



City of Lake St. Croix Beach
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Issue No. 499

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.

July Calendar

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

Tuesday, July 1

Yellow Ribbon Alliance-Lower St. Croix Valley - 7:30 p.m. at Sail Away Cafe

Wednesday, July 2

Planning Commission

Thursday, July 3

Recycle Day

Tuesday, July 8

Park Commission

Wednesday, July 9

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, July 10

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Monday, July 21

Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, July 17

Recycle Day

Monday, July 28

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

Thursday, July 31

Recycle Day

Summer Parking Restrictions . .

On-street parking is prohibited
- Between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. May 20 through September 15 on the east side of County Road 18.
- Where Posted "No Parking"

Parking tickets will be issued for vehicles parked on the streets

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. . .

Reminder:

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.

FREE Sandbags and Sand are Available to City Residents

Sandbags and sand are available behind City Hall, located at 16455 20th Street South in Lake St. Croix Beach. Please bring shovel to fill bags. Fill bags one-half to two-thirds full. The bag, when filled, should lie fairly flat. Over-filled bags are firm and do not nestle into one another. Tight bags make for a leaky sandbag wall. Be cautious if using well water. Due to high river levels, septic systems may become inundated with seeping water and should not be used.

Tuesday, August 5th LSCB – Heritage Day & National Night Out. Mark your calendar.

No vendors or booths will be allowed at Heritage Day without prior approval from City Hall. No approval will be given at the event.

Condolences to the family of Arlene Swenson, long-time resident.

IMPORTANT 2014 ELECTION INFORMATION

Polling Place

The polling place for the City of Lake St. Croix Beach is **City Hall**, 16455 20th 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	Primary Election 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	General Election 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 Floodplain Advisory Commission and I have been working very hard to prepare as needed for rising river levels. When levels drop, the Park Commission will be scheduling a Shoreland Beach Clean-Up.

A big thank you to all residents and others involved in the protest of the Afton cluster system for your hard work, many hours, and dedication. Thank you to Councilmember Kopp and Councilmember Unker for taking the lead in this work.

Also, I attended the Afton Strawberry Festival and joined Cheryl Kopp in the 5-city Yellow Ribbon Alliance booth and participated in the meet and greet for elected officials. I greatly enjoyed these events.

Don't forget the famous Afton 4th of July Parade at noon. I wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day!

Mayor Tom

Hello LSCB'ers,

We've made much notable progress at our last City Council meeting.

We are starting to see revenues from our new automated beach parking system. Although It is still too early to tell and the season has been slow, I would predict that we will generate sufficient income from beach parking revenues (and non-payer fines) to rapidly offset the expensive-purchase price of the system. I anticipate that within a two year time frame, this new system will pay for itself. My hat is off to the Parks Commission and employee Bob Shearer for shepherding this through our system and finding new and improved ways of doing things and the Parks Commission for advising these new revenue (plus baseball field banners) sources to fund our city's activities.

I am keeping a close watch on legal fees as we are incurring fees way beyond what has been budgeted. It is hard to predict what will occur during a year, but knowing what we did at budget time we might have set the amount that was budgeted, much higher. Our very capable attorney Kevin Sandstrom has agreed to try and keep the costs to a minimum whenever he can. Read more about it in the minutes herein.

The Afton Sewer project could potentially negatively affect our residents property values. Of all of the responsibilities as a City Councilor, I take that issue very seriously. As many on the "other side of the highway" know, I am a proactive leader when it comes to trying to prevent Afton from locating their sewer system adjacent to our city. I sponsored a listening session at City Hall and thereafter made a motion (which passed unanimously) to make a City of LSCB complaint to the MPCA, asking in part for an investigation into this potential development. Read more about my actions in the minutes that follow.

There are other city items happening that I am reticent to tell you about until I can forward a potential "what we can say" policy to the council for adoption. The policy that some others of the council are asking for, would be in regards to what a councilor can and cannot write in their own newsletter comments! They want what you hear and read to be neutral, uniform. Read a lot more about my concerns in the minutes that follow. Look under "Newsletter comments; editing or censorship?". Your letters of support would be appreciated.

Hopefully much more later.

