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# Lake St. Croix Beach

## *2014 Heritage Day/National Night Out*

*Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>*

*5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.*

*Lake St. Croix Beach Riverfront Park*

### **Come Visit Booths & Displays**

 LSCV Fire & Emergency Response Department

 Sheriff's Department

Bring a squirt bottle, go home with free Non-Toxic cleaner

Enter a Drawing to Win a Free Rain Barrel

Yellow Ribbon Alliance Booth

Kids' Activities

### **Music and Door Prizes**

Drawing for prizes held randomly during the event. You must be present to win.

Boy Scout Troop will sell Tacos

Free Games & Ice Cream Sandwiches

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.

### **August Calendar**

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

#### **Tuesday, August 5**

Heritage Day

#### **Wednesday, August 6**

Planning Commission

#### **Tuesday, August 12**

Primary Day – 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, August 12**

Park Commission – CANCELLED due to Primary

#### **Wednesday, August 13**

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

#### **Thursday, August 14**

Recycle Day

#### **Thursday, August 14**

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

#### **Monday, August 18**

Regular City Council Meeting

#### **Monday, August 25**

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

#### **Thursday, August 28**

Recycle Day

## **Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – August 2014**

Valley Library

380 St. Croix Trail South

Website: [www.washington.lib.mn.us](http://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.

### **Storytime**

August 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Lego Mania!**

Friday, August 1, All day (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Join us for an open Lego build-a-thon. Who can build the biggest tower? Who can make the fastest Lego car? Best for kids ages 6 and up; younger siblings are welcome with a parent. No registration

### **Elephant and Piggie Super Storytime**

Monday, August 4, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Attend this special storytime to find out about Elephant and Piggie's excellent summer adventures with Valley Library Kids. Listen to stories, play games, and participate in a craft activity. All ages welcome. No registration.

### **Game Day at the Library**

Friday, August 8, All day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Join us for a day of fun and games at the library. A large selection of board games and card games will be available. Come for a while or stay all day! No registration.

### **Dog Gone Reading**

Tuesday, August 26, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

### **Valley Library Book Club**

Thursday, August 28, 5:00 p.m.

Book selected for discussion at this meeting is "Pillars of the Earth" A Country Doctor's Casebook" by Ken Follett. Just read the book, come, and discuss.

## **Parks Department**



## **Picnic Pavilion Reservations**

The pavilion at the Riverfront Park is available for reservation on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The pavilion can be reserved from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. No alcohol is permitted in any City Park. Call the City Hall at 651-436-7031 to reserve the Riverfront Park pavilion for your special gatherings this summer.

## **Seasonal Parking Permits**

Seasonal parking permits are available to LSCB residents. This permit allows City residents to park in a designated area of the Redwing parking lot. The fee for the permit is \$10. No charge if a member of the household is over 65 years old.

## **Condolences to the family of Dorothy Ames, long-time resident.**

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## **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](http://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.

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# IMPORTANT 2014 ELECTION INFORMATION

## Polling Place

The polling place for the City of Lake St. Croix Beach is **City Hall**, 16455 20<sup>th</sup> Street South, Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043.

## Notice of Filing for City Election

Three council seats will be filled at the General Election on November 4, 2014.

## **Mayor**

(Two Year Term)

## **Two Council Seats**

(Four Year Terms)

Filing for these offices will open on July 29, 2014 and close at 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2014. Anyone interested should file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the City Clerk during regular business hours (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) or call the City Clerk at 651-436-7031 for an appointment. There is a \$2.00 filing fee. City Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m. on August 12 for filing.

## Absentee Ballots

If you will be away from the city on Election Day and need an absentee ballot, contact Washington County at 430-6175.

## Voter Registration

If you have voted in this city during the past four years and have not changed residence within the city, you need not register again. If you are **not a registered voter**, you can register with the Washington County Auditor's Office (see applicable dates below) or you may register at the polling place on Election Day. Please bring one of the following when you register:

- Driver's license/permit or receipt
- MN identification card or receipt
- Registration in the same precinct
- Notice of late registration
- A registered voter from this precinct who will sign an oath as to your eligibility.
- Utility bill with a photo ID. The bill must show the current address and be due within 30 days of the election.

## Electronic Voting System

The City will conduct the 2014 elections on an electronic voting system. The optical scan ballot will be easy to use. The voter simply fills in an oval corresponding to his/her choice for each office. A blank space is provided for each office for write-in candidates; write the candidate's name in the blank and then fill in the oval pertaining to that choice. Also available is the Automark system, which is a machine that can provide a large font ballot, as well as earphones for audio reading of the ballot. This machine is provided through HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) funding. After completing the ballot, insert the ballot into the counting machine. In less than one second, each vote is counted and stored in a memory pack. When the polls close, precinct totals are printed out by the counting machine. Please stop at City Hall during regular hours to view the ballot.

## Employees Time Off to Vote

Every employee who is eligible to vote in a state primary and general election has the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting during the morning of the day of that election, without penalty or deduction from salary or wages because of the absence.

## Assistance to Voters

Any voter with concerns about access to the polling place may contact the City Clerk's office at 651-436-7031 for assistance.

