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Lake St. Croix Beach

The official posting place for Lake St. Croix Beach city meetings is at the posting board near the front door at City Hall.

A majority of the City Council may be in attendance at any city meeting.

April Calendar

Note: All city meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the City Hall except as noted otherwise.

Wednesday, April 1

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, April 9

Recycle Day

Thursday, April 9

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Monday, April 20

City Council Meeting

Thursday, April 23

Recycle Day

Monday, April 27

LSCV Alliance – 4:30 p.m. at Fire Hall

Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 18, 9a.m. -
2p.m.

St. Croix Valley United
Methodist Church

St. Croix Trail and 7th Street
Lakeland

-Featuring small household
goods, toys, books, and cloth-
ing for the whole family

- A very nice collection of wom-
en's size 3X clothing will be
available

- Serving coffee and homemade
caramel rolls all morning

- Sponsored by the United
Methodist Women with all
proceeds going toward the
UMW missions

Preschool Open House

Rainbow Preschool is having
an Open House on April 7 from
9:00am-12:00pm. Stop by
and check us out!

- 16600 7th Street South
Lakeland, MN 55043
- (651) 436-8691 ext. 105
- (651) 436-8409 (fax)
- Website
www.stcroixvalleychruch.org/rainbow

Recycle Committee Members Needed

The City Council is now ac-
cepting applications from those
who are interested in serving
on the 2015 Recycle Commit-
tee. Get involved and help out
your community!

Automatic Payments – Water Billing

Automatic payments are now
being offered by the Lakeland
Water Utility for monthly water
bills. An application needs to
be printed from the City of
Lakeland website, filled out,
and returned to Lakeland Water
via email, fax, snail mail, or in
person. Details can be found
on the website

(ci.lakeland.mn.us); click on
Departments the Public
Works/Water Utility.

If you have any questions
please feel free to contact the
water utility at 651-436-8044.

Celebrating 50 Years of the Flood Run ...The greatest thing about the Flood Run to me is how it all started - 12 bikers rode to Winona, MN to help throw sandbags for fellow neighbors in need. It was just a spur of the moment thing, and here we are 50 years later still helping. Now our focus is on Gillette Children's Specialty Health Care.

The way to help support the cause is to buy a Flood Run benefit wristband. That money goes to help the kids and their families at Gillette Children's Hospital. When Jimmy Noteboom asked Brian Denny to take over the run in 2000, he asked that the money keep going to the kids at Gillette, and it has ever since. We can all change the world a little starting right here at home by helping a fellow American family that needs our help. It all starts right here in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. Thank you Brian Denny and all the volunteers who give their time by making the run possible! Event starts at the Beach Bar Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 a.m., departing at 10:30 a.m. The afterparty is at Shiner's in Lakeland from 6:00 p.m. to close.

You don't need a motorcycle to join in the fun! Come enjoy the food, music, and raffles. See you there!

Mayor Tom

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From the Fire Department

SAVE THE DATE:

The Annual Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department spring pancake breakfast is just weeks away. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3rd from 8AM until Noon to celebrate spring with All You Can Eat Pancakes. Watch for more information to follow!

VEHICLES WANTED:

The Lower St Croix Valley Fire Department is seeking some junk vehicles for training purposes. **DO NOT DROP VEHICLES OFF AT THE STATION!** If you have a vehicle that could be donated for our training purposes, it allows members to practice skills of auto extrication, patient care in transport vehicles and car fire extinguishment, amongst other skills. Interested parties should contact Deputy Chief Jim Stanley by calling the fire station at 651-436-7033. Check with your personal tax accountant about the benefits of this donation. Again, **DO NOT DROP VEHICLES OFF AT THE STATION!**

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LSCB Flea Market

The LSCB Playground committee will be hosting a flea market @ Pettitt park on Saturday May 30th from 8 am to 4 pm. All sellers are welcome to join us. Such as garage sale items, antiques, crafters etc.... The fee to reserve your 20 foot spot is \$20 with 100% for this fee going to our playground fund and is also tax deductible. If you would like to be a part of this Flea Market please fill out the form below and mail it to : Jeannie Paulson, 16681 16th St, Lakeland MN. 55043. Please make checks payable to Lower St.Croix Valley Foundation and make a note of the LSCB playground Fund in the memo line. Spots will be reserved on a first come first reserved basis.

If you have any questions please e-mail Jeannie @ jjjpaulson@gmail.com

You will need to provide your own tables and tent if needed.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Type of products _____

Recycling Picks up at Afton-Lakeland School

Did you know that Afton-Lakeland school recycles food waste and milk cartons?

Food waste recycling started in the 2013 and cartons were added in 2014 and as a result, over 88% of all waste produced in the cafeteria is now recycled! These are exceptional results as on a typical day, only about 23 lbs. of trash is produced in the cafeteria, less than one ounce per student! The high level of recycling not only helps set a good example for students and other schools to follow but also saves the district money in trash hauling costs.



So where does the food waste go?

