

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Pearson and Councilmembers Julie Fliflet, Jill Lundgren and Christine Nelson. **ABSENT:** Councilmember Justin Bloyer.

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, City Planner Prechal, Public Works Director Weldon, Assistant City Administrator Foster, Finance Director Iverson, and City Clerk Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Motion passed 4 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
2. Accept Fire Department October 2018 Report
3. Accept Public Works October 2018 Report
4. Approve Special Assessment Policy Amendments – *Resolution 2018-130*
5. Appointments to Joint Airport Zoning Board
6. Approve Winter 2018 Newsletter
7. Approve 2018 Street Improvements – Payment Request No. 4.
8. Approve Old Village Ph4 Street & Utility Improvements – Pay Request No. 4.
9. Approve Development Security Reductions for Hammes 1st and 2nd Additions
10. Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for Village Preserve
11. Approve Massage Therapy License Renewal
12. Approve Liquor License Renewals
13. Approve 2018 Audit Contract

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 4 - 0.

ITEM 14: 2019 Streets – Improvement Hearing; Authorize Plans and Specifications

City Engineer Griffin presented proposed street improvements to be completed in 2019 and reviewed water system options.

Councilmember Lundgren, seconded by Mayor Pearson, moved TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Ray Stregge, 8808 36th Street N., commented on the 36th and 37th Street portions of the project and reviewed his written comments that were included in the meeting packet.

Gordon Johnson, 8804 37th Street N., commented on drainage and minimal use of the current road.

Geraldine Breheim, 8415 38th Street N., stated that funds from the 3M settlement should be used toward the proposed water main in the project.

Gary Wright, 8225 39th Street N., objected to the cost and design of the proposed road.

Ryan Schmidt, 8268 39th Street N., commented on the costs for connecting to city water and asked to leave the road as is.

Alfred Schmitt, 8173 39th Street N., commented on water coming from the 3M dump.

Richard Quinn, 8929 36th Street N., stated that the current road is adequate.

Dan Van Ampting, 8367 39th Street N., stated he prefers to keep his private well.

Zack Diesslin, 8030 38th Street N., commented on road material and stated that he prefers the existing rural road.

Taylor Smith, 8390 39th Street N., stated he does not see the cost benefit in the proposed project.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-131 ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2019 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO AMEND THE PRIMARY MOTION BY ADDING THAT NO WATER MAIN BE INCLUDED IN THE 38TH AND 39TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD AND A RURAL ROAD PLAN WOULD BE USED THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE CURB AND GUTTER WHEREVER POSSIBLE. Motion failed 2 – 2. (Pearson, Nelson – nay)

Primary motion failed 2 – 2. (Fliflet, Lundgren – nay)

ITEM 15: Redemption of Outstanding G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2009A

Tammy Omdahl of Northland Securities outlined the proposal to pay off the Series 2009A bonds.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-132 CALLING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009A. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ITEM 16: 2019 LMCIT Renewal

Dan Greensweig, League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, reported on the recent reduction of the City's liability insurance deductible.

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO APPROVE MAINTAINING THE CURRENT \$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE FOR THE CITY'S PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND AUTHORIZE ELECTION TO NOT WAIVE THE STATUTORY TORT LIMITS. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ITEM 17: Sidewalk Snow Removal

Public Works Director Weldon reviewed staff recommendations for sidewalk snow removal.

Councilmember Lundgren, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved to postpone item 17 to the next agenda for a full Council. Motion passed 3 – 1. (Nelson – nay)

ITEM 18: Parks Commission Ordinance

City Planner Prchal presented proposed updates to Chapter 32 of the City's Ordinances.

Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 32 AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 08-217. Motion passed 4 – 0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Pearson: Thanked departing Parks Commission Ellen Neuenfeldt for her service.

Councilmember Nelson: Met with residents regarding the 2019 Street Improvements and attended the Buckthorn Festival.

Councilmember Lundgren: Met with residents regarding various issues.

Councilmember Fliflet: Acknowledged Ellen Neuenfeldt for her volunteer efforts in the City.

**LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Handt: Reviewed significant progress made by the 3M work group.

City Clerk Johnson: Reported that Precinct 1 was chosen at random by Washington County for a hand recount of the ballots.

City Attorney Sonsalla: Working on temporary access for Boulder Ponds and the snow removal policy.

Sgt Osterman: Warned that scams are on the rise.

City Engineer Griffin: Working on Wyndam and Royal Golf Developments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Mike Pearson, Mayor

Julie Johnson, City Clerk