



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik (arrived at 6:34 pm), Mike Feldmann, Deirdre Kvale, and Todd Newcomer

Staff Present: City Administrator: Amanda Nowezki; and City Clerk/Zoning Administrator: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Miner highlighted recent events and celebrations that had taken place in the community, including Buckhorn Days, sponsored by the Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Orono Lions Club; the Shoreline Fire Department Pinning Ceremony; and Night to Unite. He added that the Corn Days festival would be held on August 8, 2026 at the Church of St. George.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Bryan Miller, 295 Lakeview Avenue – Mr. Miller shared comments regarding not including curb and gutter in his area when the street project moves forward. He discussed some of the history of his neighborhood and reflected on pavement conditions in his area and in the City.

Marty Schneider, 1176 Wayzata Boulevard W – Mr. Schneider expressed appreciation to the Council and City staff on behalf of the Long Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Orono Lions Club for a wonderful Buckhorn Days last weekend, and for their support of upcoming Corn Days events.

Richard Garner, 1948 Wayzata Boulevard W, #119 – Mr. Garner was in attendance at the meeting to represent the Zvago community's walking group and to voice their concerns about motorized vehicles on the sidewalk. He shared examples of near-miss incidents and situations that had occurred in the area and noted that motorized scooters and vehicles on the sidewalks has become a real issue.

Mayor Miner indicated that City staff would pass Mr. Garner's concerns on to the Wayzata Police Department.

City Clerk/Zoning Administrator Moeller added that she felt it was clear that State law changes are also needed to be able to provide the law enforcement agencies with the tools necessary to conduct enforcement. She encouraged residents to reach out to their local legislators and suggest they support this type of law change.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of July 21, 2026 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of July 21, 2026 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-34 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Corn Days 5K Run/Walk on August 8, 2026
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-36 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Farmhouse Live Outdoor Music Recital on August 30, 2026; Approve Issuance of a Noise Variance Permit
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-35 Accepting the Plans and Specifications for the 2026 Sanitary Lining Project and Authorizing Advertising for Bids

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Approve Contract with Hakanson Anderson Associates, Inc. to Provide City Engineering Services

City Administrator Nowezki recalled that the Council had discussed the possibility of an alternate provider for the City's engineering needs at their June 2, 2026 Work Session meeting, and had met with an engineering services provider recommended by staff for consideration at the July 17 meeting.

Staff is recommending that the City move forward with entering into a contract with Hakanson Anderson Associates on upcoming projects and for City engineering services, while continuing working with WSB on certain projects already in progress. Staff intends to ensure that the contract makes it clear that the City has ownership of any documentation that is created on its behalf.

Councilmember Dyvik asked if the City's current contract with WSB ended at a certain date.

Nowezki explained that at the next City Council meeting, the Council will be asked to approve an agreement with WSB which will state that WSB will provide engineering services 'as needed' in order to cover the existing projects they have been involved in. A second contract will cover continuing planning services only with WSB.

Councilmember Kvale pointed out that the draft contract states that it is terminable by either party with 30 days' written notice.

Nowezki added that City Attorney Thames had reviewed the contracts, but a final review was awaiting him to return from his vacation.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Kvale, to direct staff to approve entering into a contract for City Engineering services with Hakanson Anderson Associates, Inc. effective immediately; to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the agreement, subject to any final revisions by staff and

the City Attorney; and to formally designate Hakanson Anderson Associates, Inc. as the Long Lake City Engineer, upon full execution of the agreement. Ayes: all.

B. Presentation of Draft Downtown Long Lake Stormwater Study by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District – James Wisker, District Administrator

Nowezki introduced James Wisker from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and commented that he was in attendance to present the draft Downtown Long Lake Stormwater Study to the City Council.

James Wisker, MCWD, noted that Board members White and Schaefer were also in the audience at the meeting, along with the MCWD's Director of Projects, Michael Haven. He clarified that the MCWD was not seeking commitments or decisions from the City tonight and just intended to share information with them. He gave a presentation that included the partnership history of the subwatershed area cities, reviewed water quality trends, discussed development of the roadmap provided to area cities by the MCWD, and outlined the implementation strategy for the roadmap. He reviewed potential water quality improvement projects impacting Long Lake including completion of the County Road 6 regional treatment improvements, stormwater projects in downtown Long Lake, and upstream projects in Medina; and touched on alum dosing and phosphorus reduction targets for Long Lake.

Councilmember Dyvik commented that there appears to be a significant turf project happening at Spring Hill Golf Course and suggested that Mr. Wisker contact them to see what is taking place and how it may impact the lake.

Mr. Wisker overviewed some of the permitting processes necessary through the MCWD for projects. He shared highlights from the draft Downtown Long Lake Stormwater Study, the map of the recommended project implementation details, and the proposed retrofit of the 'downtown village highway pond' located between Highway 12 and Daniels Street.

Nowezki pointed out that the highway pond was not serving the City's needs, nor was it designed to do so. She believed that the proposed project outlined by Mr. Wisker would make changes in the design so it would work better for the City's needs.

Mr. Wisker also reviewed a proposal for a Nelson Lakeside Park Restoration project, and discussed funding strategy options for the projects he had presented. He explained that he was not presenting a project that they would expect the City to fully fund, and outlined the possibilities of getting through the necessary work for the proposed projects in a three-year timeframe.

The Council discussed ways the City could support the projects outlined by Mr. Wisker; the inclusion of funding within the City's CIP; the desire to see a collective partnership between Long Lake, Orono, Medina, MnDOT, and the MCWD for the projects; and the funding formula that was used for the County Road 6 project. They expressed their appreciation to Mr. Wisker for his ability to take a complicated subject and make it understandable.

Mr. Wisker highlighted other projects where they have worked to get everyone at the table working together to accomplish project goals. He observed that once he was able to give all the area communities the background and outline the proposed projects for Long Lake, he would like to see there be some liaisons from the communities appointed to participate in planning and collaboration.

Councilmember Kvale recommended that they plan to start small because of the potential difficulty in finding funding for the projects.

The Council was unanimously supportive of improvements proposed for the MnDOT highway pond project, and would encourage pursuit of that in the nearby future.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ash Tree Removals - Councilmember Dyvik asked if the City was still taking down ash trees. Nowezki replied that ash tree removals had concluded for the season, and although the work completed this year had exceeded the budget, Public Works Director Diercks had successfully pursued an opportunity for a partial reimbursement. Councilmember Dyvik referenced an article from the *Laker Pioneer* mentioning that the MnDNR was offering grant opportunities to address Emerald Ash Borer impacts and questioned whether the City could apply. Nowezki indicated that Mayor Miner had sent her information on a possible grant and she would verify if it was the same one referenced in the *Laker Pioneer*.

Water Operations, Cybersecurity Review – Nowezki reported that Diercks met with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) earlier in the week to assess the City's water infrastructure technology and vulnerability after the recent cyber attacks on neighboring communities. The MDH found that the City did not have the same vulnerability as experienced by the communities who were attacked, and recommended continuing to regularly change their passwords.

Staff at Events – Nowezki mentioned that she and Moeller had a booth at Buckhorn Days and it had been a wonderful event. She and Moeller had also enjoyed participating in Night to Unite events.

Primary Election Day - Moeller reminded residents that the Minnesota Primary Election Day is August 11, 2026 and City Hall will be open for voting from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Nowezki
City Administrator