Barthold Farms collects the food and drink waste every other day and transports it to their farm in St. Francis, MN. Once delivered to the farm, the waste is boiled for 30 minutes, cooled down, and fed to hogs. Barthold recycles about 1,000 tons of food waste each month from restaurants, senior housing facilities, and schools including those in the Stillwater district.

What happens to the milk cartons?

Waste Management collects the milk cartons with other recyclables and sorts them at their recycling facility in Minneapolis. The cartons are baled and sent to Fox River Fiber in De Pere, WI. Fox River makes a high quality pulp that is

sold to other mills to make fine writing and printing paper and also tissue products.

Volunteers needed

Although the students have caught on fast to the recycling changes, it is helpful to have volunteers oversee the sorting. If you are interested in helping over the lunch hour, please contact Laura Larsen at Stillwater Schools at 651-351-8382.



Make'N'Take Workshops

This spring the East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP) is teaming up with Cedar Hill Natives to offer a Make'N'Take Rain Barrel Workshop. Rain barrels collect rainwater from your roof downspouts, which can be used to water your flower gardens during dry weeks. They will have an inlet, an overflow hose, and a spigot at the bottom to attach to your garden hose. Rain barrels are an easy way for you to help reduce pollution from stormwater running off your roof or driveway, and capture water for you to use to water your trees and flower gardens.

On May 19th Connie Taillon, owner of Cedar Hill Natives, will be there to help you discover the benefits of rain barrels and will cover assembly, rain barrel, installation tips, care and maintenance, while also discussing many local water resource concerns and water conservation tips for your home, yard and landscaping.

There are 3 options for rain barrels:

Reconditioned Plastic Barrels: \$65.00

Molded Plastic Barrels: \$95.00

Oak Barrels: \$125.0

Quantity and availability of rain barrels is limited, so register early and invite a friend! You will receive a confirmation of your registration within two business days of receipt of your registration.

Details:

Tuesday May 19th

Washington County Environmental Center

4039 Cottage Grove Dr.

Woodbury, MN 55129

Registration deadline is **Monday, May 11th at 4:00p.m.** <http://tinyurl.com/WoodburyRainbarrel>

Contact: Jenn Radtke at 651-330-8220x44 or email jradtke@mnwcd.org for more information or to check quantity available.

Class size minimum is 10 participants and maximum is 15.

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

February, 2015

Complaints Investigated

5 Warrant	1 Business Assist
4 Residence/Welfare Check	1 Theft of Liquor
2 Officer Info	1 Vehicle Lockout
2 Harassment Report	1 Unknown Situation
2 Domestic/Physical Domestic	1 Threats Report
2 Suspicious Situation/Activity	1 Driving Concern
2 Medical	1 Barking Dog Complaint

Citations Issued: 1

• Sheriff's TIPLINE

A quick, simple way to forward information to Washington County Investigators anonymously.

E-mail: sheriff@co.washington.mn.us

Or Phone 651-430-7850

Crime in progress – call 911

Fire Department Report



The Fire Department reported 30 runs in February, 3 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

The Fire Department's Website is www.lscvfd.com.



Animal Control

In the month of February, 3 dogs and 1 cat were reported lost, and no animals were reported found.

Reminder: Animal License Renewals are now due. All dogs and cats over 6 months of age must be licensed. Licenses can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or by mail. **Application, payment, and proof of current rabies vaccination required.**

Building Permits



Remember to Contact the Building Inspector **before you start a project!**

The Building Inspector, is located at
Lakeland Water Department Plant No. 2
1190 St. Croix Trail South

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 321, Lakeland, MN 55043,
Phone: 651-436-1405

Please note: The Building Department Office Hours

Mondays 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Recycle Service

We use a single-sort recycle service. Only certain materials can be recycled. These items are listed on the lid of the cart. Please set your recycle cart at the curb by 7:00 a.m. every other **Thursday**.

Recycle Hauler is Waste Management 877-969-2783

Garbage Service



The City of Lake St. Croix Beach currently has three garbage haulers who are licensed to collect garbage on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** only:

Highland Sanitation 651-458-0043

Maroney Service Inc. 651-439-7279

Waste Management 888-960-0008

Residents may choose a garbage hauler from those who are licensed with the City. All residents must have a contract with a garbage hauler or be able to prove that their garbage is taken to a proper collection site.

Hazardous Waste Site



General Information

Did you know that residents can drop-off household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables for free at the new Washington County Environmental Center? The Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury, near the intersection of Manning and Bailey Road, just 4 miles south of I-94. The Center replaces the Hazardous Materials Collection Site in Oakdale, which permanently closed in 2009.

The Environmental Center is open:

Tuesdays Noon – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free Product Room

Don't need it? Someone might! Did you know that some of the items you drop-off at the Environmental Center might be stocked in the *Free Product Room* for other residents to pick up, free of charge?

The *Free Product Room* is located inside of the Washington County Environmental Center at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Products set out in the *Free Product Room* are first screened for quality. Some of the more popular items are paint and stain. If you are on a tight budget, you might just find the color you were looking for, and there's no cost to you. Other popular products set out in the *Free Product Room* are lawn & garden products and automotive fluids.

