

**Lake City Common Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2011
Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
City Hall**

Members Present: Mayor Jerry M. Dunbar, Andru Peters, Mary Lou Waltman
Joel Beckman, Matt Powers, Phil Gartner, Mark Spence

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Ron Johnson, Public Works Director Scott Jensen,
City Clerk Kari Schreck,

Mayor Dunbar called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of city hall with a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dunbar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Disclose Conflicts and Relationships

Peters noted that he had involvement with items 1a and 2c on the agenda, but no conflicts.

Review and Adopt Agenda

Motion Powers, seconded Waltman to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes 7-0-0.

Employee Service Recognition - Officer James Witts, 10 years

Traffic Safety Award presentation by Brad Kollman, Safe & Sober Law Enforcement Liaison

The City of Lake City Police Department has been nominated and has received recognition since 2003. Officer Matt Klees is in charge of Lake City's Safe and Sober campaign and accepted the certificate on behalf of the department.

Hiawatha Broadband Presentation

Gary Evans provided an update on the intentions to provide high speed internet (fiber to homes) telephone, and cable television services to Lake City with an anticipated completion in 2012.

Public Forum

Mayor Dunbar noted that there will be no comments taken regarding Library issues. Any citizen with specific complaints can fill out a complaint form if they so choose.

No one from the public spoke.

Flood plain update

City staff monitors the river levels daily. Utilities have been shut off to some areas of Central Point Road.

New Business:

Adopt Resolution No. 11-019 authorizing City streets to be marked as bike routes through funding made available through the MN Statewide Health Improvement Program.

In early March, a workshop was held by the Wabasha County Public Health Department in Lake City on the topic of healthy communities. Since then, a small group of volunteers and staff have met to discuss the utilization of funding through Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) to promote community health, including Deirdre Flesche, Jim Schreck, Gene Durand, Frank Lupton, Wabasha Co. SHIP Coordinator Laurie Hodgson, City Councilmember Andru Peters, and City Staff Scott Jensen, Bruce Wallerich, and Megan Wenker. Discussion has primarily centered upon marking bike routes where feasible and practical. Where bike lanes or trails do not currently exist, the goal is to mark the roadway with "Share the Road" signs, which are intended to make the road more appealing to bicyclists, and to make motorists conscious that roadways are shared spaces. SHIP funds can be used to purchase a variety of signs, bike racks, and road paint to identify a bicycle route from the Lake City Sportsman's Club through downtown Lake City, and also from Wabasha County Road #5 to Highway 63, by way of Clubhouse Drive and Green Parkway. Streets and Parks Commission, Planning Commission and Public Safety Board have all reviewed the proposal. Deidre Flesche stated that the grant funds were approximately \$25,000 and that this was not a matching grant.

Motion Gartner, seconded Spence to adopt Resolution No. 11-019 authorizing select City streets to be marked as bike routes though funding made available through the MN Statewide Health Improvement Program. All ayes 7-0-0.

Update on Ordinance No. 500, an Ordinance amending the City's shoreland regulations

Staff redrafted the shoreland ordinance to incorporate some of the feedback received from the Council workshop, as well as from meetings with property owners. An open house meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room to take any additional questions of the public prior to setting a public hearing schedule.

Lake Pepin neighborhood access points update

City staff still is working on a securing a meeting date with MNDOT. Staff wants MnDOT to schedule a visit to the specific locations. Once that has taken place, a plan can be put together. Currently, some of the locations are under water. No action taken at this time.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve expense claims
- b. Approve March 28, 2011 Council meeting minutes
- c. Adopt Resolution 11-015 accepting the donation of \$1,000 from the Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Trust and amending the 2011 Ambulance Budget
- d. Adopt Resolution 11-016 accepting the donation of \$82.27 from Deirdre Flesche to be used for Chart the Course Signage
- e. Adopt Resolution 11-017 accepting the grant from A.J & Sigismunda Pallumbo Charitable trust for \$5000.00 for the Library summer reading program

- f. Adopt Resolution 11-018 accepting the donation from Pass It On for \$1500.00 for the Library summer reading program.
- g. Approve hiring Lindsay Johnson as volunteer EMT
- h. Approve termination of Zachariah Ellefson as volunteer EMT
- i. Approve the hiring of Hok-Si-La part-time staff for the 2011 season
- j. Approve a 3 year uniform service contract with G&K services
- k. Approve parade permit for Lake City Chamber of Commerce Water Ski Days event 06-24-11 through 06-26-11
- l. Approve carnival application for Lake City Chamber of Commerce Water Ski Days event 06-24-11 through 06-26-11
- m. Approve a 1-4 day temporary 3.2 on sale liquor license for Lake City Chamber of Commerce Water Ski Days event 06-24-11 through 06-26-11
- n. Recommend members for re-appointments to District Court for city's Charter Commission
- o. Recommend Paul Myer to District Court for city's Charter Commission
- p. Approve fee waiver for use of city hall meeting room by Step Forward organization.

Motion Beckman, seconded Spence to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes 7-0-0.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Mayor Dunbar reported Police Chief Lyle Schumann is retiring on May 31, 2011. Sargent Gary Majchrzak has been appointed chief by the Civil Service Commission.

Congratulations to Nate Martin, student at Bluffview Elementary, as he has placed in the top 20 in the state wide DARE poster contest.

Gartner proposed a policy regarding animals in city buildings. He suggested a policy which he has drafted and with council consensus, would forward to City Attorney England for review.

After discussion, it was agreed that Gartner would forward the drafted policy document to England for review.

Gartner requested an update to the council on 2011 street projects from Public Works Director Jensen.

Gartner expressed concern over the compost site being unmanned. He stated that with money in the 2011 budget for the position, that position should be filled. Public Works Director Jensen said that he will review.

Spence requested an update from Jensen on the donated money designated for the Underwood Park playground equipment. Jensen will review, and update council on what equipment may be ordered.

Informational

As presented

Future Meeting Dates

As presented

Adjourn

Motion Powers, second Waltman to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All ayes 7-0-0.

Jerry M. Dunbar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kari Schreck, City Clerk