



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Absent: Council: Mike Feldmann (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner noted that it had been quiet for the last few weeks, and he hoped all who had taken trips during spring break had enjoyed a good time and returned safely.

He reported that earlier in the morning, he and Orono Mayor Tunheim had attended a coffee meeting with Senator Ann Johnson Stewart at which they'd discussed information about their respective cities, highway safety and items of that nature, and also Long Lake's bonding request.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2025, City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Temporary Outdoor Patio at the Red Rooster Bar and Restaurant Effect May 1 through October 1, 2025

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Dyvik, 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

Approve 2025 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project for Sewer District 1

Public Works Director Diercks reviewed the proposed 2025 sanitary sewer cleaning and televising project for Sewer District 1, and highlighted the project area by displaying GIS mapping.

Councilmember Kvale asked if the district was designed to be sort of zig-zaggy for a reason.

Diercks replied that the lines were designed that way due to the topography and for gravity movement. He highlighted out some possible areas of concern that the City had, for example, the lines traveling under the railroad tracks.

Councilmember Dyvik asked what would need to be done if it was discovered that the pipe under the railroad tracks had failed.

Diercks indicated that a new line would have to be run beside it, and Public Works is hoping there is a casing there.

Councilmember Newcomer wondered whether there would be some responsibility taken by the railroad if any of that pipe needed to be replaced.

Diercks responded that the railroad would not have any responsibility in that scenario because it was the City's pipe. He added that the City's makes an annual payment to the railroad in order to have the pipe on railroad property.

City Administrator Weske clarified that they make a payment for every time the pipe crosses railroad property.

Mayor Miner noted that he did not think he had seen the type of map that Public Works Director Diercks was using in his presentation displayed before.

Diercks explained that he was taking the opportunity to share the City's new GIS software prepared in conjunction with WSB. All the City's infrastructure has been substantially entered, but there are still a few missing things in progress. He pointed out that the GIS software was intended to function as a living document and changes would continue to be made to it. He gave examples of how the software could be used by the City now and in the future.

City Clerk Moeller added that she had been utilizing the GIS software a lot for planning and zoning purposes and inquiries because you can use a ruler tool and get an idea of distances between structures and lot lines. She reflected that she would like the ability to add parcel-specific notes and felt that would be a useful function for both herself and Public Works Director Diercks.

Diercks added that he had met with WSB last week to discuss the possibility of having the ability to add notes within the program, which they were working on.

Councilmember Newcomer asked if the Fire Department would have access to the GIS data.

Diercks responded that they had been given information for hydrant locations, but wasn't sure what they did with it.

Weske explained that the Fire Department utilized different software for mapping.

Councilmember Newcomer noted that he was thinking of the possibility that they may be able to click on a building and get information about things like the responsible party, water shut-off locations, and alarm panel codes.

Weske noted that the Fire Department had not had access to this program for very long, so he wasn't sure what data was actually available.

Councilmember Dyvik referenced an area on the mapping that displayed a pipe running out into the lake and asked if the stormwater was coming from the other side of the tracks.

Diercks widened the map area to show that the stormwater was coming out of a holding pond. He also added that blue dots in the residential areas on the GIS mapping represent curb stop locations and are generic right now, but the plan is to specifically GPS every curb stop and every lot in town in order to have accurate coordinates for each curb stop.

Councilmember Dyvik asked what a curb stop was.

Diercks clarified that a curb stop was a service shut off that runs from the water service line inside the home.

Councilmember Kvale commented that she thought there were questions about some I & I or water loss in District 1.

Diercks confirmed that identifying those issues was what they were working on with this agenda item.

Councilmember Dyvik asked if Public Works Director Diercks had seen any surprise information when he obtained access to the GIS data.

Diercks responded that there had not really been any surprises; however, he did experience some when meeting with the Department of Health on the City's wellhead protection 10-year extension. He highlighted an area where the County apparently had a well that was previously used to augment the lake, which was sealed in 1991.

Councilmember Dyvik noted that he had seen pictures that showed an aquifer in that area.

Diercks acknowledged that could be part of the prior system and noted that the Department of Health had told him that at one time, there were 13 of them on Lake Minnetonka. They also shared with him that they were having an issue finding history on the initial Well #1 that was drilled in 1940.

Mayor Miner asked if the Orono residents who were served by Long Lake services were also depicted within the GIS mapping.

Diercks believed that they were included on the mapping. He returned the discussion to the request for the cleaning and televising project for Sanitary Sewer District 1 and mentioned that they would like to do the televising of the Lindawood Lane area sometime within the next 10 days, well in advance of the

road improvement project. He expected the rest of the televising work for District 1 would probably be completed in June.

