

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Charles Cadenhead and Councilmembers Katrina Beckstrom, Dale Dorschner, Jeff Holtz and Lisa McGinn.

Staff present: Administrator Handt, City Attorney Sonsalla, City Engineer Griffin, Planning Director Just, Fire Chief Kalis, Finance Director Magureanu and City Clerk Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 6, “Accept August 2021 Sheriff’s Department Report” was moved to the Regular Agenda.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember Dorschner, moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACCEPT MINUTES

Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INQUIRIES

Evan Carlson, IPS Solar, 2670 Patton Road, Roseville, MN, spoke about future development of community solar gardens in the area.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
3. Accept August 2021 Public Works Report
4. Accept August 2021 Fire Department Report
5. Accept August 2021 Building Department Report
6. ~~Accept August 2021 Sheriff’s Department Report~~
7. Authorize Application for Sunfish Lake Park Cross Country Trail Grooming Grant –
Resolution 2021-101

8. Approve Certification of Delinquent Accounts Code Ordinance – Storm Water
9. Approve Oakdale Sewer Service Agreement
10. Approve Step Increase for Utility Billing Clerk
11. Approve Hire of POC Firefighter
12. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Tamarack Farm Estates Street Improvements
13. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for the 38th-39th Street Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
14. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
15. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street and Utility Improvements
16. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Heritage Farms Street and Utility Improvements
17. Approve Release of Utility Warranty Security for Inwood 5th Addition
18. Accept Improvements, Approve Security Reductions, and Approve City Oversize Reimbursements for Four Corners 1st Addition
19. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Stonegate Addition Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2021-102*
20. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for 31st Street/Stillwater Blvd Watermain Extension – *Resolution 2021-103*

Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Beckstrom, moved TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5 - 0.

ITEM 6: August 2021 Sheriff's Department Report

Sergeant Erickson reported on recent law enforcement activity, noting a recent increase in burglary and vehicle thefts. Sgt. Erickson asked the public to remain vigilant, lock their homes and property, and report suspicious behavior. Deputy Tyler Freeman was introduced to the Council and Sgt. Erickson commented on neighborhood watch activities.

Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember Beckstrom, moved TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 2021 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 21: Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements

City Engineer Griffin presented the scope of work, project location, City assessment policy, and discussed a potential watermain to serve five properties on a private road in the project area.

Councilmember Dorschner, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-104; A RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND CALLING FOR THE HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR THE OLD VILLAGE PHASE 5 AND 6 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 22: 2022 Budget – General Fund and Tax Levy

Finance Director Magureanu presented an overview of the proposed 2022 budget and tax levy.

Councilmember Holtz, seconded by Councilmember McGinn, moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-105 APPROVING THE 2022 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET, 2022 PRELIMINARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE 2022 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH A REDUCTION TO THE STREETS BUDGET OF \$20,000 AND ALLOCATION OF THOSE FUNDS TO THE 5TH STREET MEDIANS. Motion passed 5 – 0.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Handt: City Center project is out for bid; EDA meeting next week; meeting with many developers.

City Clerk Johnson: Ordinance recodification will be coming to Council soon for approval.

Fire Chief Kalis: Thanked Arbor Glen Senior Living for hosting a fundraiser that raised almost \$2,200 for the purchase of fire equipment.

City Engineer Griffin: Provided an update on construction projects.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Charles Cadenhead, Mayor

Julie Johnson, City Clerk