## Election Phone Numbers

651-436-7031	Lake St. Croix Beach City Clerk's Office
651-430-6175	Washington County Auditor's Office
651-215-1440	State of Minnesota Election Division

## Election Calendar

7/29	First day to file Affidavit of Candidacy for City Election
8/11	Last day to apply for and/or return absentee ballots to county auditor for State Primary Election
8/12	<b>Primary Election</b> 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
8/12	Last day to file Affidavit of Candidacy for City Election
8/14	Last day to withdraw Affidavit of Candidacy for City Election
11/3	Last day to apply for and/or return absentee ballots to county auditor for General Election
11/4	<b>General Election</b> 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

No public meetings or school events between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (M.S. 204C.03, Subd. 1) on date of election.

Affidavit of Candidacy, campaign manual, and campaign finance report form available at City Hall.

The City's annual Ice Cream Social/Heritage Day Celebration is Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5pm until 8pm - live music, door prizes, kids' games, fire trucks, tacos and pop served by the Boy Scouts for a small charge, and many more activities for the whole family! City Staff and City Officials will be at Heritage Day helping with activities. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

By keeping your corners trimmed, you will help maintain a clear line of sight for drivers and pedestrians, which in return will help to keep our taxes low. The next brush disposal is August 2, 8:00 am – 11:00 am at Aggregate Industries on the frontage road north of I-94.

Once again, the Park Commission has organized a Shoreland Clean-Up. It will occur on Wednesday, August 13 starting between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm. We will be working in the area between stairways 1-7. All residents are invited to participate. Water will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

The Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to keep cars and houses locked whenever possible. Report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office by calling 651-430-7850.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, August 5 at Heritage Day!

Mayor Tom McCarthy

## Public Safety

(Including Reports)



### Law Enforcement Report

June, 2013

#### Complaints Investigated

3 Parking Complaint/Concern	1 Suspicious Activity
3 Medical	1 Down Tree
3 Water/Watercraft Violation	1 Welfare Check
2 Barking Dog Complaint	1 Extra Patrol
2 911 Open Line	1 Knock and Talk
2 Power Line Down	1 Assault Report
1 Panhandling Complaint	1 Driving Concern
1 Possible Child Endangerment	1 Officer Question
	<u>Citations Issued: 2</u>

#### • Sheriff's TIPLine

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

E-mail: [sheriff@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:sheriff@co.washington.mn.us)

Or Phone 651-430-7850

*Crime in progress – call 911*

### Fire Department Report



The Fire Department reported 37 runs in June, 5 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

The Fire Department's Website is [www.lscvfd.com](http://www.lscvfd.com).



### Animal Control

In the month of June, 1 dog and 2 cats were reported lost, and 4 dogs 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.**

#### **2013 – 2015 Animal License Application**

Fee: \$10 neutered/spayed, \$25 not neutered/spayed

***Proof of current rabies vaccination must accompany application.***

Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Sex Male or Female Spayed/Neutered Yes or No

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to: City of Lake St. Croix Beach, 16455 20<sup>th</sup> Street South,  
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## 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

### 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 651-437-9201

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.

### 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

### 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](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter) or call 430-6655.

## Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost

### Sites

**Bayport:** RSI

Location: 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.

Also accept appliances and household junk

Phone: 651-430-2809

**Woodbury:** Compost Concepts

Location: 4600 Cottage Grove Drive

Phone: 651-436-1213

**Cottage Grove:** Cottage Grove Compost Site

9600 Glendenning Rd.

Phone: 651-459-1556

### Brush Site

Thanks to Aggregate Industries who has agreed to provide a disposal site for brush from Lake St. Croix Beach residents again this year.

Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction materials. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass. The site will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 am on the following Saturdays (first Saturday of the month, excluding holidays):

August 2

September 6

October 4

November 1

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Web Site: [www.lscb.govoffice.com](http://www.lscb.govoffice.com)

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or call for an appointment.



The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meetings  
may be viewed on Channel 16.

Schedule: Aug 6 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
Aug 7 at 9 a.m.  
Aug 13 at 4 p.m. and midnight  
Aug 14 at 7 a.m.  
Aug 20 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
Aug 21 at 9 a.m.  
Aug 27 at 4 p.m. and midnight  
Aug 28 at 7 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](http://www.vactv.org)



## HIGHLIGHTS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

The following are unapproved minutes from the July 21, 2014 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, Cheryl Kopp, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

**Staff Present** Mitchell Berg, John Parotti, Kevin Sandstrom, Amy Truhlar

**Others Present** Cathy Chavez, Wanda Flattum, Spike Cardinal, Michelle Kline, Bill Glampe, Jon Golden, Kathy Golden, Todd Streeter, Mike Murphy, Paul Oby, John Regan, Mary Parr, Steve Zigan, Barb Kopp, Dave Schultz, George Power, Becky Brewster, Jim Stanley, Paula Caliguire, Paul Caliguire, Jon Place, David Triemert

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:03 p.m.

- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3

Councilmember Kopp asked that Item J, Afton Septic System, be added to New Business. Councilmember Unker asked that Item C, Frozen Water Main – Laurel March, be added to Unfinished Business. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom asked that Item A, Resolution Approving A Variance for Bruce & Eunice Swanson, to Other Business.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 6

M/S/P (reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE CORRECTION THAT IT IS THE 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET LEVEE RATHER THAN THE 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET LEVEE IN THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2014. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KOPP – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2014 AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEEING WITH THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ON JULY 7, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 17, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO REPLENISH PETTY CASH TO \$100. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Steve Zigan, 1880 Riviera Avenue South, expressed some concerns he had regarding an invoice he received from the city. He felt that he should not be charged for discussing flood vents with City Engineer John Parotti. He also felt he should not be charged for attorney's fees regarding receiving his certificate of occupancy. Mr. Zigan expressed his opinion that the building inspector should have been dealing with most of the issues. He stated he was willing to pay everything on the invoice except for \$134, the price charged for one of the City Engineer discussions. There was discussion regarding the invoice he was sent and various charges on the invoice. Councilmember Reiter noted that some of the issues arose because the city paid for flood vents to be installed, and then they were removed. Mr. Zigan stated that once a building permit is issued, only the building inspector should be involved in the project and speaking with the building permit holder.

David Triemert, 15890 31<sup>st</sup> Street South in Afton, explained that he received a letter from Mitch Berg that his data request was completed. He stated he would be coming to City Hall on Thursday, July 24 to inspect the data that has been completed. He asked whether another request he made for boat slip permits would be available at that time. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Mitch Berg explained that multiple letters were sent to Mr. Triemert informing him of data being

ready for inspection, but Mr. Triemert has not come to inspect the requested documents. The prepared data must be inspected before city staff will move on to additional data requests from Mr. Triemert. Mr. Triemert asked who the current responsible authority was for the city. The City Council informed him that the Interim City Clerk-Administrator is the responsible authority. Mr. Triemert asked whether a resolution had been completed for this.

Jon Place, PO Box 302 in Lakeland, expressed his opinion that it was unconscionable to allow the Afton septic system to be built. He provided some information from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which stated that this project could affect the creek and that the environmental information provided is weak and does not include information about the trout stream. He noted that the comments were requested to be recorded and included in the public document. This was not done. Mr. Place stated that red flags were put up, but were ignored. He added that there are several shallow wells in St. Mary's Point and Lake St. Croix Beach. There were other choices for the locations of this system, but this was the cheapest option, and he stated that they thought no one would be paying attention.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Presented by Councilmember Kopp  
Law Enforcement

- 36 calls, 2 citations

Animal Control

- no calls
- 1 dog lost, 2 cats lost, 4 dogs found

Jim Stanley, deputy chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported that Deputy Sullivan had a transport and would be in attendance later. In the month June, there were 37 runs, 5 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. The department would be holding another EMT course in the fall, with 3 new members. The class will be opened to other departments. There is no increased fire danger at this time from hot, dry weather. Mr. Stanley reported a burn permit will be issued to a resident on Quartz Avenue. The neighbors are aware of the permit and have no objections. The permit will be issued on July 22 and will be valid for two weeks.

Mayor McCarthy asked whether a burn permit could now be issued to Tom Johnson. City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom stated that the issues with Mr. Johnson have been resolved, fees have been paid, and an agreement has been signed. Therefore, a burn permit would be allowable. Councilmember Reiter had concerns regarding Mr. Johnson's lack of a water source. Mr. Stanley explained that the permit requires some form of extinguishment, not necessarily water. City Attorney Sandstrom reported that Mr. Johnson can do what he wants on his property, as long as city ordinances are not violated. Mr. Stanley pointed out that restrictions can be placed on the size of the pile.

Mr. Stanley noted that there was a test of the warning siren. He suggested that a day when severe weather is a strong possibility is not the best day to test the siren. He asked to be notified next time as he received many calls after the siren sounded in the afternoon on July 21.

The FEMA assessment team has asked to be excused from tickets issued to them while they were parked in the beach parking lot on Friday, July 18, 2014.

Councilmember Unker stated he would like to put some limits on Mr. Johnson's burn permit. Mr. Stanley asked the City Council to specify any limits they would like placed on the permit. He stated he places restrictions on permits based on proximity to vegetation and neighboring structures. There was discussion regarding restrictions on Mr. Johnson's burn permit. Mr. Stanley reported that phone calls come in every time there is a burn permit issued. The Sheriff's Deputies and the call center are aware of the permit, and the caller is told there is a burn permit that has been issued. The City Council asked Mr. Stanley to limit the burn permit to allow only fires 6 ft X 6 ft.

Councilmember Kopp asked Deputy Sullivan what a knock and talk was, as it was listed on the Sheriff's call report. Deputy Sullivan explained that is the term used when they get a call and go talk to a resident about possible illegal activity.

Mayor McCarthy stated there will be a test on the siren on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, which will be conducted remotely by Washington County.

- **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

City Engineer John Parotti, with SEH, reported that he met with the Praters to discuss drainage issues on their property. Mayor McCarthy and former City Clerk-Administrator Angel Smith attended this meeting

as well. Mr. Parotti provided the Praters with some suggestions for the drainage issues they were experiencing.