For materials collected and more information go to www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter or call 430-6655.

Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost

Sites

Woodbury: Compost Concepts

Location: 4600 Cottage Grove Drive

Phone: 651-769-0531

Cottage Grove: Cottage Grove Compost Site

9600 Glendenning Rd.

Phone: 651-459-1556

Calendar of Events for

Valley Library in Lakeland – April 2015

Valley Library

380 St. Croix Trail South

Website: www.washington.lib.mn.us

Phone: (651) 436-5882

Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Preschool Storytime

April 6, 13, 20, and 27; 10:30 a.m.

Dog Gone Reading With Chase

Tuesday, April 21; 4:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-7 may practice reading aloud to a certified therapy dog and its owner. Reading sessions are 15 minutes in length. Sign up at the library.

Valley Book Club

Thursday, April 23; 5:00 p.m.

The book selection for April is "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich. Just read the book, come, and discuss. Visit the library to pick up a copy of the book and a discussion guide. No registration required.



The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meetings may be viewed on Channel 16. Meetings are also available on the city's website www.lscb.govoffice.com

Schedule:
 Apr. 1 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
 Apr. 2 at 9 a.m.
 Apr. 8 at 4 p.m. and midnight
 Apr. 9 at 7 a.m.
 Apr. 15 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
 Apr. 16 at 9 a.m.
 Apr. 22 at 4 p.m. and midnight
 Apr. 23 at 7 a.m.
 Apr. 29 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
 Apr. 30 at 9 a.m.

Upon occasion, the transmission of these meetings may be delayed or not available due to technical difficulties. Check their website for more information www.vactv.org.



HIGHLIGHTS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

The following are unapproved minutes from the February 17, 2015 City Council meeting. *Minutes may at times be condensed to fit space. (Complete minutes on file at City Hall.)*

Members Present Tom McCarthy, Charles W. Brown, Michelle Kline, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

Staff Present John Parotti, Kevin Sandstrom, Sue Schuler

Others Present Chris Knopik, Jim Golden, Jim Stanley, Mike Isensee, Dolly Burns, Lyle Sorenson, Brad Peters, Stu Grubb

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:03 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3
M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 4
M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, REITER – AYE, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 10, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE FOR COUNCILMEMBER REITER, TO ATTEND THE LMC ANNUAL MEETING IN DULUTH (LATER JUNE) AND THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE ROUND TRIP MILEAGE AND MEALS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jim Golden, 1920 Quarry Avenue South, thanked the City Council and city staff for their hard work on the Special City Council meeting on March 10, 2015. He noted that there is a meeting tonight at the Afton City Hall with representatives from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and invited the City Council to take a recess to attend that meeting. He stated that there would not be a formal presentation, but questions could be answered by the MPCA representatives. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom reported that he spoke with Stu Grubb from Emmons and Oliver Resources (EOR), who was going to attend that meeting. Councilmember Unker left the City Council meeting to attend the meeting at the Afton City Hall.

• **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Councilmember Brown reported there were 33 calls to law enforcement in the month of February, and one citation was issued. In February there were no calls to animal control for service. Three dogs and one cat were reported lost, and no animals were reported found.

Jim Stanley, Deputy Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported there were 30 runs in February, 3 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. A burn ban is now in effect until things green up. No permits will be issued at this time. A burn permit was issued for behind the fire station, but that is on hold until burning is allowed again. The Fire Department is in the process of replacing one of the pickup trucks. The truck is a 1993 pickup, and was able to be kept until now.

Councilmember Reiter asked about the requirement of an annual audit. There was nothing budgeted, and a report was given that they have submitted a request to the state Auditor's office. Mr. Stanley reported they are trying to get the requirement deferred for this year, and they are in the process of obtaining bids for next year.

City Clerk-Administrator Sue Schuler reported that she sent three complaint letters. She has asked the city attorney to draft a letter discussing civil violations/disputes vs. code enforcement issues. City Attorney Sandstrom stated he would get an update and report to the City Council on the issue of a resident living in a trailer.

Brad Peters, Emergency Management Director, noted that the spring flood outlook does not predict any flooding of the St. Croix River for 2015. In June 2014, there were heavy rains, which led to flooding in the city. There was damage to the bluff. There was slope failure to the bluff near 20th Street and 21st Street, and near 19th Street, additional bank erosion occurred on the bluff. The State of Minnesota received a Federal Disaster Declaration from FEMA, but Washington County did not meet the threshold for that designation. However, new legislation that went into effect on July 1, 2014 allows for a gubernatorial state disaster declaration. The city did reach the threshold to be eligible for funding under that gubernatorial disaster declaration. Mr. Peters stated that the city has been approved for funding to repair both areas of damage on the bluff. He presented project worksheets, which laid out the costs for the two areas. Site 1 is the portion of the damaged bluff on 19th Street South, and Site 2 is the damaged bluff at 20th and 21st Streets South.

