

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Lake View Municipal Building

The Lake View City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 4, 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 öGusö Cleveland, Jerry Huss, Terry Reis, Ken Steinkamp, and Dave Woltman. Also present: Council-elect Tami Moeller, Ted Helmich, Bill Leners, Lon Buse, Jean Barker, Denise Woltman, Marcia Haakenson, Tank Wieland, Joni Bock, Linda Malasek, LaGene Olson, Lisa Mohr, Denny Cernik, Kathy Bliss, Candy Ludwig, William & Joyce Farley, John & Nancy Opperman, and Jim Millenacker.

Public Forum

Jean Barker spoke with the Council about our community's need for a taxi service. She stated that there are many elderly residents in town that would use a service for medical trips or shopping.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Amend the tentative agenda to remove one building permit application.
- b. Approve minutes from October 19th
- c. Approve bills and authorize payment.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Sunset Drive Homeowners: Discuss Sunset Drive Street Project

Jim Millenacker spoke on behalf of many property owners on Sunset Drive. Mr. Millenacker presented a petition signed by 16 of 18 property owners in the area asking that the City undertake a project to construct a concrete surface on Sunset Drive. The petition stated that the property owners would finance the improvement as a special assessment. Motion by Woltman, second by Cleveland, to proceed in principle with the street project to be financed with special assessments. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. The City will work with MER engineering to enter into a contract for engineering on this project.

Police Officer Agreement

Motion by Reis, second by Huss, to approve the agreement with Jeremy Behrens, Police Officer. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Helmich Retirement

Motion by Steinkamp, second by Cleveland, to accept the retirement notice from Police Chief Ted Helmich. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. The Mayor and Council expressed their thanks for Ted's many years of service. Ted's last day on the job will be November 22nd. The Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, November 9th to conduct an exit interview.

Recruitment Process for Police Chief Position

The Mayor & Council discussed the process to be used to fill the Police Chief position.

Motion by Cleveland, second by Huss, to appoint Officer Royce Kemmann as interim Police Chief. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Mayor & Council reviewed a proposed job description and an advertisement to be placed. Councilors Huss & Woltman volunteered to be on an application review committee with Mayor Westergaard and the City Clerk/Administrator.

Motion by Woltman, second by Steinkamp, to advertise in the local newspaper and on special websites used to show police job openings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Steinkamp, Woltman. Nays: Cleveland, Huss, Reis. Motion failed.

The ad will be placed in the Lake View Resort.

Water Tower Painting Project

Public Works Director, Lon Buse, stated that the water tower project is complete and he is pleased with the work. Motion by Reis, second by Huss, to accept the Water Tower Painting Project and authorize payment of \$ 128,870 to K&W Coatings which is 95% of the project cost. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Lon Buse also discussed other Public Works Projects. He noted that the old abandoned concrete structures at the sewer plant have been removed and the holes are being filled. Mr. Buse told the Council that one of the arms on a trickling filter are not working. A contractor has been contacted to fix the problem. Lon also stated that the pumps in the lift station on East Shore Drive have been replaced.

Municipal Advisor

As a recipient of a SRF loan for our sewer plant, the City must utilize a Municipal Advisor to review the City's ability to finance the improvements. Costs for the Municipal Advisor are reimbursed by the SRF program. The City Clerk/Administrator has contacted several firms and recommended Piper Jaffray. This issue was tabled pending amendments to the proposed contract.

Accountant's Report

The Council reviewed the "Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures." This is an annual report on compliance prepared by Feldmann & Company, CPA. Motion by Huss, second by Woltman, to accept the "Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures." Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

FY 2014-15 State Financial Report

Motion by Woltman, second by Steinkamp, to approve the State Financial Report for FY 2014-15. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Urban Renewal Report

Motion by Steinkamp, second by Huss, to approve **Resolution # 15-22**: "Resolution Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2014-15." Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Administrator Report.

Wholesale power: The City received seven proposals to provide supplemental wholesale power. These are being analyzed by the City's electric consultant. These may be ready for consideration at the next Council meeting. The City Clerk/Administrator presented a proposal from NMPP Energy to perform an electric rate study. This will be considered at the next Council meeting.

Health Insurance: The Council discussed the City's upcoming health insurance renewal. The renewal rates are increasing by 29%. No action was taken.

City Attorney: Erin McCullough has stated that she will not seek to be reappointed City Attorney in 2016. The Council discussed how to fill the position. No action was taken.

Motion by Woltman, second by Cleveland, to adjourn. On vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

John Westergaard, Mayor

Scott Peterson, City Clerk/Administrator