Councilmember Kvale asked about the amount of loss from District 1.

Diercks replied that he did not know the amount because a lot of it was gravity based, and he could not capture that number. Once televising is completed, the video would be reviewed to prepare a rehabilitation plan for the entire district which would be brought back to the Council for approval.

Council members briefly touched on having the GIS data available for the public to access.

Councilmember Newcomer recalled that there was some discussion about metering flows and asked if that had come to fruition.

Diercks indicated that if the City did meter District 1, it would have to be done in the last manhole before it went into the Metropolitan Council lift station.

Moeller commented that many cities use this GIS mapping as an internal tool, and it was not necessarily common to have it available as a public portal.

Diercks noted that he thought they may be able to develop something so it would be 'read only' for possible public use.

Moeller suggested that staff add as much property information as possible for confidence that the GIS data would be up to date prior to making a public portal available.

Diercks reported that two bids were received for the 2025 sanitary sewer project that were within about \$1,200 of each other. The low bidder has had a hard time responding to staff calls with questions, which was why he was recommending going with the other bidder. He added that the City had used both companies before.

Councilmember Kvale asked if the City had already budgeted for this expense.

Diercks confirmed that the City had budgeted \$25,000 for jetting and televising, so there would be about a \$7,000 deficit for that line item, but he felt that Public Works would be able to make that up through their overall budget.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Newcomer, to award the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project for Sanitary Sewer District 1 to Pipe Services Corporation of Shakopee, MN at an anticipated cost of \$31,979.48. Ayes: all.

Diercks also advised Council that the water tower is scheduled to be washed in May. Additionally, upgrades for Well #2 are 99% complete, but a new flow meter is still pending.

Moeller asked if the Council wanted to take a look at any other information in the GIS map while she still had it open. She gave examples of how the search and ruler functions worked within the GIS software.

Updates Regarding Fire Services Discussions

Mayor Miner indicated that the City was continuing to have really good discussions with representatives from Orono. He felt they were making good progress and shared that he believed both cities were hopeful that an action item would be able to be addressed at their next Council meetings in mid-April.

Councilmember Dyvik reflected that it had been a long road, but he agreed that the two sides were close and there remain just a few details to work out amongst the negotiating committee before they brought an action item back to their full Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bonding Bill Request - Mayor Miner reported that he had been contacted by Representative Myers last week regarding presenting the City's bonding bill request to the state legislature. He indicated that there would be a committee hearing meeting on Thursday, which he and Administrator Weske planned to attend along with a consultant from WSB in order to be available to provide some brief testimony. He noted that Senator Ann Johnson Stewart had also signed something in support of their request. Councilmember Newcomer asked if he could tag along to the committee hearing to learn more about the process. Mayor Miner confirmed that should not be an issue as long as there wasn't a quorum, and he didn't think anyone else planned to attend.

Bill Preempting Local Zoning Authority - Councilmember Kvale noted that Orono had adopted a resolution consistent with the League of Minnesota Cities' position on proposed legislation related to taking away local zoning controls and asked whether the City was considering doing anything similar. Mayor Miner indicated that he had been pretty active in communicating on this issue without a resolution from the City and spoken with Representative Myers and Senator Johnson Stewart. They both are aware that every city they represent is opposed to that legislation. The feedback he had received from Senator Johnson Stewart was that, at this point, it did not look like that legislation was going to be successful. Moeller recalled that in the past, there had been a resolution passed by the Council in response to similar pending legislation and mentioned that if the Council would like her to put that back on an upcoming agenda, she could bring back an updated resolution reflective of the current bills. Council and staff discussed the many areas of concern that they felt would be damaging if the proposed legislation was passed.

LMCC Liaison Report - Councilmember Kvale reported that the Executive Committee for the LMCC recently met and had approved a franchise agreement with Midco. She shared that Long Lake was on the first list for a buildout for fiber services.

Food Trucks at 1905 Wayzata Boulevard W Property - Moeller informed Council that she had begun doing a bit of advertising for the 1905 Wayzata Boulevard W property as a potential site for food truck reservations and noted that within two days of doing so, she had a 21-day reservation booked. The individual who booked it also expressed an interest in working with the City on small improvements that could be made to make the property more enticing from an operational standpoint for food trucks, for example, putting in an electric service. She stated that the booking would begin sometime in June. Councilmember Dyvik commented that he thought it would be a good idea for the City to consider putting in electric service to the site. Weske noted that it may be possible to use some EDA funds to pay for putting in some electrical service.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske

City Administrator