



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 7, 2025**

City Clerk Moeller administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Mayor Miner and Council Feldmann. After a round of applause from the audience, Mayor Miner called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

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

- A. The Oath of Office was administered by the City Clerk to City Council member Todd Newcomer. Once sworn in, following a round of applause, Council member Newcomer took his seat and the meeting began.

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

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner expressed his appreciation to the Long Lake Fire Department for their efforts in fighting a barn fire in Medina on Saturday morning. He shared that the City's thoughts are with the Long Lake Fire Department's Captain John Paszkiewicz and his wife DJ as their nine-year-old son, Weston, was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is currently undergoing treatment. The Long Lake Fire Department and the entire Long Lake community are standing behind Captain Paszkiewicz and Weston. Mayor Miner explained that there are a lot of ways that people can help the family and encouraged them to access social media sites for more information such as the City of Long Lake or the Long Lake Fire Department's Facebook pages.

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 December 17, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of December 17, 2024, City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 Approving a Wage Step Increase for Public Works Maintenance Worker I Matt Fahrman Due to Having a Satisfactory Performance Review

- E. Authorize the City Administrator to Hire Part-Time, Seasonal Employees to Staff Holbrook Park Facilities for the 2025 Winter Skating Season

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Miner, 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

Presentation of Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners

Mayor Miner reported that the City's annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest had been started by former Mayor Schneider and currently had two categories, Clark Griswold and Nostalgic. He voiced his gratitude to the judges for this year's competition, Anita Secord, Erika Leachman, and Grayson Hittle. In the Clark Griswold category the winners were: 4th place – Todd Dulin, 1984 Kennedy Lane; 3rd place – Carri Roggow, 323 Greenhill Lane; 2nd place – Bret Ostvolden, 266 Dupont Street; and 1st place – Roger Adams, 1130 Underhill Circle. In the Nostalgic category the winner was: Mike Ellis, 1860 Watertown Road. He also extended his appreciation to area businesses for sponsoring this year's contest and donating prizes, including Birch's on the Lake, Bucks Pub, Carbone's Pizzeria, the Red Rooster, Gopher Ace, Lakeside Wine & Spirits, and the Liquor Barn.

2025 City Appointments

Moeller provided an overview of the existing committees and liaison positions that were in need of appointment by the Council and highlighted a few of the new appointments that were added for 2025.

The Council discussed the various appointments and who may be interested in serving in each of the positions available.

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Dyvik, to adopt the City of Long Lake 2025 Appointments Worksheet including the following appointments:

- *Mayor Pro-Tempore: Council member Dyvik*
- *Fire Contract Negotiations Committee: Council member Dyvik and Mayor Miner*
- *Fire Advisory Board: Council members Dyvik and Newcomer, with Mayor Miner as alternate*
- *Fire District Discussions Committee: Council member Newcomer and Mayor Miner*
- *Fire Relief Board of Trustees: Council member Feldmann and City Administrator Weske*
- *Utility Agreements Subcommittee: Council member Kvale and Mayor Miner*
- *Human Resources Subcommittee: Council members Feldmann and Newcomer, and staff members Finance Director Nowezki and City Administrator Weske*
- *Park Board Liaison: Council member Kvale*
- *Planning Commission Liaison: Council member Feldmann*
- *Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Council member Kvale*
- *Long Lake Waters Association Liaison: Council member Newcomer*
- *Long Lake Garden Club Liaison: Council member Kvale*

- *Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission: Council member Kvale*
- *Highway 12 Safety Coalition: Council member Newcomer*
- *Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition Liaison: Mayor Miner*
- *Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities: Mayor Miner, with Council member Dyvik as alternate*

Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Comments From Newly Elected Council Member - Council member Newcomer expressed his appreciation to the Long Lake community for voting for him, and to City staff and the Council for welcoming to his new position.

Awareness of Dispatching Issue - Council member Feldmann reported that related to Highway 12 safety, there had been some confusion with a recent Police call about certain roads that the state was covering and how calls were being dispatched. He noted that he had already discussed this with Mayor Miner and suggested that he follow up on the issue because of the confusion.

Comments From Mayor Miner - Mayor Miner thanked his family for coming to tonight's meeting to witness him being sworn in for his fourth term as Mayor. He also thanked staff for installing the new digital clock he'd requested with large numbers that can easily be seen from the dais. He noted that the ice at the Holbrook Park rink was looking pretty good last week and he was looking forward to getting the attendant position for the rink and warming house posted.

Meeting with Metropolitan Council Representatives - Moeller reminded the Council that a quorum notice had been posted to allow City Council member to attend a meeting on Friday, January 10 at 9:00 am at the Fire Station with representatives from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services regarding the City's wastewater treatment charges. She indicated that Public Works Director Diercks, City Engineer Oliver, and City Administrator Weske were planning to attend the meeting.

City Clerk Updates – Moeller informed the Council that she and Finance Director Nowezki will be testing out a check scanner to enable desktop remote deposit with a goal to improve efficiency for regular deposit of utility payments. She also advised that she and Finance Director Nowezki had previously begun work on a new employee handbook last year, but the project had been set aside as Primary and General election activity had picked up. She hopes to return to work on a rough draft to turn over for review in first quarter of the new year.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator