

**Lake City Common Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 10, 2011  
Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Ron Johnson, City Clerk Kari Schreck, Planning & Community Director Rob Keehn, Public Works Director Scott Jensen, City Attorney Karen England

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

City Attorney England stated that she is on the Lake City School Board and did not draft the agreement in agenda item 1A Approve School Resource Officer agreement with ISD #813 for 2012 & 2013.

Review and Adopt Agenda

Dunbar added Resolution 11-058 set date for 7th Street assessment to the agenda.

September 26, 2011 minutes are corrected to add Karen England who was in attendance.

Gartner requested the item 3h Approve Ambulance Commission recommendation to not contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama be pulled for discussion.

Mayor Dunbar stated that the last agenda item to close meeting to discuss labor negotiations strategy will be moved to the November 24, 2011 meeting.

**Motion Gartner, seconded Spence to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes 7-0-0.**

**Recognition of Ed Borner- Electric employee of the City of Lake City for 15 years of service.**

**Recognition of Tim Dick- Water/Wastewater employee- 10 years of service a corrected year from what was previously stated at an earlier meeting.**

**Recognition of Travis Wettren- Electric employee- 5 years of service.**

### Public Forum

Tom Keute addressed council with his concerns regarding the assessment process when assessing back to property owners specifically city street projects. Everyone uses all city streets; therefore all residents should pay for improvements.

### New Business

#### Approve School Resource Officer Contract for 2012 and 2013

The School Resource Officer Program has had 8 successive years of implementation with ISD#813. It is a highly-valued program which has been jointly sponsored by the City of Lake City and ISD#813. The Program allows a full-time licensed police officer to work with school staff and students to the benefit of the community overall. The School Resource Officer Contract is set for renewal January 1, 2012. The City's portion of the program contribution (62.5%) is included in the proposed 2012 budget.

**Motion Spence seconded Peters to approve the School Resource Officer Contract between the City of Lake City and the Independent School District 813 from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. All ayes 7-0-0.**

#### Authorize submittal of letter regarding redistricting

City Administrator Johnson received correspondence from the Coalition of Greater MN Cities notifying that the redistricting map adopted by the Legislature, but vetoed by Governor Dayton, split Lake City into two different Senate and House districts.

**Motion Gartner, seconded Powers, the council approves submittal of a letter to the MN Special Redistricting Panel requesting placement of the city of Lake City into a single Senate district and House district, and that preference be given (although not essential) to be included in the same district as the city of Red Wing. All ayes 7-0-0.**

#### Adopt Resolution 11-058 establishing hearing on proposed assessment amending Resolution 11-053 by changing the date of the hearing.

**Motion Gartner, seconded Spence to Adopt Resolution 11-058 Resolution establishing hearing on proposed assessment amending Resolution 11-053 by changing the date of the hearing to November 14. All ayes 7-0-0.**

### Unfinished Business:

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

No update received at this time

#### Update on Board and Commission duties

Council would like to see a copy of all board and commission duties at the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting along with a red-lined copy, and the proposed new duties, if any. England stated that she will get something to council for review by the first part of November.

#### Gilbert Creek Bridge and Hok-Si-La Trail update

Gartner requests that the blacktop be left, and not designate it as a bike trail. Council directed Jensen to go back to MnDOT and see if the blacktop can be left as is. No action taken at this time.

Conduct first reading of ordinance granting a cable television franchise to Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc. (HBC)

**Motion Gartner, to conduct first reading of ordinance granting a franchise to Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc. to construct and maintain a cable television system in the city of Lake City; setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of the franchise; providing for regulation and use of the system; and prescribing penalties for the violation of its provisions.**

Summary Ordinance 505 was read aloud by City Clerk Schreck.

Brian Grogan, Moss & Barnett, was present to provide information and answer questions related to the proposed franchise agreement.

Pirates Landing code enforcement update

The City Attorney has a meeting with Rob Keehn to go over the engineers report to review if any of the required work has been done per the report prior to pursuing the judge for a decision. CMS will review the report and as the city's building inspectors, see if all requirements have been met. Council wants to know the responsible party and the specific safety concerns. Keehn states that the wall is not compliant with the current zoning code creating a nuisance.

3h. from the consent agenda Approve Ambulance Commission recommendation to not contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

The City of Lake City Ambulance Department/Commission is seeking City Council approval to not pursue a contract with BCBS of AL. By contracting with BCBS we would be paid at a contract rate that could be at, or near, 50% of what we currently bill. We could not just contract just for Federal Mogul; it would be for all BCBS members. Significant research with several area ambulance services has demonstrated that this would result in substantial revenue loss by doing so, as Ambulance Director Riemersma presented to council. Winona, Plainview, Zumbrota, Wabasha, Red Wing do not contract with Blue Cross / Blue Shield. The city tax payers have to pick up the costs that the insurance companies do not pay.

**Motion Beckman, seconded Powers to approve the recommendation of the Ambulance Commission to not pursue contracting with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama (BCBS of AL) until such time as further information is presented to council and direct Ambulance Director Riemersma to send Federal Mogul a letter of notification. All ayes 7-0-0.**

Update on 2012-2013 mill & overlay projects

Per Council consensus at the 9-12-11 regular meeting, staff and Yaggy Colby Associates are proceeding with plans and specifications for the 2012 project to include mill & overlay of various streets south of Lyon Avenue. The Capital Improvement Plan, using the figure of \$1.25 million for 2012, and also \$1.25 million for 2013, was addressed at the October 10, 2011 Capital Finance Committee meeting as well as financing of. Mike Bubany will be at the October 24, 2011 regular meeting to discuss funding options.

Cities Facilities Update

Work by TRImension Design as well as R.A. Morton is continuing. Updates to council will be provided to council as soon as they are received.

Accept quote from Whitewater Wireless, Inc. for 800MHz radios and related equipment for Public Works

Public Works Director Jensen met with City Attorney England to discuss the process used for acquiring the quotes and the reasoning for recommending the higher quote. The legal opinion was presented to council. Wabasha County is soon to make the switch to the 800MHz radio system while Goodhue County has already done so. Public Works plans to purchase 8 portable radios that are 800 MHz capable and will move its repeater to the wastewater facility to allow for backup power in the event of a power outage. As required, existing radios will be converted to narrow band and will allow limited communication within the 800MHz system. Although the Whitewater Wireless quote is nearly \$4,000 more than the Hilltop Communications quote, acceptance of the Whitewater Wireless quote is recommended as all other area agencies are consistently purchasing Motorola equipment. This will allow interchangeability of equipment, chargers and other accessories as well as consistent radio set up and programming, which will be performed by Wabasha County only. Whitewater Wireless (Motorola equipment): Radios and chargers - \$16,319.81, move repeater and related equipment - \$13,561.96. Total - \$29,881.77.

**Motion Waltman, seconded Spence to accept quote from Whitewater Wireless, Inc. for 800 MHz radios and related equipment for Public Works. All ayes 7-0-0.**

Market Value Homestead Credit vs. Market Value Homestead Exclusion presentation by Councilmember Joel Beckman

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve expense claims
- b. Approve Sept 26, 2011 Council regular meeting minutes
- c. Hire Brenda Bacon as a substitute library aide
- d. Hire Patti Bross as a substitute library aide
- e. Adopt Resolution 11-055 accepting \$77 from the Gardenaire Club and \$200 and a tree from Beatrice Hartke and amending 2011 Streets and Park Access budgets
- f. Approve hiring of Christopher Olsen as Casual Paramedic
- g. Approve hiring of Vikie Stordahl as Volunteer EMT
- h. ~~Approve Ambulance Commission recommendation to not contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama~~

**Motion Spence, seconded Powers to accept the consent agenda as presented. All ayes 7-0-0.**

Miscellaneous Discussion

Thank you to all who participated in Johnny Appleseed Day event.

The Administrator review is set for November 28, 2011 retreat meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. Following the review, the council will review the 2011 goals, and begin 2012 goals.

Public Works director Jensen received notification from MnDOT that the mill and overlay of HWY 63 will not begin until the spring of 2012. It was originally scheduled for 2011.

Spence reported that Cannon Falls is demolishing their library and building a new facility for approximately \$1.4 million dollars. The building is 7200 square feet. The City's portion was \$364,000.00; the remainder was done through fund raising.

Powers requested an update on the Jewel Substation for the next meeting.

Informational Reports:

As presented.

Future Meeting Dates:

As presented.

Adjourn

**Motion Powers, seconded Spence to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. All ayes 7-0-0.**

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Jerry M. Dunbar, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Schreck, City Clerk