Jim Unker

Greetings,

Recycle – Reduce – Re-Use. The federal and state government is pushing for more....and so at our municipal level we need to also. This year I am the council liaison to the Environmental Advisory Committee (aka: Recycle Committee). We are looking for LSCB volunteers and also extend an invitation to get involved to our other 4 cities in our group – of two. Yes just 2 members.....we need to reactivate, recharge and get to our goal of increasing recycle materials of 2.7 lbs per household. We present recycle information and goals at the AL School carnival with help from the county and at our LSCB Heritage Day. We could use fresh ideas and HELP. Please contact me (info on back page) – to get involved.

(This message is RECYCLED-REPEATED from my March call for help.)

The EAC “Recycle Committee” is also recommending to the City Council to budget for a local Clean Up Day – if you would like to support this same thought, please contact any and all councilmembers for a 2015 Clean Up Day.

Afton Septic – comment period is open (as I write this) I have expressed my concern for caution and care of Valley Creek, as well as, review of the correct process of notice and procedure to have been and to be followed. I would also like if the proposed JPA offered by LSCB and SMP to Afton (who declined it) could be revisited. Essentially the JPA provided that any expansion permitted of the system would only be allowed to other flood prone properties in LSCB &/or SMP.

Have a Happy 4th of July,

Cindie J Reiter
LSCB City Councilmember

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 under the Public Works/Water Tab. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the water utility at 651-436-8044.

Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – July 2014

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.

Storytime

July 7 and 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Battle Bunny Book Party

Tuesday, July 8, 4:00 p.m.

The Battle Bunny is taking over! Make your own version of Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett’s book, play games, and even build your own catapult out of popsicle sticks. For kids ages 7-11. No registration.

Super Storytime: Teddy Bear Picnic

Monday, July 14, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bring your favorite teddy bear (or other special friend) for a picnic at the library. Enjoy stories, songs, games, and a craft. All ages welcome. No registration.

Bike Tune-Up Workshop

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.

Bike professionals from Eric’s Bike Shop will demonstrate basic bicycle maintenance and upkeep. For adults and

accompanying family members. Registration required. Sign up online or call the library.

Dog Gone Reading

Tuesday, July 22, 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, July 24, 5:00 p.m.

Book selected for discussion at this meeting is “A Country Doctor’s Casebook” by Roger A. MacDonald. Just read the book, come, and discuss.

Super Storytime: Frog and Toad

Monday, July 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a special storytime featuring Frog and Toad stories, games, and crafts. All ages welcome. No registration.

Take Elephant and Piggie Home

An ongoing summer activity for preschoolers and beginning readers

Sign up to take Elephant and Piggie (Elephant and Piggie stories by Mo Willems) home with you for a week’s stay. Enter notes, photos, or other items in the the journal that is in their travel bag. Share all of the fun things you do together. At the end of the summer, attend a special Elephant & Piggie Storytime, play games, participate in a craft activity, and hear about all of Elephant and Piggie’s excellent adventures. Sign-up begins May 24; call 651-436-5882.

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

May, 2014

Complaints Investigated

8 Medical	1 Neighbor Complaint
4 Residence Checks	1 Harassment Complaint
3 Lift Assist	1 Driving Complaint
3 Parking Complaints	1 Hit and Run
1 Animal Complaint	1 Vandalism Report
1 Shooting Complaint	1 Check Welfare
1 Noise Complaint	1 Scam Report
1 Burning Complaint	1 Assist

Citations Issued: 2

• 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 52 runs in May, 14 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



Animal Control

In the month of May, 1 dog was reported lost, and 2 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.**

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.

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.

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

Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost

Site

Bayport: RSI

Location: 201 2nd 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

Hazardous Waste Site

General Information

Did you know that residents can drop-off household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables for free at the new Washington County Environmental Center? The Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury, near the intersection of Manning and Bailey Road, just 4 miles south of

I-94. The Center replaces the Hazardous Materials Collection Site in Oakdale, which permanently closed in 2009.

The Environmental Center is open:

Tuesdays Noon – 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free Product Room

Don't need it? Someone might! Did you know that some of the items you drop-off at the Environmental Center might be stocked in the *Free Product Room* for other residents to pick up, free of charge? The *Free Product Room* is located inside of the Washington County Environmental Center at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Products set out in the *Free Product Room* are first screened for quality. Some of the more popular items are paint and stain. If you are on a tight budget, you might just find the color you were looking for, and there's no cost to you. Other popular products set out in the *Free Product Room* are lawn & garden products and automotive fluids.