With a gubernatorial declaration, the State of Minnesota will fund 75% of the costs of repair, and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach will be responsible for the remaining 25%. The estimated damage for Site 1 is \$22,953.45, and the estimated damage for Site 2 is \$48,270.10. If the city chooses to repair the damage, the city would receive \$17,215.09 for Site 1, and \$36,202.58 for Site 2. The City would be responsible for approximately \$17,800. The deadline to have the damage repaired is November 13, 2015. He pointed out that the damage occurred as a result of the flooding in 2014. The funding is

available to restore the bluff to the condition it was in before the flood damage. If the cost for materials runs higher than the estimate, the City may be eligible for additional funding for those cost overruns. He noted that if more material than estimated is needed for the project, the additional costs would then not be eligible.

This is a reimbursement grant, and Mr. Peters explained that if the city chooses to complete both projects, the City can complete one project, submit receipts, and get reimbursed before starting the second project. Reimbursements are expected within three weeks of receipt submittal. The funding has been appropriated based on the project worksheets. The State has approved reimbursement for 75% of emergency protective measures, such as pumping and sandbagging, for 2014 floodfighting. That reimbursement was scheduled to be paid on March 15, 2015.

Mike Isensee, administrator for the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO), explained that Site 2 is a beach stabilization project. The project was completed originally in 2010 in a partnership with the WMO and Lake St. Croix Beach. Some of the planting, which needed to be replaced prior to the flooding, was not fully established before the flooding that occurred in 2014. The new plan has been designed to create a more stable toe on the bluff and to restabilize the other areas where damage and erosion occurred. It was noted that the bluff in the area is very sandy and until vegetation is well-established, flooding that occurs will cause erosion.

Councilmember Reiter noted that papers provided by Mr. Peters referenced an oversight. She asked Mr. Peters to explain that oversight. Mr. Peters noted that when he met with representatives from HSEM in January, he was given a project worksheet that did not include Site 2. He was able to provide documentation that he had submitted the paperwork for Site 2, and it was then included in the application for reimbursement. The City Council must approve the expenditure for these repairs, the bid process must be undertaken, and once the projects are complete, Mr. Peters will review the project and sign that all projects are completed and receipts ready for submittal.

Mr. Peters reported that he submitted a notice of interest for the city in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for acquisitions for properties in the floodplain. He received a response asking how many properties and the values of these properties. Councilmember Reiter stated that she had submitted that information in the fall of 2014. She had contacted the DNR regarding the program as she had received requests for information from residents regarding acquisitions for repetitive loss properties. Councilmember Reiter stated she would continue the dialogue with the property owners. Mr. Peters stated that representatives from the grant program have asked him for the addresses, and Councilmember Reiter stated many of the addresses have already been submitted.

Councilmember Reiter stated the City Council should determine whether the city should move forward with the restabilization projects. Mayor McCarthy suggested bids be obtained first, but Councilmember Reiter pointed out that they should approve the process be started. John Parotti, City Engineer from SEH, stated that if the City Council approves the projects, surveys could be performed and bid documents drawn up. He noted that the bid process can take up to two months, so the City Council should make the determination as soon as they can. Mr. Parotti noted that the Site 1 project will not be a lengthy project, but it will be determined by other projects on the contractor's schedule.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kline) TO MOVE FORWARD AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR THE WORK ON SITE 1. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Mayor McCarthy asked what the City Council wanted to do regarding Site 2. Mr. Isensee stated that something needed to be done at Site 2. He considered this a good time to do the

work because the 75% cost share was available. If nothing is done, the areas that are exposed will become infected with noxious weeds that like the sandy soils in the area. He noted that City Engineer Parotti may also be able to provide some suggestions for stabilization in the area. Mr. Isensee pointed out that estimates were quickly given as they were needed in a very short time period. Mr. Peters reminded the City Council that the State will only reimburse for expenses to rebuild the area to the condition it was in before the flood damage. Mr. Isensee stated that at a minimum, the steep slope left after erosion, should be smoothed out and planted to get the area revegetated. It was noted that the City was responsible for maintaining the bluff after the last restoration project.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WORK NECESSARY FOR SITE 2. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Mayor McCarthy suggested that this item be added to the agenda for the City Council worksession that is being planned. Mr. Peters noted that if the City does not move forward with repairing the area, a lot more damage could be sustained if another flood occurs.

• CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT Street Sweeping Quote

John Parotti, City Engineer from SEH, presented the quote from Mike McPhillips, Inc. for street sweeping services in 2015. He reminded the City Council that they had directed him to obtain a bid from the contractor the City has used for the past several years. The quote was for \$3,600 for spring street sweeping, and \$3,200 for fall street sweeping. He stated that the street sweeping has been conducted at direction from the mayor and city engineer. It was noted that the fall street sweeping is lower because there is less sand, which takes more effort to clean up, in the fall than in the spring.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE QUOTE SUBMITTED BY MIKE MCPHILLIPS, INC. FOR 2015 STREET SWEEPING SERVICES. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Drainage Structure Cleaning Quote

