

Monday, November 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Lake View Municipal Building

The Lake View City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Lake View Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Westergaard at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken: Present: Councilors Lynn ØGusö Cleveland, Jerry Huss, Terry Reis, Ken Steinkamp, and Dave Woltman.

Also present: Council-elect Tami Moeller, Bill Leners, Royce Kemmann, Jeremy Behrens, Erin McCullough, Marcia Haakenson, Jim Millenacker, Laurie Westergaard, Mary Ludwig, Don Derner, Brent Mueggenberg, Susan Hansen, Scott Kinzer, Sara Thompson, Ben Wallace, and Larry Hauser. Marlin Vrbas participated via telephone.

Mayor Westergaard presented a plaque to Council Member Cleveland in appreciation of his years of service on the City Council

PUBLIC FORUM

Lynn ØGusö Cleveland asked that the City provide sanitary sewer service to his property by extending the sanitary sewer main to the property line of him and his neighbor. As this was not an agenda item, the Council took no action. This will be considered again at a future meeting.

Interim Police Chief, Royce Kemmann, introduced the Police Department's newest officer, Jeremy Behrens.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Steinkamp, second by Reis, to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

- a. Approve the tentative agenda
- b. Approve minutes from November 2nd and 9th
- c. Approve bills and authorize payment.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Lake View Hometown Pride: Present Proposed 5-Year Plan

Tami Moeller, president of Lake View's Hometown Pride Committee, presented the Committee's proposed 5-year plan for community improvement. The plan identified three major and three minor items on which to work. Major items were:

Event Center: This may include reception, banquet, and meeting facilities. This could also include recreation / fitness areas.

Speaker Park Improvements: This may include a sidewalk around the perimeter of the park and a splash pad or other water-play feature.

Tourism Promotion: Actively promote Lake View and Black Hawk Lake through varied marketing strategies.

Minor items were:

Informational kiosks: Place informational boards / kiosks at our historical assets.

Identify a city "mascot." Possibly create statues of our mascot around town or a develop a city flag.

Improve the appearance of neighborhoods: Work with private home and business owners to improve private properties.

Tami Moeller also reviewed the results of a community survey seeking input on these major and minor items. The Council was asked to endorse this plan.

Motion by Huss, second by Cleveland, to endorse the 5-year plan as presented by the Lake View Hometown Pride Committee. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Aquatic Vegetation Management.

Jim Millenacker spoke with the Council about the possibility of using an aquatic herbicide to manage vegetation in portions of Black Hawk Lake. Jim noted that vegetation was so thick in the lake last year that it had a large impact on boaters and was a discouragement for people to come to Black Hawk Lake. He proposed that a 150' wide strip be applied near most shorelines of residential and recreational areas. This would cost around \$19,000. This would allow the aquatic vegetation harvester to efficiently operate only in the middle of the lake. Ben Wallace, DNR fisheries biologist, reminded everyone that aquatic vegetation is needed and that it is good for water quality, but that the DNR is comfortable with the proposal to use a limited amount of herbicide.

Jim Millenacker stated that the Black Hawk Lake Protective Association has approved funding for a portion of the herbicide application. Jim asked the City to participate financially and stated he will also address Sac County. The Council agreed that the dense vegetation impacts the recreational use of the lake and negatively affects tourism. The Council discussed committing \$10,000 which was to be used to fund a set-aside account to address tree damage from the Emerald Ash Borer. Motion by Woltman, second by Steinkamp, to commit \$10,000 to the herbicide treatment in spring, 2016 with the funds to be reallocated from the set-aside fund to address tree damage from the Emerald Ash Borer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Sunset Drive Easement

Motion by Woltman, second by Cleveland, to approve an easement with Calvin E & Kathleen M Bliss Revocable Trust for street purposes. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Black Hawk Lake Trail, Phase 2.

Motion by Steinkamp, second by Huss, to approve Pay Estimate #1 to Howrey Construction in the amount of \$214,123.38 for the Black Hawk Lake Trail, Phase 2. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Reis, second by Cleveland, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$4,349.26. for the Black Hawk Lake Trail, Phase 2. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Municipal Advisor

Motion by Woltman, second by Steinkamp, to enter into a contract with Piper-Jaffray to provide municipal advisor services as required of participants in the Iowa SRF program. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wholesale Power.

The City received seven proposals from firms to provide wholesale power. Marlin Vrbas, the City's electric consultant, participated via telephone. Mr. Vrbas reviewed the proposals received. In consultation with Mr. Vrbas, the Council selected three proposals from which further information will be requested.

Electric Rate Study

The Council reviewed a proposal from NMPP Energy to conduct an Electric Rate Study at a cost of \$4,560. Motion by Woltman, second by Huss, to hire NMPP Energy to conduct the Electric Rate Study. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

SRF Sponsored Project.

The City has begun work on a water quality project to slow storm water run-off from the Evapco property and to install a large bio-retention cell in the ditch east of Dixieland trailer park where the water enters a tile that flows directly into the lake. The City has received around \$45,000 in grant funding through the SRF Sponsored Project fund for this project. The Black Hawk LPA has also received a \$5,000 corporate donation for a rain garden they would like to go to this project, and there is an opportunity to apply for an Urban Water Quality grant. The City needs to engage an engineer to design these projects. The Council instructed the City Clerk/Administrator to obtain an engineering proposal from Bolten & Menck.

City Clerk/Administrator Report.

Budget timeline: The Council reviewed a proposed timeline to work through the FY 2016-17 budget process.

Resignation from Boards: As Tami Moeller has been elected to the City Council, she has submitted her resignation from the Park Board and the P&Z Commission. The City will begin the search for replacements on these two Boards.

Personnel Policy Manual: The City has been working with Region XII Council of Governments to update the City's Personnel Policy Manual. The City Council will meet in special session on November 30th to review the proposed policy and the City's health insurance renewal.

Motion by Woltman, second by Steinkamp, to adjourn. On vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

John Westergaard, Mayor

Scott Peterson, City Clerk/Administrator