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

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):
July 5

Community News

XYZ Club (Extra Years of Zest)

XYZ Club, for seniors 55 years and older, meets every Tuesday morning at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton. Cards will be played at 9:00 a.m. with a coffee break at 10:00 a.m., followed by more card playing until noon. Programs will be announced as they develop. For information, registration, or cancellation, call Marian Glasbergenner at 651-436-7742 on Mondays.



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

Schedule:

- July 2 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- July 3 at 7 a.m.
- July 9 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- July 10 at 9 a.m.
- July 16 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- July 17 at 7 a.m.
- July 23 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- July 24 at 9 a.m.
- July 30 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- July 31 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



HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL

The following are unapproved minutes from the June 16, 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 John Parotti, Kevin Sandstrom, Amy Truhlar

Others Present Paul Caliguire, Paula Caliguire, Jim Golden, Kathy Golden, Scott Prater, Mary Parr, Jon Place, Barb Kopp, Kevin Wall, Jim Stanley, Kris Peterson, Joe Riley, Tom Johnson

Call To Order by Mayor McCarthy at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

- **Approve Agenda**

Mayor McCarthy asked that Item 8I, Lot Split at St. Croix Villas, be added to the agenda. Councilmember Unker asked that Item 8D be retitled to Newsletter Comments – Editing or Censorship? as he requested it be titled rather than City Council Newsletter Articles.

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

- **Consent Agenda**

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION ON MAY 19, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 19, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Scott Prater, 1454 Riviera Avenue South, noted that he had recently built his house and while they are trying to complete the landscaping on the property, they are having problems with run-off issues with all the rain. They are in the process of installing the raingardens. They added sod late last week, and much of it was washed away with the storm over the weekend. He asked about run-off from a neighboring property and the street. City Engineer, John Parotti, explained that at City Council or staff direction, he could to the site and inspect the area to recommend some techniques to handle this issue. He noted that the drainage patterns in the area pre-date Mr. Prater's project. Mr. Prater asked whether the city had a responsibility to prevent water from running off the street and into residents' yards. He noted that when seeking approval for his project, he was required to retain the water on his property and not allow run-off. Mr. Parotti pointed out that when the street is reconstructed, the city would be held to the same standards residents regarding run-off.

Jim Golden, 1920 Quarry Avenue South, stated that he started a petition for an environmental assessment worksheet regarding the proposed Afton wastewater collection and treatment system which is part of the Afton downtown Old Village improvement project. They obtained 100 signatures in 4 hours from residents in St. Mary's Point, Lake St. Croix Beach, and Lakeland. He explained that this petition is not to stop the project, but to get a study performed to ensure that Valley Creek is protected from an environmental standpoint. He noted that the DNR has listed Valley Creek as a state-designated trout stream, and the creek is home to many endangered and threatened species. He stated that anything can be dumped down a drain, and the water in the system will not be treated before going into a drain field. The petition will be sent to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) tomorrow asking for the environmental assessment worksheet as no study has yet been done. Councilmember Kopp noted that the marina waste could be very dangerous.

Jon Place, owner of the Beach Bar at 2030 St. Croix Trail South, 16428 7th Street Lane South in Lakeland, stated that he thought there was enough evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the Afton septic proposal is wrong for the community. He noted that the City of Afton snubbed their noses at Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point by rejecting the Joint Powers Agreement and stated that it appears that they also violated the law concerning required notification. He asked if a response had been received regarding Attorney Sandstrom's data

request. He asserted that the increase in the level of nitrates will be unacceptable. He questioned what would be best for the long-term health and welfare of the community and asked the City Council to file a formal complaint with the MPCA. Mr. Place stated that the future rests on choosing good leaders.

Deputy Clerk Amy Truhlar reported that she had received a written comment from Cricket Kohl, 1941 Quentin Avenue South. Ms. Kohl wrote that Tom Johnson brought a bulldozer onto city property and caused damage and irreparable harm to the area. She noted that she was appalled at the damage done to the area and cried when she saw it. She stated that Mr. Johnson was not to be trusted and asked that the city obtain a restraining order to keep Mr. Johnson off all property within the city limits. Ms. Kohl also stated that Mr. Johnson should not approach any employee or councilmember without prior consent and a police escort. She suggested a fine of \$10,000 and criminal charges brought against Mr. Johnson.

