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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.

December Calendar

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

Thursday, December 3
 Recycle Day

Wednesday, December 9
 LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, December 10
 Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Thursday, December 17
 Recycle Day

Monday, December 21
 Truth in Taxation Hearing
 Regular City Council Meeting
 Holiday Party at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24
 Christmas Eve – City Offices Closed

Friday, December 25
 Christmas Day – City Offices Closed

Friday, January 1, 2016
 New Year's Day – City Offices Closed

Ordinance 1802.020. Open

Burning

No person shall dispose of refuse by open burning, or cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning of refuse in the City of Lake St. Croix Beach.

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.

Winter Parking Restrictions ❄️

On street parking is prohibited throughout city:

- For more than 24 consecutive hours from Nov. 1 thru April 1
- After snowfall, for 48 hours or until snow is removed
- Where posted "No Parking"
 The above conditions require that vehicles must be
OFF THE PAVED STREET SURFACE.

Citations may be issued for vehicles that obstruct snowplow routes.



You are cordially invited to the LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL HOUR

Monday, December 21st 8:00 p.m.

Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall

Hosted by the City Council



Ordinance 724.04 Outdoor Implements . . . any power lawn mower, snowblower, power hedge clipper, power saw, or such other implement designed primarily for outdoor use, shall be operated only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and State and Federal Holidays.

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.

From The Fire Department

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Sunday, December 6, 2015; 8:00 am – Noon

Come and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee!

Santa will be visiting during the breakfast for photo opportunities.

Free will offering! Bring your food donation of non-perishable food items to help stock the local food shelves. Last year we gathered over 200 pounds of food.

Let's do our part to help others!

From The Sheriff's Office

As the Holidays draw near and we begin to shop more on-line, the Washington County Sheriff's Department wants you to be aware of a new scam that is around us. There have been reports that packages are being stolen right off your front porches that were delivered by UPS and FedEx. The Sheriff's Department urges you, if you have computer access, to download a tracking app and receive notifications in regards to your shipments. Both UPS and FedEx have a special tracking app that will notify you both where your shipment is, along with its delivery date and time. By downloading and tracking these items, you will know if your packages have arrived and if it is not there you should call your local law enforcement and file a report.

The Sheriff's Department would also like you to know that they have developed a new app that is available for both Droid and Apple phones that gives you all the information right at your fingertips, there is a mobile tip line, along with press releases, and important notifications, you can even do an inmate search. Visit Washington County's web site for more information.

Annual Notice to All Residential Utility Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow, but the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirements:

1. Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
2. The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving "any form of public assistance," including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
3. The household income of the customer is less than 50% of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
4. The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the utility to try and work out a payment schedule.

Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – December 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.

Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25.

Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 31.

Preschool Storytime

December 7, 14, 21, and 28; 10:30 a.m.

Groth Music Presents "Meet The Instruments Show and Tell"

Monday, December 7; 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Representatives from Groth Music will be on hand to introduce young children to a variety of musical instruments during this special "musical show and tell" program designed for preschool age children. No registration required.

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

August, 2015

Complaints Investigated

5 Medical	1 Parking Concern
2 Theft Report	1 Property Damage
2 Family Dispute/Assist	1 Noise Complaint
2 Fraud Report	1 Threats Report
2 Traffic	1 Injured Deer
1 Suspicious Vehicle	1 Lockout
1 Driving Complaint	1 Welfare Concern

Citations Issued: 0

• 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 September, 7 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



Animal Control

In the month of September, 2 dogs were reported lost, and 1 dog was 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
Lake St. Croix Beach City Hall
16455 20th Street South
Lake St. Croix Beach
Phone Number (651) 505-9985
jbuckleylscb@comcast.net

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 will have expanded hours starting November 3, 2015.

The Environmental Center is open:

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 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



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:	Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
	Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.
	Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. and midnight
	Dec. 10 at 7 a.m.
	Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
	Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.
	Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. and midnight
	Dec. 24 at 7 a.m.
	Dec. 30 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
	Dec. 31 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 November 16, 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, Susan Schuler, Amy Truhlar

Others Present Mary Parr, Dolly Burns, Jon Place, Bill Glampe, Curt Hanson, Lyle Sorenson, Curt Hanson, Jim Golden, Karen Riley, Crystal Howard, Tammy Landsberger