Street patching over the three water breaks was completed on July 16, 2014. A few emergency repairs on 20<sup>th</sup> Street east of City Hall were also made at the engineer's request.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Interim City Clerk-Administrator Oath of Office**

Mitch Berg took the Interim City Clerk-Administrator oath of office.

- **Declaration of Appreciation to Ham Radio Operators for Services During 2014 Flood Operations**

Mayor McCarthy and Todd Streeter, Co-Chair of the Flood Advisory Commission, presented Declarations of Appreciation to ham radio operators John Regan, Dave Schultz, Paul Oby, Brad Peters, and George Power for their help with manning the pumps during the high water event. Certificates were also presented to Dick Buenger, Bill Heyderhoff, Ryc Lyden, and Richard Roberts who were unable to attend the meeting.

Todd Streeter provided a summary report of the 2014 flood activities. After previous high water events, the city has realized that the inland water crests 4 days after the river crests. The high water event in 2014 was different than most previous years because of record-setting rainfall in May and June. The Flood Advisory Commission (FAC) met in February and on June 25, 2014. Following the June 25 meeting of the FAC, the City Council held an emergency session to authorize the securing of one pump and establish the Flood Management Team. The pumping objective was to get through the crest of the river and the inland crest with little damage to infrastructure while also keeping costs down. The pumping occurred only during the day, using a diesel pump rather than gas pumps as used in the past. These pumps can run for longer periods of time without servicing.

Mr. Streeter noted that the city could purchase intake and discharge tubes/pipes to keep costs down in the future and/or install a sump well in the city garage. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that if the equipment is purchased, the city is not reimbursed for that cost. Mr. Streeter reported that the garage/warehouse space at City Hall proved very helpful and useful for flood equipment storage and preparation in 2011 and 2014.

Mayor McCarthy thanked Mr. Streeter for his hard work during the high water event. Mr. Streeter also thanked the FAC for their hard work this year and past years.

- **Resolution 2014-09, A Resolution Accepting Donations for the Annual Heritage Day Ice Cream Social**

M/S/P (Unker, Reiter) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-09, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **Resolution 2014-10, A Resolution Approving a Lot Split at St. Croix Villas**

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom explained that Mary Parr had talked about this issue with the City Council at the June City Council meeting. Mike Murphy purchased Lot 1 at the St. Croix Villas and built twin homes on the property. He would now like to split the lot so he can sell the homes separately. Documentation has been provided showing that this is allowed. There was discussion that when a lot is split in the Villas, each parcel should be 2/3 of an acre. However, when this lot is split, each parcel will be 0.61 acre rather than 0.66 acre. Most parcels in the St. Croix Villas are smaller than 0.66 acre, and several are smaller than 0.61 acre. There was no documentation that supported this, and Attorney Sandstrom recommended approval of this resolution.

M/S/P (Kopp, Reiter) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-10, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LAND DIVISION FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF THE PLAT FOR ST. CROIX VILLAS AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

There was discussion regarding a drainage pond and whether a portion of the drainage pond was on Lot 1. City Engineer Parotti noted that there is a drainage easement in the rear of Lot 1, and when the split is made, the drainage easement will be on both parcels. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that although the drainage easement is on each lot, it does not necessarily mean that the drainage pond is on each lot.

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

- **City Clerk-Administrator Position**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar explained that the Personnel Committee used the job advertisement posting from 2013 and recommended a few changes including the change of the position to 40 hours per week and an increase in salary to reflect the increase in hours.

M/S/Withdrawn (Brown, Reiter) TO DIRECT STAFF TO POST THE JOB ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR POSITION.

Councilmember Reiter asked that the job posting be changed to say "...the position of the City Clerk-Administrator...", "...responsible for the administration of day-to-day city operations...", and "...supervision of city staff..." She also asked that the sentence regarding the degree requirement be changed as it seems clumsy the way it is currently written. She asked that clerk experience be required and MCMC status be a preferred qualification. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Mitch Berg stated he also felt the sentence regarding the degree requirement should be changed and made a suggestion. He also suggested listing requirements in one sentence and preferences in another for clarity.

Councilmember Reiter also stated that rather than public finance accounting, the questions should be about government fund accounting because that is what is used in Lake St. Croix Beach. On the scoring sheet she stated she would like to see 3 years or more of experience be 10 points and MCMC be 10 points. Mayor McCarthy asked whether members of the City Council who may potentially apply for the position should be making changes to the requirements. Councilmember Brown suggested that if members of the City Council were going to apply for the position, they should recuse themselves from the vote. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that potential applicants can vote on the ad, but would have to recuse themselves from further voting later only if they did apply.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg recommended that rather than have a final date, the City Council should have a statement that the position is open until filled, with first review being conducted on a certain date. That way, the position would not have to be reposted if they were unhappy with the first round of applicants.