Paula Caliguire, 16566 18th Street South, reported that for the past year, Tom Johnson has been tearing down trees on city property through the use of a bulldozer and has used burn permits to have fires that reached heights taller than the top of her house. In the past month, he has returned to the property to remove more trees. She noted that an agreement had been reached by the City Council for a fine and the replacement of trees. She stated that there appeared to be a wink-and-handshake deal between Mr. Johnson and the mayor, which the mayor keeps referring to as something he thought was a done deal. Ms. Caliguire asserted that the unilateral actions have caused the city more legal fees. She stated that the mayor had declined Mr. Johnson's offer of \$5,000 to settle the matter, but that the decision was for the entire City Council to make. Mr. Johnson and his attorney have run close to \$2,000 in legal fees and staff time for the City. She asked that the following statement be on the record, "There seems to be a conflict of interest between Mayor McCarthy and Tom Johnson, and it is apparent to anyone who looks close enough at the facts that Tom McCarthy's unilateral actions and misguided votes are failing to protect treasured trees and our city's assets from people like Mr. Johnson. Mayor McCarthy has tried to preempt and recreate the actual action taken by the majority of City Council votes, and in doing so has given Mr. Johnson, whether or not it is right, the authority to continue to cost the city money, time, and quiet enjoyment of their own property." She asked the City Council to double Mr. Johnson's fine, seek criminal charges against Mr. Johnson (including a restraining order), and force him to replace trees that he illegally tore down. She also stated that she called Mayor McCarthy twice about this matter, and he returned her call after the second time. He informed her that this was a matter for the City Council, not a matter for him to deal with on his own.

Kevin Wall, 15975 Putnam in Afton, reported that the MPCA is in the comment period for the Afton septic system regarding the environmental impact and the permit for the system. The system in Afton can be expanded by applying for another permit to expand the volume without expanding the land. He noted that the permit would allow commercial waste haulers from other areas to be trucked-in and sent through the system as long as the system is below maximum capacity. He noted that he and Mayor McCarthy were told this would not happen, but it is allowed in their permit. This would allow a future City Council to turn the system into a commercial waste facility. He noted that the 30-day comment period with the MPCA is quickly approaching. The information is on the website under the public comment period section.

Joe Riley, 1444 Riviera Avenue South, stated that he has been involved with Tom Johnson and the issue of the tree removal from the beginning. He felt that talk of criminal charges was too harsh, and noted that Mr. Johnson was in attendance and wanted to resolve the issue tonight. Mr. Riley stated he hoped that would occur.

• PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Law Enforcement

- 41 calls, 2 citations issued

Animal Control

- 1 dog reported lost; 2 dogs reported found

Jim Stanley, deputy chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, explained there were 52 calls in May, 14 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. The fire department will be making some changes to the landscaping at the Fire Hall. Mr. Stanley reported that the fire department is planning a house burn for June 28 in Afton off of Stagecoach. The date is subject to change based on weather conditions or other emergencies that occur before the start. The fire department will arrive at the home at approximately 9:00 a.m. The address is 2573 Stagecoach (at the intersection of Stagecoach and Put-

nam), and there is room for parking down below. The process will be explained if there are attendees. They will be reviewing the plans and goals of the burn at the fire station before going to the house. The actual burn will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. All Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District vehicles will be at the event and many of the firefighters. There may also be training occurring for new firefighters from nearby communities.

• CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

○ Drainage Structure Cleaning - Quotes

John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, reported that he had received any quotes for this service. He contacted Miller Excavating, who has performed this work for the city for the past several years. The contractor stated he would submit a bid, but verbally stated he would provide the service for the same price as 2013 - \$175 per hour for 10 hours - for a total of \$1,750. A draft contract has been prepared City Attorney Sandstrom for the work if the City Council chose to approve the bid from Miller Excavating.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM MILLER EXCAVATING OF \$1,750 FOR DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

○ Pavement Repairs at Water Main Breaks - Quotes

Four quotes were submitted for street patching over the water main repair locations. Brochman Blacktopping Company submitted the low quote in the amount of \$7,100. They also submitted one of the earliest completion dates of June 27, which is dependent upon the weather. Mr. Parotti noted that Brochman Blacktopping Company is not one of the city's usual contractors on road work. Brochman Blacktopping Company will need to follow the city's roadway guidelines, and the contractor is aware of these requirements.

M/S/P (Unker, Brown) TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BROCHMAN BLACKTOPPING COMPANY OF \$7,100 FOR STREET PATCHING AT THREE WATER MAIN REPAIR LOCATIONS.