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:04 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3
Mayor McCarthy asked to insert a new New Business Item 8B, Curt Hanson Property, and move each subsequent item under New Business down.
M/S/P (Brown, Kline) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. 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: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSESSION ON NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO ACCEPT THE GAMBLING DONATION FROM BAYPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 491. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jim Golden, 1920 Quarry Avenue South, submitted a letter he had written to Rachel Olmanson of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the City Council's review and for the record. He then read another letter, which he also submitted for the record, to Ms. Olmanson from Ryan J. Howell, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Prairie Island Indian Community. This letter stated that the Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office felt that there was a high probability that Dakota-related cultural resources, archaeological sites, or human burials may be present in the Valley Branch Watershed. Therefore they were requesting to be a stakeholder and as a consulting partner under the auspices of Section 106. They also requested a public informational meeting regarding the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies Report (WRAPS) with the MPCA Commissioner.

Tamra Landsberger, 1380 Riviera Avenue South, felt that by separating the parking lots of the Beach Bar and Pettitt Park, it would be separating the community. She noted that the parking lot is a gathering areas for Pettitt Park and for the Beach Bar. There have been no accidents. She pointed out that cutting the parking lots off from each other will cause a lack of parking for events at the Beach Bar, such as the wall-eye tournament, and events at Pettitt Park, such as baseball games. Ms. Landsberger suggested alternatives to address safety concerns such as speed limit signs or signs saying children at play. She also stated that the city should lead by example and should obtain building permits like any resident would need to. She stated that many residents are unhappy with recent events.

Jon Place, owner of the Beach Bar, stated that he tries to listen to everyone and address all concerns. He noted that guests use both parking lots all the time for their trailers and snowmobiles. Delivery trucks also make use of the two entrances for safer deliveries. If the parking lots are separated, the delivery trucks will need to back out onto CSAH 18 (St. Croix Trail) or stop and back into the parking lot. Mr. Place noted that years ago, there was a plan to eliminate the entrance/exit into Pettitt Park, which he fought against for the same reasons. He asked everyone to consider all issues regarding this plan.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Councilmember Brown reported 32 calls to law enforcement in the month of October. There were no citations issued. The animal report for October listed 4 lost dogs, 1 lost cat, 1 dog found, and 1 cat found.

Councilmember Reiter added that there were 4 calls to law enforcement regarding ordinance violations. She asked why there was a reference to Mr. Glasgow signing a release for

checks to the cities from the Cable Commission and why this was being reported at the fire district meeting. Councilmember Unker stated he was interested in that answer as well.

Mayor McCarthy reported that the fire department and law enforcement representatives were on a call and would give their report when they returned.

- **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

- **City Engineer Parotti**

John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, reported that the fall street sweeping was completed in early November. The invoice was for the same amount as the quote, which is the same cost as the past several years.

Drainage structure cleaning has been completed. He performed some spot checks to confirm the work was completed.

Regarding the 21st Street Levy easement issue, staff has been successful in locating some easement documents for the property, and they are now trying to determine if the drawings resulted in legal documents and easements recorded with Washington County.

Zappa Brothers has been working on the Bluff Repair Site #2. They are doing the seeding now, but have been stopped by weather a few times. Weather permitting, they expect to be done with the work by November 23, 2015. The city received a matching grant for the work, and they must have the work completed by November 30, 2015. The invoice will be presented at the December City Council meeting. Councilmember Brown noted that Stairway #8, the path to the river, has been covered over during the repair work and asked whether that would be uncovered. City Engineer Parotti explained that it was not part of the bid to reopen that path, and he would not recommend using it.

Mayor McCarthy noted that he had seen many of the city's French drains with white circles painted on them. Engineer Parotti stated that this meant that the contractor had been there and presumably had cleaned them. He added that the paint will fade quickly.

- **City Attorney Sandstrom**

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom stated that he was going to provide a status update regarding Mr. Curt Hanson's criminal prosecution, but since the item has been added to the agenda, he would give his report at that time.

- **City Clerk-Administrator Schuler**

City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler reported that she obtained a quote for alarms from CWS Security. The city is not currently under contract with Trans-Alarm, and the city owns the equipment. She noted there were two quotes: one for service with new equipment, and one for service with the current equipment. CWS recommended new equipment as that will provide better service. Even with new equipment, there will be approximately \$900 of savings each year. With new equipment, employees will not need to reset the alarm with every light flicker or surge. Councilmember Unker that with this system, there was redundancy and stated the city may be able to eliminate the need for the landline that is only used for the alarm system with the new service provider.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM CWS SECURITY TO CONVERT THE EXISTING ALARM EQUIPMENT AND ADD A CELLULAR UNIT AT A COST OF \$358.75 AND A \$31 PER MONTH MONITORING RATE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that the city has switched from using Century Link to Comcast for phone service, saving approximately \$1,200 per year. No equipment is being rented.