At the direction of the City Council, Mr. Parotti explained that he had obtained a quote for 2015 drainage structure cleaning from Miller Excavating, Inc. The quote is the same as 2014.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE QUOTE SUBMITTED BY MILLER EXCAVATING, INC. FOR 2015 DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING SERVICES. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Review Projects/Activities

Mr. Parotti reported that the levee maintenance project was ongoing. Mowing and brush removal are the most common activities performed to keep the levees in good, working condition. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) inspects the levees every 1-3 years, with reports submitted to the city after the inspection. Changes have been made over the last several years to the inspection process. Vegetation management on the levees has been the main focus of the city in the past. In late March, City Engineer Parotti, City Clerk-Administrator Sue Schuler, and Mayor McCarthy will attend a meeting with representatives from the ACOE for updates on the new process for evaluating the levee and requirements for compliance with the program. He noted that the levees in Lake St. Croix Beach are part of the Non-Federal Levees Certification Program, which is a program for levees built under emergency situations like the city's levees. Since the city's levees were not engineered, they do not meet the requirements for the Federal Levee Certification Program. If the city does not maintain the levees to ACOE specifications for a period of time, the city will no longer be in

the program. If this were to occur, the ACOE would not help if the levees are damaged in a flood situation.

Mayor McCarthy has been working with City Engineer Parotti and Street Contractor Tri-County for ditch/culvert cleaning. Culverts have been discovered that were unknown because they were full of silt and not visible. These have been cleaned out in the past several years and put back into working condition. Mr. Parotti noted that when culverts disappear, they are often in areas that are not mowed or otherwise maintained. Sometimes they can be cleaned out well and put back into service, and other times they must be replaced. City Engineer Parotti noted that as soon as culverts are cleaned out, they should be inspected to ensure that one can see all the way through to the other side, that the bottoms are not rotted out, that there are no obstructions, and several other standards.

Sign replacement has been ongoing, primarily due to the retroreflectivity requirements. The City has been replacing regulatory signs first. Once those have all been replaced, street signs that are noncompliant with retroreflectivity and lettering height requirements will be replaced.

Street patching will begin taking place for large potholes or those on heavily travelled roads soon. After the street sweeping has been performed, bids will be obtained for the rest of the city's patching needs. He advised spending as little money as possible on early patching as it is a very temporary fix, especially with cold mix as it often does not last more than a few months. He noted that hot mix from asphalt plants will last longer than cold mix, but it is still a temporary fix. Councilmember Reiter asked that potholes fixed early for safety be marked so they can be dug out and patched for a longer, more permanent fix. City Engineer Parotti stated this could be done or holes filled early for safety reasons could be filled only part-way and then patched over.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO SPEND UP TO \$5,000 TO PATCH 20TH STREET SOUTH FROM CSAH 18 (ST. CROIX TRAIL SOUTH) TO RIVIERA AVENUE SOUTH. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

City Engineer Parotti reminded the City Council that the City had a Streets Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which laid out the street maintenance needs for the next 10 years. Mr. Parotti reported that 20th Street South is not scheduled to be reconstructed in the next 10 years. He stated that the City has used cut and patch for potholes in the past, but the chip emulsion method is much cheaper and holds up relatively well. The city has been using this method for the past several years.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 2015-10**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) was presented by Mike Isensee at the February Regular City Council meeting.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Reiter) TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-10, A RESOLUTION DECLARING A COMMITMENT TO REVIEW AND REVISE THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INTEGRATE MINIMAL IMPACT DESIGN STANDARDS, AND WAIVE THE READING. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BROWN – AYE, KLINE – AYE, REITER – AYE, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **Audit Presentation**

Chris Knopik, principal at CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), the city's auditing firm, presented the 2014 audit results. He noted that the required communications include financial statements, schedule of indebtedness, schedule of account receivable, and schedule of accounts payable. The audit is a cash-basis audit. An audit provides reasonable, but not absolute assurance, and the firm received the full cooperation from management. He reported that they issued a clean audit opinion. There were

two internal controls findings: preparation of financial statements and segregation of duties. These findings are typical in a small office with limited staff. He suggested formalizing accounting policies and procedures. This would help in cases of staff transitions.

At the end of 2014, the city had approximately 15 months of expenditures in saving. With the bond payoff, that will drop to approximately 10-11 months. He noted that there were increases in disbursements and increases in receipts. There were no open items, as open items listed were obtained on March 16, 2015, the day of this presentation. It is unclear at this time whether there will be any effects of regulatory basis reporting cities due to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 68 regarding pensions. This regulation requires members of underfunded pension plans to include their share of unfunded liabilities on their financial statements.

- **Lawful Gambling Permit – Flood Run, Inc.**

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE MINNESOTA LAWFUL GAMBLING APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT PERMIT FOR FLOOD RUN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was suggested that in 2016 this be on the consent agenda, as it is an annual application.