Councilmember Reiter confirmed that because they are not typical street work contractors, they needed to understand that they must follow City Engineer Parotti's requirements. Mr. Parotti explained that he had talked to the representative from Brochman Blacktopping at length reviewing all requirements prior to the bid submission. Insurance requirements were included in the bid documents. City Engineer Parotti reported that if the bid was awarded, he would send all the technical information to City Attorney Sandstrom for inclusion in the contract.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• NEW BUSINESS

○ CenterPoint Energy Partnership Grant Presentation

Terry Leffrick, a field operations supervisor for CenterPoint Energy, explained that the Community Partnership Grant Program offers CenterPoint Energy the opportunity to partner with the cities they serve. Since 2003, the program has exceeded \$1.2 million in donations to help support funding for 632 projects in communities throughout the company's service area. The program helps cities leverage local funds to purchase needed safety equipment or to support safety projects. He presented the City of Lake St. Croix Beach with a Community Partnership Grant for \$1,300 to purchase a digital, portable radio for emergency management operations.

○ Variance Application, Bruce and Eunice Swanson, 1370 Ramada Avenue South

Councilmember Reiter, liaison to the Planning Commission, explained that the applicants want to add a porch to their home located at 1370 Ramada Avenue South, but they will be within the 25-foot setback to the street right-of-way (ROW) and need a variance of 3 feet. When they built the house, the planned for a 5 foot wide porch, but found that is not wide enough. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the variance request. Mayor McCarthy asked about water run-off, and Councilmember Reiter noted that the applicants had stated they were going to add gutters to direct the water to the side yard.

Councilmember Kopp asked what the hardship would be. Councilmember Reiter explained that standard for granting a variance is no longer hardship, but practical difficulty. Councilmember Kopp asked whether this request met the requirements for practical difficulty.

Councilmember Unker stated that he saw this addition, not as a porch, but as a structure with gables and downspouts to control the water. He noted that the property has a large side yard that would be wonderful for congregating and holding barbecues and did not understand the need for this porch. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that the applicants could build a 5-foot wide porch without City Council approval, but are requesting a variance to make it 8 feet wide. Councilmember Unker stated he did not buy the argument presented. Councilmember Kopp noted that 5 feet is quite narrow for a porch, but was unsure whether she saw a practical difficulty.

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom explained that the elements that should be met for the practical difficulty standard were conformance with the city's Comprehensive Plan and zoning code, a reasonable use of the property, and the hardship/difficulty could not be caused by the property owner. A porch is an acceptable addition to a home in this zone and was a reasonable use. Mr. Sandstrom stated the argument could be made that this was caused by the property owner because they could have a narrower porch. However, he noted that 5 feet is very narrow for a porch. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that this was up to the City Council's discretion as it was a fairly minor issue. If the City Council approved the variance, conditions could be used to mitigate any effect on neighboring properties. He stated he would create a variance resolution based on the City Council's decision, and recommended that the City Council include direction to city staff to draft a variance resolution in conformance with the City Council's decision.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE STREET SETBACK BY BRUCE AND EUNICE SWANSON AT 1370 RAMADA AVENUE SOUTH WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT STAFF DRAFT AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION FOR THE VARIANCE. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – NAY, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – NAY, MCCARTHY – AYE.

o Code Enforcement Contract Update

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that he has been in discussion with Brad Peters regarding his working with the city as a code enforcement officer. The city's contract for independent contractors requires contractors to obtain their own workers' compensation insurance. Mr. Peters does not want to do this, and is asking to be covered under the city's insurance policy as an employee. He is not requesting any other benefits. Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that generally, cities do not have contracts with employees as employees are typically at-will. Employees are not typically under restraints such as a certain period of time or a designated amount of money as was done with Mr. Peters. Councilmember Reiter asked the limit for PERA benefits. City Attorney Sandstrom stated the city could contact their insurance company to determine if there is any way to cover an independent contractor or consultant. Councilmember Reiter expressed concern that Mr. Peters will be out in the community, taking pictures. She noted that the few times she had to go onto property to take pictures for code enforcement, she had to have sheriff's deputies escorts. Councilmember Unker asked what it would cost for an individual to obtain workers' compensation insurance and suggested the cost for this could be added to his fee. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that the city did not budget for another employee. Councilmember Reiter asked whether he could be designated as part-time, seasonal, or temporary. It was noted that the city would then only get services for a certain time of the year.

M/S/P (Unker, McCarthy) TO HIRE BRAD PETERS AS A PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR A DURATION OF SIX (6) MONTHS FOR \$1,200 AND PROVIDE HIM WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND NO OTHER BENEFITS.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, ACCEPTED BY COUNCILMEMBER UNKER, TO INCLUDE THE RATE OF PAY.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o Newsletter Comments – Editing or Censorship?

Councilmember Unker expressed his frustration at submitting an article for the newsletter and getting a response back from City Clerk-Administrator Angel Smith saying that she wanted to edit his newsletter article. He stated that the response from Ms. Smith was not in her usual font, her usual way of speaking, or her usual way of writing. He felt this was censorship. He stated that it seemed the City Clerk-Administrator was practicing law. He told her to edit the way she wanted and then asked that this item be put on the agenda for discussion. He felt his comments were not inaccurate. He also said he pro-

vided a letter from City Clerk-Administrator Smith that was what he felt her usual font and style of writing. Councilmember Unker questioned who was responding to him and stated that he has asked for acknowledgement for emails received and is not getting it. He stated that he also got a response to an angry email that also sounded like someone else had written it. He then said he wanted to know who he was arguing with at City Hall and that it seemed like conspiracy. He repeated that he wanted to know who was writing these emails as it seemed to him like it was cut and pasted.

Councilmember Kopp asked City Attorney Sandstrom whether he was consulted by city staff with questions regarding this issue. Attorney Sandstrom responded that Ms. Smith had expressed some concerns about some comments made in submissions for the newsletter. She felt that some of the comments by Councilmember Unker were inflammatory and was uncomfortable with them. Councilmember Kopp asked if it was City Clerk-Administrator's right as the newsletter editor to remove those types of comments. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that it was unclear, but Ms. Smith does not want to be reprimanded for comments made by someone in their article. He advised that the City Council set a policy to make clear what is allowed in the newsletter and what is not allowed. This would provide city staff with direction and policy that could always be followed. After questions arose regarding what can be put in newsletters, City Attorney Sandstrom stated he was not sure if there was laws regulating this, but generally a newsletter should remain neutral regarding candidates for office. Data that is private under the data practices act should also not be published in the newsletter.

Councilmember Reiter asked if this was just for discussion purposes. Councilmember Unker stated that he wanted the conclusion that he would be responsible for his own words and he does not want them changed. He wants articles printed as he submits them. He stated that if it was not so tragic, it would be laughable that this item was not listed on the agenda exactly as he had asked for it to be listed.

Councilmember Reiter pointed out that what the City Council does affects the community, whether they are for or against individual opinions. They are to operate as a unit called the City Council. She stated that they should retain some form of civility and not be maligning one another in the newsletter, and saying "regarding some unilateral mayoral actions" was maligning. Councilmember Unker stated that he felt his comments were fact and not maligning. Councilmember Reiter stated that these types of comments do not do the community any good. She noted that when the city purchased the new City Hall and the City Council fell in two separate directions, newsletter comments from City Councilmembers stated only why they voted the way they did and explained their viewpoint. Councilmembers did not insult or malign each other in the newsletter. She stated that the comment Councilmember Unker wanted to include in the newsletter was opinion, not fact.

Councilmember Unker stated that he did not want a false sense of uniformity. He felt that they were under siege and did not like it. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that all five of them were elected, and they needed to operate as a unit. No one member has more power than any other. She stated they should try to adopt some manners to operate as a cohesive unit, even though they will not always agree with each other. She noted that they should be five open-minded, forward-thinking people to come to a majority opinion. Councilmember Brown agreed, and noted that it is demonstrated by the way they vote on issues. He noted that they will not always agree, and stated that some comments made were slanderous.

Councilmember Reiter pointed out that the appointments made at the beginning of the year list the City Clerk-Administrator as the newsletter editor. It is part of city staff's jobs to review articles submitted for the newsletter and to put in what is appropriate. She remembered a time when staff told a Councilmember that a comment was inappropriate and it was left out of the newsletter. That Councilmember then brought the comment to the full City Council for review. The City Council deemed the comment inappropriate and agreed it should not be printed.

City Attorney Sandstrom again advised that a formal, written policy would be a good way to spell out what is appropriate and inappropriate. He suggested Councilmember Unker write something up for the City Council to review. Councilmember Brown suggested this would be a topic for a City Council worksession. Councilmember Unker stated he would write a policy for City Council to review.