The draft ordinance from the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO) incorporating Minimal Impact

Design Standards (MIDS) has been received. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler has sent a copy to City Attorney Sandstrom and City Engineer Parotti for review. Copies of the ordinance are available at City Hall for anyone interested in seeing it.

The city has also switched copier service companies from Loffler to Metro Sales. Metro Sales will buy out the remaining contract the city has with Loffler. Metro Sales has sent a check to the city for the buy-out cost, and the city will then pay Loffler.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO ISSUE A CHECK TO LOFFLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,524.31 TO BUY OUT THE REMAINING CONTRACT WITH LOFFLER FOR THE PRINTER/COPIER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that she had spoken with Ben Thurmes from Tri-County about a bid for trimming trees in the right-of-way (ROW). He asked for more time, and the bid will be submitted before the December City Council meeting. She also obtained the Tri-County contracts for services with the City of Lakeland and the City of Afton.

The application for the credit card has been signed at the bank. It is expected that it will be processed soon.

Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews were at City Hall on Thursday, November 12. They removed and replaced some outside lightbulbs at City Hall, cleaned gutters, and began winterizing City Hall. They will complete the winterizing of windows, replacing lightbulbs, and painting when they are in the city again on Thursday, November 19. Mayor McCarthy asked that they move the flower pots outside the front doors into the garage and remove the dead plants. Councilmember Reiter asked that they remove the Siberian Elm growing west of the parking curbs in front of the Old City Hall and along the south side of 19th Street South east of CSAH 18.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reminded everyone that the Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing at the start of the December City Council meeting, December 21, 2015. There was discussion regarding having another budget workshop before the December City Council meeting when the final budget will be approved. One additional budget workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 21, 2015. Staff will send the City Council the preliminary budget, and the City Councilmembers should review and bring any changes to the worksession.

Metro Cities will be hosting a meeting regarding Legislative Policies on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler will be attending this meeting to vote on the policies. She will be out of the office the entire day.

The Park Commission is hosting a League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control Representative presentation "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Councilmember Unker asked whether the check from the Cable Commission with the memo "Fire Hall Sign" had been returned and whether a response had been made. Ms. Schuler reported that the check had been returned, but she had heard nothing further.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Jim Stanley, Deputy Fire Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported there were 363 runs in October, 6 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler noted that there has been miscommunication regarding the fire department's role in the conditional use permit (CUP) inspections. It is the business's responsibility to contact the fire department to schedule that inspection, which is required for the CUP renewal. Mr. Stanley explained that he can not go unannounced for the inspections, so none of the CUP locations have been inspected at this time. Mr. Stanley stated that he is willing to contact businesses to schedule the inspections.

Councilmember Reiter noted that the minutes from the September Fire District meeting reported that Mr. Glasgow stated that he had signed a release for the cable commission disbursements to the cities. Mr. Stanley stated this was just an announcement. He stated that the report was about donating money to the fire department for the sign, but the fire department is not related to the Cable Commission.

- **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

- **Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills for the month totaling \$26,255.64. She was not aware of any unusual end-of-year payments.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,255.64. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar asked the City Council to consider when they would like to schedule the January and February City Council meetings in 2016 as the third Mondays of the month were holidays. Last year, the City Council held their meetings on the Tuesday following the third Monday, but in previous years, the City Council held their meetings on the second Mondays of January and February. This will be on the agenda for the December City Council meeting.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **LED Illuminated Sign At Fire Department**