When asked, Mr. Berg stated he is available to stay in the interim position through the beginning of 2015. There was discussion regarding when interviews should be conducted and whether the process should be delayed until after the election. That way, if there were new members of the City Council, they could provide their input regarding the applicants. The discussion included that the city could utilize Mr. Berg by waiting until after the election, but it was also pointed out that if they moved forward, they could utilize Mr. Berg to help with training. That way the new employee could see how the budget process worked in the city and the way elections were run. There was concern that if there was turnover in the City Council, there might be bias against an employee hired by the previous City Council. The suggestion was made that the scoring and interview portions of the hiring process could be done after August 14, when all candidates for City Council would be known. Those candidates could then attend the meetings. Mr. Berg suggested waiting until after the election when the newly elected City Council would be known. They could be included on a subcommittee of the Personnel Commission and could submit their opinions for consideration.

There was discussion regarding the changes made to the ad and when it should be posted. City Attorney Sandstrom advised that there was a motion on the table which was made before discussion. That motion should be amended to approve the ad with the changes discussed this evening, give Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg the authority to create the final draft based on this discussion, and post it. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO APPROVE THE AD WITH THE CHANGES DISCUSSED THIS EVENING AND GIVE INTERIM CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR BERG THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE THE FINAL DRAFT BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION AND POST THE POSITION AD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Schedule Budget Workshop**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg will send out emails to get input regarding the date for this workshop.

o **Code Enforcement Research/Issues – Brad Peters**

Brad Peters, Emergency Management Director and Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he had secured the pump, called in the ham operators for their help, and was in the city most of the time pumping was being performed. He has met with FEMA representatives regarding reimbursement for flood expenses.

There was erosion on the Riviera Avenue levee. Since that levee was built with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the city must contact them first. If ACOE is unwilling to help with repairs, FEMA may be willing to get involved. He has contacted ACOE, and he will be meeting with them soon. City Engineer John Parotti asked to be involved in those meetings to ensure determinations of where levee starts and ends are correct. He noted that the city is already in contact with the ACOE regarding other work that must be performed on the levee. If Mr. Parotti is involved in this meeting, it will avoid confusion with too many people working with ACOE on different items.

Mr. Peters noted that there was slope failure in the south bluff restoration area. This issue has been discussed with Mike Isensee, Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization Administrator, who helped with the original plan. Mr. Isensee gave a preliminary figure of \$15 - \$20 per foot to restore the area. That equates to approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000. FEMA representatives have stated they will not help with this figure because the area is a bluff. Mr. Peters' argument was that if the bluff were to be washed away, the road in the area would also be taken. FEMA representatives agreed to inspect the area and consider reimbursement. A copy of the report submitted to FEMA was also submitted to City Clerk-Administrator Smith.

Mr. Peters reported he had taken numerous complaints, matched it with an ordinance violation, and visited several properties to take pictures. He asked to meet with the City Attorney and send warning letters, which will be followed up by citations if the issue is not resolved. Mr. Peters explained that he had created a new code book that matches how other cities have made their code books. He expressed his opinion that a reworked code book should be placed on line. He also stated he would like to have authorization to go through the city looking for violations and take complaints from residents.

Councilmember Reiter expressed concern as she thought the process was that the complaint would come to the City Clerk-Administrator, who would determine whether the complaint was valid. If it was determined that it was a valid complaint, it would then be sent to Mr. Peters, whose services are limited to \$1,200. She also expressed concern that Mr. Peters appeared to be codifying the city's ordinances, which was not in the city's budget or in the Code Enforcement Officer's job duties.

Councilmember Unker stated that he liked that the process was being streamlined, and as long as the complaints were routed through City Hall, he felt the process was acceptable. Councilmember Reiter noted that she was uncomfortable with Mr. Peters going in search of code violations as this would cause the \$1,200 budgeted to be used up very quickly.

Councilmember Unker stated he was satisfied with Mr. Peters bringing the city codes more in line with what other cities have. Councilmember Reiter stated she was not comfortable with Mr. Peters redoing ordinances. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that city code could not be changed without action and approval by the City Council. Mr. Peters explained he was trying to clean up the city code and make it possible to post online. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that codification was listed as a goal for the City Council and staff. Costs vary for this service, but he will provide some figures for budget discussions. Mr. Peters pointed out that the city is not required to recodify, but having the ordinances in a more orderly, user-friendly format would be beneficial. He also stated that he would like to have a ticket book so that if ordinance violations are not resolved in the time allowed, he can issue a citation with the ordinance number listed on it.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that in the reading of past minutes, it seemed to him that part of the reason the City Council brought in a third party to handle complaints was because the City Clerk-Administrator has been inundated with other statutory requests/duties/deadlines which are more pressing than a complaint. He suggested a monthly report that could be done easily to determine if Mr. Peters is going through the budgeted amount too quickly. If that is the case, the City Council can then determine whether to move the complaint process back to city offices or budget more money for Mr. Peters's services.