- **Office Assistant**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler pointed out that in August 2014, the City Council approved hiring a part-time office assistant to help with the city's filing system. The City Council approved \$2,400 for this project. Ms. Schuler asked that the City Council extend this position to complete the filing project.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,400 FOR A PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT TO HELP COMPLETE THE CITY'S FILING SYSTEM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Clean Ditches and Potholes/Patching**

Mayor McCarthy asked the City Council to approve up to \$1,000 for Tri-County Services to clean out the ditches in the city. He noted that this was done last year, and he expected the cost to be less than \$1,000. He also asked for \$1,000 for pothole repair.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE UP TO \$2,000 FOR CLEANING DITCHES AND POTHOLE PATCHING BY TRI-COUNTY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Ordinance No. 2015-171, Ordinance Revising Zoning Code 741 Regarding Land Reclamation and Land Grading**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler noted that the public hearing for this ordinance was held in January, but the Planning Commission did not make a recommendation regarding the ordinance until their March 4, 2014 meeting. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom explained that the existing code states that a grading permit will be required if a person deposits more than 50 cubic yards of material per acre. The Planning Commission recommended approving an amendment to state that the grading permit will be required if a person deposits more than 50 cubic yards per lot. This will make the code more consistent. Councilmember Reiter expressed concern that this will not clarify the permit requirement. She noted that she has three parcels, which could be considered three lots. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that concern was also expressed at the Planning Commission, but the thought was that there was a definition of what a lot consists of in the city's zoning code, and it was consistent with one lot being one parcel. She noted that there are many strange lots in the city. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that the amendment will allow people to bring in more fill without a permit than the current code allows. There was discussion regarding how much 50 cubic yards of fill

would be. City Attorney Sandstrom read the definition of a lot from the city's zoning code. He noted that essentially a lot is defined as one tax parcel.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND APPROVE THE ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-171, AN ORDINANCE REVISING ZONING CODE 741 REGARDING LAND RECLAMATION AND LAND GRADING. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BROWN – AYE, KLINE – AYE, REITER – AYE, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

o **Resolution 2015-11**

The League of Minnesota Cities is asking for support for dedicated state funding for city streets and provided a resolution for that purpose. It was noted that currently cities with populations below 5,000 are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that if the legislature takes support into account, and passes the funding bill, there could be additional state funding given for maintaining city streets.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO PASS RESOLUTION 2015-11, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS, AND WAIVE THE READING. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BROWN – AYE, KLINE – AYE, REITER – AYE, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

o **Resolution 2015-12**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that Resolution 2015-12 was a resolution in support of an early voting process in Minnesota. Right now, no-excuse absentee voting is available by mail or in-person. No decision has been made regarding the length of time before Election Day that early voting would occur.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2015-12, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AN EARLY VOTING PROCESS FOR VOTERS IN MINNESOTA, AND WAIVE THE READING. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BROWN – AYE, KLINE – AYE, REITER – AYE, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

o **Resolution 2015-13**

Mayor McCarthy stated that this resolution was drafted to better define the role of the emergency management director and create a process for communication with staff. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that there has been some tension regarding roles, responsibilities, and reporting structure between Mr. Peters and staff. This policy is designed to alleviate the issues and give clear direction to Mr. Peters with guidelines regarding communication with staff and keeping them informed of his activities.

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-13, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, AND WAIVE THE READING.

Councilmember Reiter stated that she understood the need for staff and the emergency management director to work together, but noted that the emergency management director should only be in that role during an emergency. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that there is currently no emergency, but Mr. Peters has been submitting paperwork for reimbursement of flood fighting costs. Councilmember Reiter also pointed out that Mr. Peters reports to the entire City Council, and correspondence should be addressed to all instead of just Mayor McCarthy. She then noted that there have been ongoing issues between the emergency management director and staff and expressed concern that those issues would continue.

THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BROWN – AYE, KLINE – AYE, REITER – NAY, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

Councilmember Reiter noted that Mr. Peters resigned from the emergency management director position in 2009 because he was employed by HSEM. She asked why he was now able to take the position. Mr. Peters stated that he now works for MnDOT, and there is no conflict of interest with that employment.

o **Estimate for Electrical Panel Repair at Riverfront Park**

Mayor McCarthy explained that the electrical panel at Riverfront Park needs to be replaced. The estimate came in higher than the Park Commission originally thought due to more complications arising mostly with additional digging. The panel is being moved because the panel was not up-to-code and presented a safety issue. It was noted that the electrical service will need to be turned on at the pavilion in order to be used.

M/S/P (Kline, McCarthy) TO APPROVE UP TO \$3,500 FOR ELECTRICAL PANEL REPAIR BY LUCAS ADAMS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR AT RIVERFRONT PARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o **Resolution 2015-14**

Lyle Sorenson, resident and Lower St. Croix Community Foundation Board Member, noted that the scope of the project was very large and would cost a lot of money. As the board continued to look at the project, they realized that the fundraising would take much longer than originally anticipated. Washington County has expressed interest in resurfacing the path as it is, and the board is asking for support from the cities to continue discussions to pursue this with Washington County, acting as a liaison between the 5 cities and the county. The Lower St. Croix Community Foundation Board is looking for support from the 5 cities. They will keep the City Council up to date on their activities and discussions. The Board is not requesting money from the City, just support in their efforts.