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding an LED sign at the Fire Department on November 4, 2015. The current sign is 11 feet X 5 feet, and the proposed sign is 10 feet X 5 feet. She noted that a concern of the Planning Commission and many others is the brightness of the sign. At night, a brighter sign is harder to read, so the brightness will be turned down at night for easier reading as well as to be less intrusive. The Planning Commission recommended that the City retain the right to monitor the brightness of the sign.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO AMEND THE LOWER ST. CROIX VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN ILLUMINATED SIGN WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT THE SIGN BRIGHTNESS BE CONTROLLABLE, THAT THE NEW SIGN BE THE SAME OR SIMILAR IN SIZE TO THE CURRENT SIGN, AND THAT THE SIGN ONLY BE USED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler noted that the Planning Commission also discussed allowing no other signs and not allowing anything offensive to be displayed on the sign. Councilmember Reiter stated that she was not in favor of the sign, but asked the City Council to consider a condition that initially, the sign be set at the lowest intensity from sunset to sunrise. She also asked the City Council to consider a condition that the City of Lake St. Croix Beach have first option of information on the sign since it is in Lake St. Croix Beach. The other City Councilmembers were against that condition since the sign will belong to the Fire Department, not the city. Mr. Stanley stated that the ambient lighting can be adjusted to cut down on the intensity, and there are over 100 settings for the lumen brightness. The words can either be scrolling or set in a block. The letters will only in one color – red. There was discussion regarding what color was the easiest to read and which color allowed for the best retention.

MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (REITER).

- **Curt Hanson Property**

City Attorney Sandstrom reported provided an update regarding Mr. Curt Hanson and the criminal prosecution process for addressing the code violation on his property. A guilty plea was entered for the misdemeanor charge, but the sentence hearing will not take place until late January, 2016. He noted that the ultimate goal of the city was compliance, not necessarily jail time if the property is in compliance. There are still items being stored on the property, which is an otherwise vacant lot, so the property is still not in compliance.

Curt Hanson expressed his opinion that the ordinance violation being discussed now is not what he was charged with and is being held over his head. He stated that he felt that the City Council was trying to take his property away from him so he can not use it. He asked why he was being threatened with jail time and a large fine for storing items on his property. Mayor McCarthy pointed out that ordinances require a principle structure on the property in order to store items there, and Mr. Hanson's property has no structure. Mr. Hanson asked for the ordinance number for this requirement.

Jim Gasperini, Curt Hanson's attorney, asked if there was any compromise that could be reached to allow the items to be stored on the property such as a barrier to block the items from view. Mayor McCarthy stated that this not allowed on other properties. Mr. Hanson stated that the items have always been there, including when the property was owned by the same owners as the property adjacent to his. He stated that this should be grandfathered because of this. He asked why a CUP could not be issued or a variance approved. Mr. Gasperini asked if Mr. Hanson could build an attractive fence with a gate on the east and north side of the property, which would block the items from view.

City Attorney Sandstrom stated that the storage of items on an otherwise vacant lot is a use that is not allowed. A variance, by statute, can not be granted for a use that is otherwise not allowed. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that the City Council recently approved a use that was not allowed and noted that she expressed concern at that time about allowing a use that was not permitted. She stated that in her opinion, Mr. Hanson was asking for the same consideration. Councilmember Unker disagreed, stating that each property is unique in its own way, and Mr. Hanson was living on the property in a tent, which is what started the whole thing. Mr. Gasperini pointed out that Mr. Hanson is no longer living on the property, and he is asking for a way to use the property.

Councilmember Reiter asked if he could submit an application. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that Mr. Hanson could submit an application for a variance or a CUP if he wished to do so. Mr. Hanson asked if he could get a portable shed large enough to store everything. Mayor McCarthy noted that the property is not a storage space. Mr. Gasperini asked if he could apply for a variance to build a home on the property. Mayor McCarthy pointed out that there is no water stop at the property and it is too small to meet all the setbacks. Mr. Gasperini asked if there was any other suggestion. Councilmember Unker stated he would take advice from the city attorney.

Mayor McCarthy stated he would agree to allow the shed holding everything if the car and boats were removed. Mr. Hanson told him that Mitch Berg, Interim City Clerk-Administrator told him he could keep the car and boats on the property as long as they were licensed. Mayor McCarthy noted that Mr. Berg was not in attendance to defend or explain his statements. Mr. Gasperini stated they would be back at the January City Council meeting with a proposal. City Attorney Sandstrom suggested submitting a proposal in writing with an application. The city is required to process the application within 60 days for a land use application.

o **Annual Renewal of Conditional Use Permits and Certificate of Compliance**

Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that this CUP needed to be amended because the size of the sign was wrong.

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE LOWER ST. CROIX VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS AMENDED (WITH CORRECTED SIGN SIZE). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1770 St. Croix Trail South

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reviewed some changes the Planning Commission had recommended including the title of the permit, the general description, and the requirement of a landscaping plan.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 1770 ST. CROIX TRAIL SOUTH AS AMENDED.