Mr. Peters reported that he currently has 15 complaints that he is reviewing. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that the employment agreement drawn up with Mr. Peters, as discussed at the June City Council meeting, was for a temporary, seasonal employee for a 6 month period, budgeted to \$1,200 at \$25 per hour. It was pointed out at that time that this amount did not allow for a lot of time on a weekly basis (averaged out it would 1.8 hours per week). The budget for this position will be used up very quickly if Mr. Peters is driving through the city looking for violations. Councilmember Unker stated he felt it was time to spend money on this issue and liked Mr. Peters's vision. Councilmember Reiter asked how many hours he spent on this so far. Mr. Peters reported he had worked approximately 6-8 hours on code enforcement issues. Councilmember Reiter noted that this meant he had \$1,000 left to work with on code enforcement issues.

Deputy Sullivan asked for clarification regarding the role of law enforcement in the code enforcement process and whether the city would now be issuing administrative citations rather than regular criminal tickets with law enforcement backing. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that the goal is to deal with as many ordinance violations as possible administratively. If an issue is not resolved in a timely manner, or the City Council chooses to deal with an issue criminally, they will then involve the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sullivan asked for strong communication with staff, Mr. Peters, and the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Kopp asked whether Mr. Peters had the authority to run plates. Mr. Peters responded that he did not have that authority, but Deputy Sullivan said Mr. Peters could work with law enforcement if that is needed.

Mr. Peters reported that the advanced warning siren did not work on the July test. He looked into the issue, and it turned out that power was not going to the siren. Xcel Energy has fixed the problem. He explained that was the reason for the test earlier in the afternoon. Councilmember Reiter suggested that Code Red be used to inform residents when an unscheduled test of the siren will be performed.

o **City Hall Office/Warehouse Space – Market Analysis**

Councilmember Reiter asked that Item H, City Hall Office/Warehouse Space – Market Analysis, and Item I, Parking Issues, be switched around since Mr. Peters and Deputy Sullivan was at the meeting. She wanted him to be part of the discussion regarding parking issues. Mayor McCarthy noted that the City Council could review the market analysis.

M/S/P (Unker, McCarthy) TO TABLE WITH DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY HALL OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE – MARKET ANALYSIS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Parking Issues**

Councilmember Reiter pointed out that parking is prohibited on all city streets east of CSAH 18 (St. Croix Trail South) in the summer. She presented a photo she had taken recently that showed cars parked on the city streets and explained that the streets are not wide enough to allow cars to park on the street and still have enough room for emergency vehicles to get through. She asked that on-street parking be monitored more closely and that tickets are issued for on-street parking.

Deputy Sullivan stated that law enforcement prefers to be somewhat lenient on parking for locals, especially if they are having a large get-together. He acknowledged that beach parking is a whole different story. He explained that they judge this by whether there is a large group of cars in one area and the area in the city (if a car is parked on or near 13<sup>th</sup> Street, the assumption is they are not going to the beach).

Councilmember Reiter asked that even locals be given tickets as on-street parking is becoming too common. There was discussion regarding whether signs posted only when entering the city is adequate. The City of Lakeland is also very strict with their parking, and it has been determined that may not be adequate. Deputy Sullivan agreed that on-street parking has become a bad issue. He stated they will start putting warnings on cars. The warning then goes in their system, and they will be able to tell if a warning has been given to that car already. If a warning has already been placed on a car parked in the street, a ticket will then be issued for a subsequent violation.

o **Afton Septic System**

Jim Golden, 1920 Quarry Avenue South, reported that in a letter dated July 16, 2014, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) stated that they had determined that the proposed Afton Wastewater Treatment Facility will not have the potential for significant environmental effects. Therefore, the petition for an Environmental Assessment

Worksheet (EAW) was denied. He noted there is a month to appeal this. He has hired a lawyer experienced in dealing with this type of issue. This lawyer reported that if a city will support the appeal, the chance of success is increased tenfold over citizen support alone. The appeal will cost \$500. Mr. Golden wondered if it would be possible for residents of Lake St. Croix Beach, Afton, and St. Mary's Point as well as the cities of Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point could contribute and add support to this cause. He noted that the petition was only for an EAW to be performed. Councilmember Reiter asked what the difference was between Environmental Impact Worksheet (EIW), an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and an EAW. City Engineer John Parotti explained that he is not familiar with an EIW, but an EIS is more thorough than an EAW. If findings are found in an EAW, then an EIS can be required.

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom clarified that Mr. Golden filed a petition with the MPCA to require the City of Afton to perform an EAW, and that petition has been denied. The Lake St. Croix Beach City Council directed Mr. Sandstrom to submit objections on behalf of the city to the MPCA. He also submitted a petition for a hearing on issue of whether the permit should be granted or not. City Attorney Sandstrom reported that he talked with a representative from the MPCA to determine the status of the city's petition. The representative explained that the first step in their process was to first consider whether an EAW was required. If an EAW was required, they would want that process to be completed before moving on to the city's petition to deny the permit entirely. Because Mr. Golden's petition has now been denied, Attorney Sandstrom expects a hearing date will be set soon to consider the city's petition. The hearing will require people to testify, and several residents have expressed interest in doing so, including John Golden, Jon Place, and Kevin Wall.

Councilmember Brown asked whether the MPCA would just deny the city's petition as they did with Mr. Golden's. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that may be the outcome, but the city requested a hearing while Mr. Golden requested the requirement of an EAW.