M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-14, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOWER ST. CROIX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS TO RENOVATE THE LOWER ST. CROIX TRAIL. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: BROWN – AYE, KLINE – AYE, REITER – AYE, UNKER – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

• **OTHER BUSINESS**

o **Afton Wastewater Treatment System**

Stu Grubb, of Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR), reported that he attended the meeting at Afton City Hall with members of the MPCA. He stated that he was given standard, general answers when he asked questions, especially regarding groundwater. He added that it was not a good forum for debate.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that she met with Mr. Emmons regarding their work and presented a service contract to the City Council with EOR to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the City of Afton Wastewater Collection and Treatment System. She noted that the City Council had approved the work and the expense at the February City Council meeting. City Attorney Sandstrom has also been working with EOR.

Councilmember Unker gave some papers he picked up at the meeting and other information to City Clerk-Administrator Schuler to have at City Hall for interested residents. Ms. Schuler reported that some residents have come to City Hall, and she has walked them through the commenting process. Mr. Grubb noted that the work he will be doing will be applicable to the contested case request that City Attorney Sandstrom

will be filing on behalf of the City. City Attorney Sandstrom asked which of the rates listed on the contract Mr. Grubb would fall under, as he would be performing the bulk of the work on this. It was noted that Mr. Grubb was in the "Professional 4" category. The process of submitting the objections to the EAW and the permit for the project has been changed to \$10,000 or less.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kline) TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT STANDARD SERVICE CONTRACT WITH EMMONS & OLIVIER RESOURCES, INC. (EOR) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- **Councilmember Brown's Report**

Councilmember Brown reported that he had attended the Cable Commission meeting. He reported that the franchise agreement is a 10-year contract, not a 3-year contract. He stated he has been working on organizing the fundraiser as suggested at the February City Council meeting for residents to help fund the fight against the Afton Wastewater Treatment System.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler noted that Councilmember Brown was unable to be the alternate City Council liaison to the Planning Commission as the meetings were held on the same night as the Cable Commission meetings. Councilmember Reiter is the first liaison. It was suggested that Councilmember Unker be the alternate liaison, but he declined. Councilmember Kline stated she would be the alternate Council liaison.

The fire department sign was not discussed at the Cable Commission meeting.

- **Councilmember Kline's Report**

Councilmember Kline reported that she attended the Park Commission meeting. The Commission discussed the electrical panel at Riverfront Park, the Pettitt Park ball field fence, and banners at Pettitt Park.

Jeannie Paulson, of the Playground Committee, also attended the Park Commission meeting. Ms. Paulson presented a possible plan the committee had created for the playground area at Riverfront Park. A Flea Market will be held, and there will be places for donations at the event. Proceeds from Flea Market applicant fees will be donated to the Playground Fund.

Councilmember Reiter expressed concern that the City Council had never approved upgrading the playground equipment at Riverfront Park. She also did not like the idea of soliciting funds in the city newsletter for a plan not approved by the City Council. She noted that playground equipment on City property is a liability for the City, and therefore should be approved by the City Council prior to installation or funds being solicited. Councilmember Kline pointed out that the current playground equipment is a liability. Councilmember Reiter stated that it is a liability to have the beach on one side of Rivera Avenue and the playground equipment on the other side. She felt that adding additional equipment would create a greater liability with the street running between the two areas. Councilmember Kline stated that this would be replacement equipment, not additional equipment. Councilmember Reiter repeated that the City Council should approve any plan because the equipment will be the City's liability. There was discussion regarding the slide installation at Pettitt Park and how that occurred. It was noted that the Lower St. Croix Community Foundation provided a matching grant to the money raised by the Playground Committee. It was noted that the company that sold the equipment provided oversight on the installation, which was completed by Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews. Councilmember Reiter felt that the City Council should approve a plan before solicitation of funds began.

M/S/W (McCarthy, Kline) TO APPROVE THE PLAN TO UPDATE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT RIVERFRONT PARK.

Councilmember Reiter suggested talking to the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) about the equipment as they provide the City's insurance. Mr. Sorenson noted that new equipment at Riverfront Park was a good idea and felt that the City should update the equipment. He added that the Playground Committee is raising the money and taking that burden off of the City. Councilmember Reiter noted that there were no measurements given for the equipment and plan. Councilmember Kline pointed out that the equipment currently at Riverfront Park is deteriorating, and she felt that the work being done is very helpful to the City. A resident suggested ensuring that someone qualified should provide or oversee the installation to make sure the equipment is safe.

Councilmember Reiter explained that the equipment replacement and addition at Pettitt Park was done in stages so that people could see progress being made. She asked for a more detailed plan. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler pointed out that the surfacing for the playground will need to meet certain requirements for the insurance. Mayor McCarthy noted that the plan for Pettitt Park changed over time as equipment became outdated while the Playground Committee was raising money.

City Attorney Sandstrom stated that it is not clear what the Park Commission was recommending to the City Council. He suggested that a draft resolution be created laying out details for the plan including equipment and who will be paying for certain items. He stated that the Park Commission should clearly lay out their recommendation to the City Council.