There was discussion that the CUP renewals should be contingent upon each location passing the fire inspection.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, AGREED TO BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE CONTINGENCY OF PASSING THE FIRE INSPECTION. AMENDMENT APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Beach Bar

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the Planning Commission had recommended adding the premise description to the CUP. After considering the issue, she now recommended that the premise description should be in the license, not the CUP. Councilmember Unker asked why the description would not also be on the CUP, she noted that premise descriptions are on most liquor licenses. Councilmember Unker suggested that the premise description should also be on the CUP as it is a city document, while the liquor license is a state document. City Attorney Sandstrom stated that it would not be harmful for the city if the description was on the CUP or if it was not on the CUP.

Mayor McCarthy asked whether drinking alcohol was supposed to be a certain distance from a property line or from a park. City Attorney Sandstrom was not aware of any restrictions of this kind. Mr. Place stated that it must be 1,000 feet from a church or from a school.

M/S/P (Reiter, Unker) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE BEACH BAR AS AMENDED (WITH THE PREMISE DESCRIPTION).

Mayor McCarthy noted that the premise description says 12 feet from the back deck. He stated that this is city property. It was explained that the drinking was allowed on the back deck, not 12 feet from the deck. Mr. Place stated he was not making modifications to the building or remodeling.

MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (MCCARTHY).

Birdseye Properties d/b/a Wood Wonders Supply and Design, Inc.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR WOOD WONDERS SUPPLY AND DESIGN, INC. CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION,

WHICH IS A CONTINGENCY FOR ALL CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City of Lake St. Croix Beach

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler noted that some changes were made to the City's CUP but not discussed at the Planning Commission. These changes included fencing replacements at Pettitt Park, bluff repairs on Site #1 and Site #2, and the Veterans Memorial.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH, CONTINGENT UPON THE CHANGES FOR PETTITT PARK, THE BLUFF REPAIRS, AND THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AND CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Duplex, 1936 Racine Avenue South

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that she has not received the paperwork or fee from the owner of the duplex at 1936 Racine Avenue South.

M/S/P (Reiter, Unker) TO TABLE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 1936 RACINE AVENUE SOUTH UNTIL THE PAPERWORK AND FEES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Duplex, 16360 – 16370 18th Street South

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE DUPLEX LOCATION AT 16360-16370 18TH STREET SOUTH CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Erickson Oil d/b/a Freedom

M/S/P (McCarthy, Reiter) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR FREEDOM CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION.

Councilmember Unker stated he was concerned about the fumes inside the building and asked whether commercial properties needed to have their septic systems pumped every three years like residential properties. Councilmember Reiter suggested that Washington County should be asked about this.

MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (UNKER).

Kopp Sign Service

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USER PERMIT FOR KOPP SIGN SERVICE CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION.

Councilmember Unker asked if a CUP could be approved for an owner who was deceased. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that a CUP is for the property and not a particular person. Staff will update the CUP to the current owner.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nails, Etc.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that she has not received any paperwork or fees for Nails, Etc.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO TABLE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR NAILS, ETC. UNTIL THE PAPERWORK AND FEES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

Mayor McCarthy asked if all the CUP applicants had submitted paperwork and fees last year. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that they had all paid last year. Only two had not paid this year.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Fire Barn

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OLD FIRE BARN CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Scenic Hills Alternative Care

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the Planning Commission had asked her to confirm there were no violations reported for Scenic Hills Alternative Care. She checked with Washington County, and there were no violations.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SCENIC HILLS ALTERNATIVE CARE CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION.

Councilmember Reiter suggested they check on the maples, which have started sprouting from the bottom, before they create a line-of-sight issue.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Church of St. Francis of Assisi

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported she had made some changes as recommended by the Planning Commission, including red tiles on the roof and the addition of the storage shed.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY FIRE INSPECTION.

Councilmember Unker asked that the approval of the variance for the shed be added to the CUP.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Boat Art

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that the Interim City Clerk-Administrator had not changed the CUP for this property when the use and IUP were approved.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO TABLE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR BOAT ART UNTIL THE PAPERWORK HAS BEEN UPDATED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o Pettitt Park Parking Lot Proposal

Councilmember Reiter suggested tabling this issue or denying the proposal because they were provided updated information to consider right before the meeting.

M/S/F (Unker, Reiter) TO DECLINE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PETTITT PARK PARKING LOT FROM THE PARK COMMISSION.

Lyle Sorenson, Chair of the Park Commission, reported that this proposal was made because it was a recommendation from the League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control Representative. The Park Commission was concerned only with safety in the parking lot. He noted that speed bumps were originally proposed, but the City Council had denied that recommendation. Parents have expressed concerns about the safety of children in the parking lot. Therefore, the Park Commission felt a responsibility to respond to safety concerns. Park Commission Chair Sorenson stated that the discussion at the Park Commission was always in regards to safety; there was no finger-pointing.

Mr. Place stated that he has owned the bar for 10 years, and there has never been in an accident in that parking lot. He noted that this was just a recommendation, not a requirement

to do anything. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that this issue has been discussed in the past, as a concern from the League of Minnesota Cities, and there was more concern regarding safety from cars pulling out from the county ROW than from the parking lot.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler suggested a survey to determine where property lines end in the parking lot. Councilmember Unker expressed concern about possible easements on this land.

MOTION FAILED, 2 AYES, 3 NAYS (BROWN, KLINE, MCCARTHY).

There was discussion regarding different sizes of speed bumps.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO INSTALL ONE ROW OF LOW PROFILE SPEED BUMPS IN SPRING 2016 (MEMORIAL DAY) THE SAME TIME THE SPEED BUMPS ARE INSTALLED AT RIVERFRONT PARK, INSTALL A SIGN THAT SAYS CHILDREN AT PLAY, AND A SIGN THAT SAYS SPEED BUMPS FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND SPEND UP TO \$800. MOTION PASSED, 3 AYES, 2 NAYS (REITER, UNKER).

o Remnant Prairie Burn

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the cost for the remnant prairie burn will be \$1,500. There are no grants available from Great River Greening for this burn. She is researching other possible grant sources. It was noted that this was included in the preliminary budget, but it could not be remembered how much was budgeted.

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO TABLE THIS ISSUE UNTIL SPRING 2016.

Councilmember Reiter stated she would like a report on the remnant prairie plants that are growing in the area.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o 1300 Riviera Avenue South Accessory Structure Project

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that earlier in the year, the City Council approved a variance for a garage at 1300 Riviera Avenue South. The garage was to be built within one year. Mr. and Mrs. Riley have asked for a one-year extension for the building of the garage due to the discovery of a water line and utility easement running in the property where the garage had been planned. The water line and easement have made the original plan not feasible, so they need further time for research.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-22, A RESOLUTION GRANTING EXTENSION TO VARIANCE 2015-06 TO BUILD A NEW GARAGE AND ALLOWING FOR A SECOND DRIVEWAY ACCESS AT 1300 RIVIERA AVENUE SOUTH.

Mayor McCarthy asked whether the fee could be waived if Mr. and Mrs. Riley needed to apply for a new variance for a new plan. Councilmember Reiter stated she would agree to waiving the fee, but not the expenses for mailings or if the city attorney and city engineer needed to be consulted.

Karen Riley reported that they discovered late that the water line ran crooked on the property and was under the location they had planned to build the garage. She asked if they could skip a second public hearing if they kept the same location but smaller dimensions to avoid the easement. They would still meet the same conditions. If their plan becomes substantially different, then they would re-apply. The City Council agreed that using the same space, but smaller footprint to avoid the easement would not be a substantial difference, and Mr. and Mrs. Riley would not need to re-apply for a variance.

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

Councilmember Unker asked that the Joint Powers Agreement for the Cable Commission be printed and have the issue on the December City Council meeting agenda.

- **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**
Councilmember Brown's Report
Nothing further to report.

Councilmember Kline's Report
Nothing further to report.

Councilmember Reiter's Report
The WMO reviewed the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) ordinance. In 2016, they will be holding their meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Unker's Report
Jim Golden asked whether City Attorney Sandstrom could draft a letter inquiring about the status of meetings following Section 106. After a discussion regarding attorney fees, Councilmember Unker stated he would write a letter himself.

Mayor McCarthy's Report
Nothing further to report.

- **ADJOURNMENT**
M/S/P (Brown, Unker) TO ADJOURN AT 9:45 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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
M/S/W	=	Moved, Seconded, and Withdrawn
RFP	=	Request For Proposal
STS	=	Sentenced-To-Service
SEH	=	Short Elliott Hendrickson (City Engineer)

Junk Cars

Ordinance 723.01 -- "Junk Vehicle" shall mean any of the following:

- Any type of vehicle requiring a license to operate on any public highway or street, but without a current license attached thereto.
- Any type of vehicle not in operable condition.
- Any type of vehicle that is partially dismantled and is used for sale of parts, or source for replacement parts for repair of other vehicles.
- Any type of vehicle that is kept for salvage or scrap of any sort.

Keep Jack Frost From Nipping At Your Septic System

This time of year, families with septic systems should take precautions to prevent costly septic system problems over the winter.

Prevent Freezing In The First Place. Insulation is key to preventing pipes and drainfields from freezing. Allowing grass to grow an extra six inches over the entire system (septic tank, connecting pipes, and drainfield/mound) in the fall can protect it from frost. Another good insulator is a layer of mulch (for example, straw, leaves, or hay) spread 8-12 inches deep over the system. Other ideas include maintaining wildflowers or native grasses over your tank and system.

Don't Be A Drip, Keep It Hot. Dripping faucets trickle water into the system, which can cause ice to build up and eventually freeze a pipe closed, often right where the septic pipe leaves the home. Fix all leaks and keep the system "energized" with regular doses of warm water during the winter – the warmer the better. Spread out your laundry schedule so you run one warm/hot load a day. Use the dishwasher and take hot baths. However, DO NOT leave water running all the time, as this will hydraulically overload the septic system.

Keep Off The Grass (And Snow). Keep all vehicle, animal, and human traffic off the system. This is a good rule to follow all year long as compacted snow and soils cause frost to go down deeper and faster. Pay special attention to the area between the house and the septic tank. Stay off these areas even during the winter as compacted snow provides much less insulation than undisturbed snow.

Keep It Safe. Make sure all septic tank covers are in place and firmly attached to prevent someone from falling in. Make sure all inspection pipe caps are in place and in good shape to keep cold air out.

Keep New Systems Under Cover. A new septic system covered with bare soil can have problems with freezing the first year. Cover a new tank, mound/drainfield with an insulating layer of mulch or similar loose material.

It's Frozen. Now What? If your septic system freezes, call a septic system professional. For Minnesotans, the MPCA website includes a search tool for finding certified professionals in your area. Search online for "MPCA SSTS licensed business search."

If it's not feasible to correct a problem, the only option is using the septic tank as a holding tank until the system thaws naturally in the spring. Have a pumper empty the tank when it starts to fill up.

There are some things you should never do to try to fix a frozen system:

- Do not introduce antifreeze, salt, or a septic system additive into the system
- Do not pump sewage onto the ground surface
- Do not start a fire over the system to attempt to thaw it out
- Do not run water continually to try to thaw the system. This can overload the system.

For more information on your septic system works and how to keep it healthy all year, go to the SSTS Practitioner and Homeowner Webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/0agxb12>.

Non-Toxic Cleaning Recipes

Furniture Polish:

- ½ teaspoon olive oil
- ¼ cup vinegar or lemon juice

Mix the ingredients in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces.

Carpet Spot Remover:

Blot immediately. Sprinkle with baking soda, cornstarch, or borax and let dry. Wash with club soda and vacuum.

Window Cleaner:

- ¼ cup white vinegar
- ½ teaspoon liquid soap or detergent
- 2 cups water

Combine the ingredients in a spray bottle and shake to blend.

Oven Cleaner:

- 1 cup or more baking soda
- A squirt or two of liquid soap

Sprinkle water generously over bottom of oven, then cover the grime with enough baking soda so surface is totally white. Sprinkle more water over top. Let sit overnight. Wipe up the grease the next morning; then with a bit of liquid soap on a damp sponge, wash remaining residue from the oven.



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 so placed as to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached from either direction.

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending November 16, 2015

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
100	Routine Operations	\$646,964.04	\$ 364,241.13	\$ 500,902.27	\$ 510,302.90
205	Pettitt Park Improvement	\$ (5,049.11)	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ (2,649.11)
206	Gambling Proceeds	\$ 237.15	\$ 330.97	\$ -	\$ 568.12
350	Debt Service Fund – MWP92	\$ 4,582.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,582.16
360	EDA Debt Service Fund	\$ 293.65	\$ -	\$ 171,990.02	\$ (171,696.37)
400	Flood Fund	\$ (6,336.12)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6,336.12)
402	Street Capital Outlay	\$ 85,010.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,010.01
410	Bluffland Grant	\$ 1,785.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,785.00
	Total All Funds	\$727,486.78	\$ 366,972.10	\$ 673,425.55	\$ 421,033.33

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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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