



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 6, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, Deirdre Kvale, and Todd Newcomer

Staff Present: City Administrator Nowezki; City Clerk Moeller; City Attorney Thames; Public Works Director Diercks

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW, AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner commented that the Holbrook Park skating rink is flooded and available for use, but noted that the warming house was not open due to some recent water damage related to an issue with CenterPoint Energy. The City is currently working through an insurance claim and fixing up the building due to damages incurred resulting from CenterPoint Energy turning off the gas without informing the City.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of December 16, 2025 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Appointment of Jason Kieper to the Position of Full-Time Public Works Maintenance Worker I
- D. Approve Issuance of 1 to 4 Day Temporary On Sale Liquor Licenses for the Church of St. George's Lenten Fish Fry Events on Friday, February 20 and Friday, March 27, 2026
- E. Approve Issuance of a 1 to 4 Day Temporary On Sale Liquor License for the Church of St. George's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Event on Saturday, March 14, 2026
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Orono Lions Club's Snowball Open on January 31, 2026; Authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol Unit to Permit the Event
- G. Approve Letter of Engagement from Abdo for 2025 Audit Services
- H. Approve Carson, Clelland & Schreder Engagement Letter for 2026 Legal Services
- I. Approve a Fund Transfer From the Park Dedication Fund (210) to the Parks/Trails Capital Fund (452)
- J. Approve the 2026 Pay Equity Report and Authorize Submittal by the City Administrator

*A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ayes: all.*

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Jesse Laumann to the Position of Full-Time Public Works Maintenance Worker II

City Clerk Moeller recalled that the City had posted openings for both Public Works Maintenance Worker I and II positions. A candidate for a Public Works Maintenance Worker I position was approved as part of the Consent Agenda. The City had received applications from a few very qualified candidates for both positions. She explained that Jesse Laumann already has his CDL and is licensed for water and sewer. She noted that because of this, he was positioned well with experience and knowledge to be able to be an immediate asset to the Public Works Department. She stated that if the Council approves this appointment, Mr. Laumann would begin work in the City on January 12, 2026.

Mr. Laumann introduced himself and gave a brief description of his background and experience in Public Works, and noted that his experience was primarily related to water and sewer. He noted that he began as a seasonal worker in St. Louis Park.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Newcomer, to appoint Jesse Laumann to the position of full-time Public Maintenance Worker II. Ayes: all.

B. 2026 City Appointments

Moeller provided an overview of the existing committees and liaison positions that were in need of appointment by the Council for 2026.

The Council discussed the various appointments and who may be interested in serving in each of the positions available.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to adopt the City of Long Lake 2026 Appointments Worksheet including the following appointments:

- *Councilmember Dyvik to the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore*
- *Councilmembers Dyvik and Feldmann to the positions of Shoreline Fire Department Board Voting Directors, with Councilmember Newcomer as Alternate Voting Director*
- *City Administrator Nowezki and Planning Commission Member Axelson to the positions of Shoreline Fire Department Operating Committee Ex-Officio Director, with City Clerk Moeller as Alternate Ex-Officio Director*
- *Mayor Miner and Councilmember Kvale to the Utility Agreements Subcommittee*
- *Councilmember Newcomer as the Park Board Liaison*
- *Councilmember Feldmann as the Planning Commission Liaison, with Councilmember Kvale as Alternate*
- *Councilmember Kvale as the Chamber of Commerce Liaison*
- *Councilmember Newcomer as the Long Lake Waters Association Liaison*
- *Councilmember Kvale to the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission*
- *Councilmembers Newcomer and Feldmann (Alternate) to the Highway 12 Safety Coalition*
- *Mayor Miner as the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition Liaison*

- *Mayor Miner to the Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities, with Mayor Pro-Tempore Dyvik as Alternate*

Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Service Transition - Mayor Miner noted that as of January 1, 2026, the City experienced a big change in fire services with the end of the Long Lake Fire Department and the beginning of Shoreline Fire Department operations. He expressed his appreciation to the firefighters for their service in the past as well as into the future.

Letter Regarding State Finance Concerns – Mayor Miner shared that after the Council had last met in 2025, there had been a movement afoot for Mayors across the State to sign a joint letter that addressed some finance-related issues at the State level. This far, of the 854 Minnesota cities, the letter was signed by 241 Mayors. He had evaluated the letter, watched some interviews with the main author of the letter, and had made the decision that he wasn't interested in signing it on behalf of the City.

Warming House Update - Nowezki provided an update regarding the status of working with the City's insurance in order for the necessary repairs to be made to the warming house. She mentioned that the LMCIT insurance agent had been good to work with thus far and had cautioned the City about making sure the water heater didn't have any internal cracks, and to be vigilant for any mold.

Downtown Holiday Décor – Nowezki informed Council that Public Works staff was able to retrieve old garland out of storage and were able to put it up on the light poles in order to decorate more before the holidays.

I & I Grant Meeting – Nowezki reported that she would be meeting with WSB the following day regarding a possible I & I grant application that could assist the City with some projects.

Grant Award - Moeller indicated that it appeared the City would be receiving a partial Polling Place Accessibility Grant award in the amount of around \$6,100 for updates to the City Hall entry doors. The amount would not fund the full scope of the overall project, but staff's intent would be to prioritize improving the inner and outer doors for the primary entrance to City Hall, and the grant award would cover a portion of those costs.

E-Permitting Portal – Moeller displayed the City's website and announced that there was a new button available as a key link for 'Online Permits'. She confirmed that the City's e-permitting portal had been launched and three permit applications have already been received via the portal.

Lake Minnetonka Cities Coalition, Lobbyist Quote - Mayor Miner noted that the Lake Minnetonka coalition group had sent an email out that Mayor Miner had asked staff to forward to the full Council earlier in the day. The email provided an update about the group of area cities potentially joining together and hiring a lobbyist to serve their overall mutual interests, and included a draft of a cost sharing proposal.

Next Meeting Date – Mayor Miner confirmed that the next City Council meeting would be Tuesday, January 20, and pointed out that City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller

City Clerk