



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske

Absent: Council: Gina Joyce

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner thanked Council member Dyvik for sitting in as Mayor Pro-Tempore at the last meeting when he had been unable to attend.

He indicated that the Council had met in a work session prior to the regular meeting at which they had discussed preliminary 2025 budget and levy information.

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 August 20, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-40 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2024-07 for the Birch's on the Lake Fun Run 5K and 10K to be held September 22, 2024
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-41 Approving a Wage Step Increase for Public Works Maintenance Worker Noah Mackey from Step 1 to Step 2 of the Salary Pay Plan

Mayor Miner encouraged residents to participate in the fun run 5K and 10K sponsored by Birch's on the Lake on September 22, 2024.

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Bryan Miller, 295 Lakeview Avenue – Mr. Miller mentioned that he has a friend who works for MnDOT who comments on the slow 30 mph speed limit on Wayzata Boulevard W every time he comes to town. He stated that he understands concerns regarding safety, but would like the City to considering making

a change so it the speed limit isn't quite so slow in that stretch of roadway. He noted that he believed the County had been planning to make the speed limit 40 mph but the City had advocated to make it 30 mph instead. He suggested a compromise and changing the speed limit to 35 mph. He also commented on the condition of the Lakeview Avenue and Central Avenue area, because it had severely deteriorated this year and now has huge holes. He asked if there may be an option to make some short-term improvements to the road areas by putting down oil and small stones. He added that there are portions that look like a shattered windshield of a car because they have a lot of broken pieces.

Mayor Miner shared that the Council had discussed the City's roads during their work session and would be having more of an in depth conversation at upcoming meetings.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve City Council Meeting Schedule Changes, Establish Long Lake Canvassing Board Meeting

City Administrator Weske gave a brief overview of the proposed schedule changes for upcoming City Council meetings, and reported on the need to establish a Long Lake Canvassing Board meeting to canvass the City's local election results.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to amend the start time for the October 1, 2024 City Council meeting to begin at 5:30 pm. Ayes: all.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Dyvik, to schedule a meeting of the Long Lake Canvassing Board for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 beginning at 6:15 pm; and to reschedule the Tuesday, November 5 and Tuesday November 19, 2024 City Council meetings to be held on Tuesday, November 12 and Tuesday, November 26 beginning at 6:30 pm. Ayes: all.

Updates Regarding Fire Department Matters

Mayor Miner stated that he had watched the last Council meeting since he hadn't been in attendance and felt that Council member Dyvik had given a really good presentation under the Fire Department Matters agenda item that had addressed much of the misinformation that the Orono Mayor continues to put out on social media and at other events. He indicated that his understanding is that an amicus brief was refiled by a group of former Orono Mayors and would become part of the appeal process for the order of contempt case. He commented that Long Lake appreciated the support of the former Orono Mayors in this matter, and reported that there would be depositions coming up later this month and early next month for both cities.

Council member Kvale asked if the depositions had been noticed and the parties identified.

Mayor Miner replied that they were not to that stage yet.

Council member Dyvik recalled that at the Fire Advisory Board meeting, the Orono representatives had indicated they would participate in the purchase of the new utility rescue vehicle that the Department is expecting to receive in early 2025 if they knew that Long Lake would buy it outright at the end of the contract. He stated that his understanding is that this would be part of the agenda when the Council was working on budgeting.

Weske responded that it would be ideal to discuss it and Council can give staff direction when everyone has an understanding of what the General Fund looks like at the time the preliminary levy is set.

Council member Dyvik shared that he had personally felt comfortable saying that Long Lake would buy them out at the end of the contract because the Fire Department needs that vehicle.

Weske added that Chief Heiland had given him some information to share with the Council. He read aloud the statistics provided by Chief Heiland which reported that the Department had received 320 calls so far this year compared to 345 at the same time last year; the Department currently had 40 members with interviews scheduled for two new applicants; the five new hires were at varying stages of training; the Department will be hosting a fire apparatus operating class at Station 1 through Hennepin County Technical College; they are working on switching the software system used for call reporting; working on getting Station 1 up and running better including tuning up, repairing, or replacing their mechanicals; air exchangers at both buildings have been tested; and 10 tires were replaced on Tanker 11.

OTHER BUSINESS

Speed Limit Request – Council member Dyvik pointed out that the City doesn't normally respond to Open Correspondence, but he would like to respond to the comments made by Mr. Miller and respectfully disagree with him regarding the speed limit issue that he had raised. He reflected that the reduced speed limit had been a very important part of the turnback project to him, and recalled that there are plenty of County roads that traverse through small towns where the speed limit drops down to 30 mph. He explained that the City has been trying to make the downtown area more pedestrian friendly, which is why having the speed limit at 30 mph for the half-mile stretch was important to him.

Upcoming Events - Mayor Miner shared that the Zvago Grand Opening will be on September 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm and a quorum notice was being posted by staff so the Council could attend. He expressed his appreciation to Public Works for replacing the holiday tree at Holbrook Park. He noted that James J. Hill Days would be this coming weekend in Wayzata, and the following weekend would be their annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast and encouraged residents to support events like these in nearby communities.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator