

CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH
16455 20TH STREET SOUTH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 20, 2019

6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McCarthy, JP Armstrong, Pete Ludwig, Noah Bluesky and Dawn Bulera

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Dave Engstrom, Kathy Laur, City Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, Attorney Kevin Sandstrom, City Engineer John Parotti

STAFF ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Erica Hoagland

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVE AGENDA**

A. Approved Minutes of the City Council Meeting on April 15, 2019.

Mayor McCarthy made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Pete Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor McCarthy made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Pete Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

5. **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cindie Reiter, 16560 17th St. South – Ms. Reiter issued a complaint about the winter snow plowing and how slow it was this past winter. She requested the council review the policy on snowplowing. She also suggested that the city logo on a personal vehicle should be void of campaign materials.

Paul Nelson 16656 21st St. South – Mr. Nelson complained about the street sweeping done in the city. He's a former employee of McPhillips, who used to sweep the city streets. Additionally, he complained that the snow plowing was lousy too.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)

Cindie Reiter, 16560 17th St. South – Ms. Reiter informed the council that a “good review” of the proposed housing maintenance ordinance needs to be done. Ms. Reiter also expressed her concern over the time being spent on the Deputy City Clerk regarding the Veterans Memorial Park. She also asked where and when the meetings are held.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- A. Law Enforcement – 23 calls in April were made to LSCB
- B. Emergency Response and Fire – 6 calls were made to LSCB
- C. Animal Control – two dogs were lost, none were found

8. EMERALD ASH BORER – Presentation

Jonathan Osthus Research Scientist – Mr. Osthus gave a presentation on the wood borne beetle identified in 2002 in wood packing material from China. EAB is in 35 states and Canada. It was first found in St. Paul. The beetles will be active in a couple of weeks and will be around until August. The beetle strangles the tree. Symptoms occur around year three. First signs of EAB is woodpecker holes near the top of the canopy of the tree. Year four the canopy will be impacted. 18 counties in MN are infected. May to September is the best time to not cut Ash trees.

9. CITY HALL GARDEN DESIGN – Erica Hoagland

Ms. Hoagland lives at 1721 Ramada Ave. South and is a member and secretary of the EAC. She presented a proposal of plantings for the landscape around City Hall. The proposal will cost approximately \$1500. The plants will be hardy. Most of the plantings are deer and rabbit resistant. The price includes mulch. The goal to have it planted will be in June.

Councilmember Bulera made a motion to approve the purchase of plants and mulch around City Hall, seconded by Councilmember Bluesky. Motion passed 5-0.

10. SURPRISE VISIT FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

- a. The river is receding.
- b. Teens have been caught drinking down by the river.
- c. Call the sheriff’s department when people are parked on the street.
- d. Break-ins this winter have been caught.

11. CITY STAFF REPORTS

- Deputy City Treasurer, Tom Niedzwiecki
 - a. April Financial Report and Approval of Claims

Councilmember Armstrong made a motion to approve check numbers 2002 and 17984 and 18363 to 18396. Direct deposits/auto pays 201905001 to 201905028 for a total of \$61,027.49, seconded by Councilmember Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

- Lease Agreement – The Gator will be paid for in total by the City. Interest rates are at 6.6%. US Bank won’t make a loan for anything less than \$50,000.

- City Engineer Parotti – Will apply for a grading permit and surveyors will come out to Riverfront Park to survey the park for the installation of playground equipment.
 - a. 2018 Street Improvement Project – The City Hall parking lot is paved. Disturbed areas have been seeded. Any damage that was done will be repaired by the construction company. There will be no additional cost to the city.
 - b. The south end of Quebec Ave. South, where additional ditching was done, is completed now. A paver driveway will need to be put back together and some work around drainage structures needs to be tidied up yet.

The question was asked, when will Quinlan be fixed? The answer to that question is from 21st to 13th is scheduled for an overlay in 2023.

- City Attorney Sandstrom –Housing Maintenance Ordinance
Nothing to report
- City Clerk – Engstrom
 - a. Update on Housing Maintenance Ordinance – The city attorney is working on it and will have it back to the city in the next couple of days. The Planning Commission will have the proposed ordinance at their June 5 meeting for a public hearing. The notice will be published on the 22nd in the Stillwater Gazette.
 - b. Flood follow up meeting with FEMA – City Staff, Mayor and Engineer met with FEMA last Thursday, May 16, to go over the city’s flood expenses. They will meet again in a month or two with FEMA. The City doesn’t know what expenses will be approved and what will not. Expenses for LSCB exceeded \$300,000.
 - c. Payment for Flood Work – Floodplain Advisory Commission Recommendation - The group went over all of the flood expenses. They made a motion to pay \$25 an hour to Mayor Tom McCarthy for the 39 hours he spent on flood preparation. Once the open flood meeting is closed a motion will be made at that time whether to reimburse the mayor for his time.
- Deputy Clerk – Laur
 - a. Clean-up Day Report – The total number of residents from LSCB participating in Clean-up Day was 45. Total receipts for all three participating cities (Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, LSCB) was \$3,650. Clean-up day went very well. It was recommended that the city partner with Lakeland every year as long as they are willing to have us. Participating in this event cost LSCB \$1,708.11 this year. In 2018, Clean-up Day cost LSCB over \$8,000 for two separate days.
 - b. Parks Commission Recommendations – Several recommendations were made to the City Council from the Parks Commission.
 - i. Food trucks/carts was tabled for now.
 - ii. Boat Permits

A motion was made by Mayor McCarthy to accept the recommendations made by the Parks Commission to approve all of the boat permits as presented with the exception of 22B and 39E, seconded by Councilmember Bluesky. Motion passed 5-0.

- iii. Boat permit applicants that are non-compliant

A motion was made by Councilmember Bluesky to suspend boat permits 22B until proper certification is submitted, seconded by Councilmember Armstrong. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bluesky to suspend boat permits 39E until proper certification is submitted, seconded by Councilmember Armstrong. Motion passed 5-0.

- iv. Boat permit deferment request

A motion was made by Mayor McCarthy to approve the 2019 deferment request for permit holder 41E, seconded by Councilmember Bluesky. Motion passed 5-0.

- v. Power boat and dock waitlist

A motion was made by Mayor McCarthy to approve the power boat and dock waitlist with the removal of 25B, seconded by Councilmember Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

- vi. Two new “No Watercraft” signs

A motion was made by Mayor McCarthy to approve the request to purchase two new metal signs for Shoreland Park that state No Watercraft; one that was damaged by the flooding and the second one due to age, seconded by Councilmember Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

- vii. New grill at Riverfront Park

A motion was made by Councilmember Ludwig to approve the purchase of a barbeque grill and post not to exceed \$300, seconded by Councilmember Bluesky. Motion passed 5-0.

- c. Playground Equipment Installation – the installation date for the equipment will be June 24. Originally the city was going to have STS prep the site for installation, but the job is too big. Tri-County gave the city a bid for \$1,600 to excavate the site.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bluesky to approve the grading of Riverfront Park in the amount of \$1,600 from Tri-County, seconded by Mayor McCarthy. Motion passed 5-0.

- d. Vets Memorial – Updates on the memorial include 50 new bricks have been ordered. The Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee began meeting again in April. Their goals for this year include additional cement to the walkway, a fence and drinking fountain.

- Building Permit – One new house is going up. The permit was applied for at the end of last year.

12. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

Councilmember Armstrong – Nothing to report

Councilmember Ludwig – Nothing to report

Councilmember Bluesky – Planning Commission talked a bit about the ongoing stuff with the proposed housing maintenance ordinance. Temporary structures will be removed. June 5, will be the public hearing on the ordinance.

Councilmember Bulera – Children’s tattoo purchase for Afton/Lakeland Carnival totals \$112.29

A motion was made by Councilmember Bluesky to pay the \$112.29 for children’s tattoos, seconded by Councilmember Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

Having difficulty with movie night due to licensing fees. Will have to put that off for now.

Mayor McCarthy – The river’s still high. The beach opens this weekend. Trying to get the swim buoys out. Restrooms are ready. Beach Parking lot is cleaned up.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Armstrong made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, seconded by Councilmember Bluesky. Motion passed 5-0

The next regular City Council Meeting will be June 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Laur, Deputy City Clerk