Mr. Golden stated that the City of Afton has some very powerful people on their side and approval of the septic system is being fast-tracked regardless of the red flags being presented. He acknowledged that requests and petitions from the city carries more weight than requests or petitions from citizens. Mr. Golden reported that he also contested the permit, which goes out of the MPCA.

Councilmember Reiter stated that her main concern was preventing the system from being expanded. Mr. Golden asserted that the goal should be to prevent the system from being installed in this location rather than just limiting it. He pointed out that a DNR hydrologist has stated that the sand will go out one hundred feet, and then everything will go into the creek.

Cathy Chavez, a resident very close to the proposed site of the cluster septic system, stated that she is still on a well. Her well is within the 300 foot requirement, but is continuously eliminated from the maps provided by Afton for the system. She has been told by the engineers for the project that they are aware of the well. She expressed her opinion that her well is left off of maps because they would not be able to place the system in the desired location if the well were publicized. The engineers working on the project have also said that expansion will be to the north. Ms. Chavez also stated that the permit companies that pump septic systems will be allowed to dump material into the system.

M/S/P (Unker, McCarthy) TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION AND ANY RELATED APPEAL BY JAMES AND KATHY GOLDEN TO REQUIRE AFTON TO ENGAGE IN AN EAW FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM PROJECT AND TO GARNER SUPPORT FROM NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 9:27 p.m.
- **RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 9:35 p.m.
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - **Pettitt Park Pavilion**

Mayor McCarthy explained that Bob Antonsen, the contractor for the pavilion at Pettitt Park, was not in attendance at the meeting. The City Council could table the issue or discuss it without him. It was explained that Mr. Antonsen was not comfortable moving forward with the work with the city paying directly to several different suppliers. Mayor McCarthy noted that half payment had been made for the handicapped

ramp in the front of City Hall before the ramp was installed and half payment was made for the Pettitt Park shed before it was delivered.

M/S/P (Brown, Unker) TO PAY HALF THE AMOUNT OF BID TO BUILD THE PAVILION AT PETTITT PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,750 TO ANTONSEN CONSTRUCTION AND PAY THE SECOND HALF WHEN THE PAVILION IS COMPLETED.

Councilmember Reiter asked whether this had been done at a previous meeting. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that at the June City Council meeting, the City Council authorized half of the amount to be paid to numerous vendors for supplies for the pavilion. Mr. Antonsen would prefer the money be paid to him, and then he would pay the vendors.

MOTION PASSED, 3 AYES, 1 NAY (REITER), 1 ABSENT (KOPP).

- **Charitable Gambling – Bayport American Legion**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reminded the City Council that there was an ordinance requiring 50% of gambling proceeds be used to directly benefit people within the trade area. Marion Kaufmann, the gambling manager for the American Legion, the organization running pull-tabs at the Beach Bar, was unaware of this requirement until recently. Many of the organizations (Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Community Thread, etc.) that benefitted from donations from the American Legion served this area. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg stated that the local trade area could be defined as all of Washington County. The City Council could also amend the ordinance to require that 10% of the proceeds go directly back to the city. The funds would be set up in a separate fund statutorily and used for special projects in the city such as a park fund.

City Attorney Sandstrom reported that he and City Clerk-Administrator Smith met with Ms. Kaufmann where she submitted additional financial information as requested. The way the ordinance currently reads, 50% of the net proceeds from the Beach Bar pull-tabs are to be spent in the 5-city area for charitable issues. Pull-tab sales have been conducted at the Beach Bar since 2007. From 2007 – present, the net proceeds have been approximately \$52,000. 50% of the net proceeds (\$26,000) may not have been spent in the 5-city area, but far more than that has been spent on donations in Washington County. The ordinance has been violated, but he would not recommend penalizing them heavily. Going forward, he discussed a reasonable sum as a penalty to donate to the city for the park fund or donate to Lower St. Croix Valley Foundation. He also suggested amending the ordinance, and comply with it now that the terms are known. Attorney Sandstrom noted that the City Council could change the trade area to be all of Washington County and require 50% of the net proceeds be donated to help residents in Washington County or amend the ordinance to require 10% be directly donated to the special city fund. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg pointed out that the City Council could require both 50% be spent in Washington County and 10% given directly to the city. The 10% could also be made retroactive to 2007, which would require \$5,200 be donated to the city.

There was discussion whether the bingo played at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi at the annual Fall Festival or the proceeds from the Flood Run would be subject to these requirements. City Attorney Sandstrom reported that bingo, pull-tabs, and raffles are included in the ordinance. City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that there is a difference between bingo or raffle and pull-tabs as the pull-tabs are continuous while bingo and a raffle are for a very limited time period.

Jon Place, owner of the Beach Bar, expressed concern regarding charging the Bayport Legion 10% back-pay. He reported that the Legion donates all proceeds they take in, and they would not be able to pay \$5,200. He suggested another way, such as having applications for the Legion's scholarship program available at City Hall. He also noted that the Legion did not violate the ordinance purposely.

City Clerk-Administrator Berg stated he would write up amendments for the ordinance defining the trade area, requiring 50% donation in Washington County, and 10% to the city.