Attorney Sandstrom noted that he found a paper in the City Council meeting packet, which was an email from the city's insurance agent. The email states that an independent contractor can be listed under the City's worker's compensation policy. He noted that the additional cost for this was in the email. He stated that categorizing Mr. Peters

as an independent contractor rather than an employee would fit better with how they wanted him to operate. The City Council decided to re-evaluate after the 6 months listed in the motion.

o **Tree Stump Removal**

Mayor McCarthy explained that there were trees removed in 2013, but the stumps were left. One was on 15th Street South, near the St. Croix Villas, one was on 21st Street South, and one was at Pettitt Park. M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO HAVE CHARLIE HARRIS GRIND THREE STUMPS FOR \$405. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Legal Fees For Lawsuits**

Councilmember Unker explained that he asked for this item on the agenda because he wanted the City Council to be aware that they city was already over its annual budget for legal services, and they were only halfway through the year. Councilmember Unker questioned a portion of the bill, which Attorney Sandstrom explained were prosecution charges for criminal prosecution matters. Councilmember Reiter noted that the city has no control over those matters. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that it is out of the norm that the city is dealing with multiple lawsuits, and Mr. Triemert has caused extra legal costs for the city. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that the City Council has also asked City Attorney Sandstrom to look into several issues regarding the Afton septic system. She also noted that with a new, inexperienced clerk, legal and engineering fees will increase. These costs will decrease over time as the person becomes more experienced and comfortable in the position. City Attorney Sandstrom stated he could try his best to reduce the bills for the remainder of the year, but did not want to not do his duties for the city. Councilmember Unker wanted more detail regarding phone calls with the city clerk-administrator. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that providing more detail will also drive up costs.

o **Pettitt Park Pavilion**

Mayor McCarthy reminded the City Council that the storage shed at Pettitt Park was destroyed and removed in 2013. It was noted that the City Council approved a bid by Antonsen Construction in 2013 to build a pavilion. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar explained that this item was placed on the agenda because the contractor was requesting half of the \$11,500 payment before work began to purchase supplies. She pointed out that the city usually is invoiced at the end of the job and provides the entire payment at that time. Councilmember Reiter noted that even the state government does not pay for services before they are completed and asked if there was statutory language regarding pre-payment by governments. City Attorney Sandstrom stated he did not know the language regarding or restrictions on pre-payment. Councilmember Reiter suggested the city could pay for the materials and write the check directly to the suppliers rather than the contractor. Joe Riley, Park Commissioner, stated that the Park Commission recommended approval of this payment because the contractor informed them he would not be making any money on this project as he was charging only what the city was provided by the insurance company for replacement of the building.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR THE TOTAL OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE PAVILION PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED BY ANTONSEN CONSTRUCTION AT PETTITT PARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Park Assistant Wage**

Mayor McCarthy reported that there was only one application submitted for the Park Assistant position. Councilmember Reiter read the portion of the 6/10/2014 Park Commission minutes related to the Park Assistant wage discussion. A wage was never set for this position, and Park Manager Bob Shearer reported that his wage was \$13.38 per hour. He has been at that wage since 2009. The parking lot will be checked for cars without parking receipts every two hours on Saturday and Sunday, and the park assistant will perform this duty. Mr. Shearer estimated that the park assistant will work approximately 15 hours per week. The Park Commission recommended increasing Park Manager Shearer's pay to \$15.00 per hour and setting the Park Assistant's pay at \$12.50 per hour.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO INCREASE PARK MANAGER SHEARER'S WAGE TO \$15.00 PER HOUR AND SET THE PARK ASSISTANT WAGE AT \$14.00 PER HOUR.

Councilmember Brown stated that he thought \$12.50 per hour was sufficient because it left room for an increase in 2015. Councilmember Reiter explained that she increased the wage because the

park assistant will be coming to the city from Afton every two hours every weekend.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Lot Split at St. Croix Villas**

Mary Parr, 1430 Quasar Court South, explained that Mike Murphy is building a twin home on Lot 1 of the St. Croix Villas. In 2001, the city approved the splitting of the lot. The developer's agreement includes the stipulation that the lot could be split. Washington County lists the parcel as one lot even though the City Council approved the split. The City Council approved a variance to the property for the setback from 15th Street South.