MOTION AND SECOND WITHDRAWN.

- **Councilmember Reiter's Report**

Councilmember Reiter reported that she was unable to attend the WMO meeting due to illness. The Partnership Team will next meet on April 30, 2015. The Planning Commission met and discussed the amendment to the grading ordinance. The Environmental Advisory Commission/Recycle Committee (EAC) discussed the Afton-Lakeland Elementary School Carnival, which will take place on April 25, 2015. City Clean-Up Day was also discussed, and city staff is waiting to hear back from Maroney's regarding the date and whether it was scheduled. EAC suggested two Saturdays in May to hold Clean-Up Day. Clean-Up Day will not be held on April 11, 2015 as originally suggested. More members are needed for the EAC.

- **Councilmember Unker's Report**

Nothing further to report.

- **Mayor McCarthy's Report**

Mayor McCarthy stated he would be working with STS on Friday, March 20, 2015. They will be clearing the bike path and clean the area by the city garage. He reminded everyone that there is no on-street parking east of St. Croix Trail beginning in May. Councilmember Reiter noted that St. Francis of Assisi has let residents park in their lot on special occasions.

- **City Attorney's Report**

Nothing further to report.

- **City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler had nothing further to report, but she presented the claims for the month in place of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar, who was absent due to illness. The bills for the month totaled \$30,280.45, and deposits totaled \$18,527.10.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,280.45. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO ADJOURN AT 10:04 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<i>Acronyms and abbreviations that may appear in this newsletter.</i>	
CC	= City Council
EAC	= Environmental Advisory Commission/ Recycle Committee
FAC	= Floodplain Advisory Commission
FEMA	= Federal Emergency Management Agency
LSCVA	= Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance
LSCVCC	= Lower St. Croix Valley Cable Commission
M/S/P	= Moved, Seconded, and Passed
M/S/F	= Moved, Seconded, and Failed
M/S/W	= Moved, Seconded, and Withdrawn
RFP	= Request For Proposal
STS	= Sentenced-To-Service
SEH	= Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)



House Numbers

Ordinance 505.045 It shall be the duty of the owner, lessor and/or occupant of every house, apartment, duplex, industrial, commercial, or other building to have house and/or building numbers clearly displayed thereon, either by affixing to said building or sign post . . . The numbers shall not be less than 3 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the base and be placed as to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached from either direction.

Ordinance 1801.010 Curfew for Minors . . . Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the months of September through May and between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the months of June through August, it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 years to idle, loiter, or be upon the public streets, boulevards, sidewalks, alleys, parks, beach or other public places in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach.

Exterior Storage

Trailers, Boats, RV's, Lawn Equipment, Utility Trailers, Etc...

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- Vehicles – Current registration & operable.
- Other items may require that they be stored within a building or fully screened.

Natural Resources

Minnesota is known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," but our surface water resource actually includes 11,842 lakes greater than 10 acres and nearly 70,000 miles of rivers and streams. Our groundwater resource includes several aquifers that support about 400,000 drinking water wells. As the headwaters of the Mississippi, Great Lakes and Red River, virtually all of Minnesota's available water comes as rain and snow. Climate change leads to problems with too much and too little water. Ensuring the water we have remains clean and abundant requires wise management and conservation.

• Too Much Water

Intense storms cause flash and river flooding, putting the quality of our water at risk. When stormwater flows over land and pavement, it gathers trash, chemicals, animal waste and other contaminants that can pollute waterways and drinking water. One inch of rain falling on a one-acre parking lot (about the size of a football field) generates enough stormwater runoff to fill three 9,000-gallon semi-tanker trucks. Increased flows can overwhelm our water infrastructure, such as storm sewers. We can minimize the magnitude of stormwater runoff and flooding—while improving water quality—by restoring wetlands, which store and filter excess water. Innovative technology helps, too. For example, green infrastructure uses trees, shrubs and rain gardens to manage rainwater where it falls, before it flows to waterways. Its vegetation also beautifies landscapes and reduces emissions.

• Too Little Water

Minnesotans use water for drinking, cooking and sanitation; growing crops and lawns; running businesses; and generating electricity. Water also supports natural habitats and contributes to our quality of life. Our water supplies are at risk from drought and overuse. And, less predictable rainfall poses further challenges. When rain falls hard and fast, for example, it lowers the likelihood that water will saturate sub-soils and recharge or "refill" our aquifers, decreasing our water supply. Our growing population and development, which require more water, add to these challenges. Efficient use and careful management are needed to sustain many water-dependent habitats and businesses.

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Meeting Schedule

- Planning Commission – 1st Wednesday
- LSCV Alliance – 4th Monday at Fire Hall at 4:30
- Middle SCV WMO – 2nd Thursday at Washington Conservation District Office
- Park Commission – 2nd Tuesday
- Recycle Committee – Varies
- LSCV Partnership Team – Varies
- City Council – 3rd Mon
- Land Use Review Committee – Varies
- LSCV Fire District – 2nd Wednesday at Fire Hall

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