- **Frozen Water Main**

Laurel March offered that there appeared to be no argument that frozen water mains were the city's responsibility. She noted that at the May City Council meeting, the City Council discussed the issue of her frozen water lines and whether the city should pay for the contractor to come and attempt to thaw her pipes. She explained that her water line appeared to be frozen over the winter. After talking to Matt Kline at Lakeland Water Utility, a contractor came and thawed her lines. The next day, her lines appeared to be frozen again. She again talked to Mr. Kline, and the contractor again came to her home. After the con-

tractor attempted to thaw her lines, it was discovered that it was actually the water main that was frozen. Even though the water main was frozen, a charge was generated for the contractor's attempt. At this time, Mr. Kline suggested she talk with the Lake St. Croix Beach City Council to see if they would reimburse her for the charge.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that he talked with Mr. Kline who stated he would recommend that the City Council pay for the second charge. Ms. March stated she was asking that the second charge of \$196.55 be paid by the city.

M/S/Withdrawn (Brown, Unker) TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF \$196.55 FOR THE SECOND ATTEMPT TO THAW LAUREL MARCH'S WATER LINES.

There was discussion regarding what decision the city had made when this was discussed previously. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar reported that the City Council had decided to not reimburse Ms. March. Councilmember Brown noted that the decision had been based on incorrect information. The vote had been 4-1 in favor of not reimbursing her. Councilmember Unker had been the opposing vote, and he stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order he thought he needed to be the one to make the motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

M/S/P (Unker, Brown) TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF \$196.55 FOR THE SECOND ATTEMPT TO THAW LAUREL MARCH'S WATER LINES. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

- o **Resolution for Bruce and Eunice Swanson Variance Approval**

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that the City Council approved the variance for Bruce and Eunice Swanson. This was to formalize the decision in a resolution. The condition placed on the approval regarding water run-off management with gutters was included in the resolution.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-11, A RESOLUTION GRANTING VARIANCES AS REQUESTED BY BRUCE AND EUNICE SWANSON TO BUILD A THREE SEASON PORCH AT 1370 RAMADA AVENUE SOUTH. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – NAY, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – ABSENT, MCCARTHY – AYE.

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- o **Councilmember Brown's Report**

The Cable Commission met and approved the payments to the city for the rest of 2014. The money will not all be paid right away. The commission also agreed unanimously to approve the franchise agreement with Xfinity/Comcast pending the attorney's approval. He apologized for missing the Special City Council meeting to approve the election judges.

- o **Councilmember Kopp's Report**

Absent.

- o **Councilmember Unker's Report**

Nothing further to report.

- o **Councilmember Reiter's Report**

Councilmember Reiter reported that the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO) is reviewing their 2015 budget. They are also reviewing their grand plan, which is due in 2015, but an extension can be requested. The Lower St. Croix Partnership Team cancelled the June meeting. The Environmental Advisory Commission/Recycle Committee met and discussed Heritage Day. She reminded residents to bring spray bottles for non-toxic cleaning solution.

- o **Mayor McCarthy's Report**

Mayor McCarthy reported he had secured a band to play at Heritage Day.

- o **City Attorney's Report**

Nothing further to report.

### **Interim City Clerk-Administrator Mitchell Berg**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that Mr. Triemert, who spoke during public comments, has submitted over 11 data requests in the past month. Once Mr. Triemert has viewed the documents already prepared, he will continue working on those requests. Three residents in the Riverway District have come to him regarding possible remodels and elevations. City Councilmember newsletter articles should be submitted to city staff by Monday, July 28, 2014.

Councilmember Reiter noted that in the past, candidates for City Council have been allowed to make a statement half a page in the city newsletter. She asked that this be put on the agenda for the next City Council meeting. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that he would like further City Council direction regarding City Council newsletter articles. Mayor McCarthy noted that before he was mayor, the only Council newsletter article came from the mayor. Councilmember Reiter noted that until a policy is approved, city staff should be the editor of the newsletter.

### **Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar's Report**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills for the month of July totaling \$55,000.87. She reported that there were not enough checks at the time of the meeting to issue one for all bills. She asked that an additional \$199.06 be approved so they can be paid when the checks arrive, which will bring the total to \$55,199.93. Ms. Truhlar noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fire protection payments is included (nearly \$13,000), the remaining parking meter balance (\$10,758), and the interest payment for the City Hall bond (nearly \$4,000).

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,199.93.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar noted that \$196.55 should be added to the total, as the payment for Laurel March was approved, and \$5,750 should also be added to the total, as the payment for Antonsen Construction was approved.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, TO ADJUST THE BILL TOTAL TO \$61,146.48. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that he talked with a representative from CenterPoint energy, who stated the grant could be used for other safety reasons if the radio was not purchased.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO ADJOURN AT 10:25 P.M. MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (KOPP).

#### *Acronyms and abbreviations that may appear in this newsletter.*

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
RFP	=	Request For Proposal
SEH	=	Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)

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### Meeting Schedule

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

Please call the City Hall at 651-436-7031 for the address of any meeting held outside of the City. Check the City's Posting Box for up to day information on City meetings.

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