Ms. Parr noted that although the City Council agreed that the lot could be divided, each lot still must be 2/3 of an acre. It is unclear if the property is large enough for this. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that Washington County should have a record of the size of the lot. If the lot does not allow for a split in which each parcel would have 2/3 of an acre, City Attorney Sandstrom advised that a modification of the planned unit development terms would be needed. Attorney Sandstrom also stated that a survey of the property would give the measurements. This would allow for a determination of whether there is enough land to make each parcel the required size based on the location Mr. Murphy would like to split the property. The planned unit development can be amended to allow for the split. Ms. Parr stated that there was a mediation agreement, which allowed for the lot to be split. She stated that City Clerk-Administrator Smith told Mr. Murphy that the city needed a letter from the St. Croix Villas Homeowners' Association saying that they approved of the lot split. Ms. Parr pointed out that this would not legally split the lot. She agreed to get a copy of the mediation agreement, which changes the planned unit development, to city staff, who will forward it to City Attorney Sandstrom. Mr. Sandstrom will then advise the city on the next step.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o **Unauthorized Tree Clearing**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER UNKER TO INCREASE TOM JOHNSON'S FINE TO \$10,000 AND DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST MR. JOHNSON PROHIBITING HIM FROM ANY CITY PROPERTY. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

City Attorney Sandstrom reported that emails have been exchanged between himself and Tom Johnson's attorney, Dave Magnuson. Mr. Magnuson stated that he felt that Mr. Johnson should be able to use the right-of-way (ROW) as he saw fit. Attorney Sandstrom invited both Mr. Magnuson and Mr. Johnson to attend the May City Council meeting, but Mr. Magnuson declined, saying he wanted to work out the issues in more detail. The last email from Mr. Johnson's attorney, which came on June 6, 2014, lays out the terms Mr. Johnson would like to resolve this issue. Mr. Johnson will agree to plant trees and grass, but does not want to agree to maintain them, and he would reimburse the city \$1,200 in attorney fees. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that the attorney fees on this issue are now close to \$2,000. Mayor McCarthy asked about staff time, and Councilmember Unker asked about the value of the trees removed. It was noted that the value of the tree removed was not known.

Tom Johnson, Box 351 in Afton, apologized for how this issue has been handled. He stated he did not get any letters from the city over the winter months, and when he realized the charges had been increased, he asked Attorney Magnuson for his opinion. Mr. Johnson said he only saw Attorney Sandstrom's letters today, but his writing makes more sense than Mr. Magnuson's opinion. He stated he would plant 20 – 30 trees, but there is a problem with pine and spruce trees dying, so he would like to plant other types of trees. Mr. Johnson said he does not want to use the ROW as a road or build on his property and stated that he does not even want the property any more. He noted that he feels Mr. Magnuson misled him purposely to charge more in fees for negotiating with Mr. Sandstrom. He asked to be allowed to clean up what was already taken down and replant trees, and he repeated that he does not want to build on the property.

Councilmember Unker suggested he donate the land to the city. Councilmember Reiter suggested that he could sell the land to adjoining property owners. Mr. Johnson asked why the lot was not buildable. A property 100' X 100' was considered buildable in the city, and his was larger than that. Councilmember Reiter stated that was true if there was a water stop to the property. Since there is no water stop to this property, the owner at the time must have decided a water stop was not required. She added that she has received a complaint from

Mr. Allen Seebeck, who lives on 17th Street South, that without the trees in that area, lights now shine into his bedroom windows.

MOTION BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, TO FINE TOM JOHNSON \$2,200 AND ORDER THAT HE WORK WITH COUNCILMEMBER REITER AND COUNCILMEMBER BROWNTO MAKE A PLAN FOR THE REPLANTING OF TREES WITH INPUT FROM THE ADJOINING PROPERTIES.

Councilmember Reiter noted that the total attorney fees will increase as not everything has been charged to the city yet for this issue. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that he had drafted an agreement for this issue last year. That agreement will be amended with the new terms discussed at this meeting. He noted that the City Council should determine the number of trees to be planted and the general location.

Councilmember Unker reminded the City Council that Mr. Johnson had provided a diagram to the City Council last year noting the location of where he thought trees should be planted. He provided copies of this diagram to the other City Councilmembers to review. He disagreed with the lowering of the fee. It was noted that when the City Council agreed to a fine of \$3,500, that included attorney's fees and penalty fines. Joe Riley, who was in attendance on Mr. Johnson's behalf, asked why the agreement made last year was never carried through. There was discussion regarding the fee amount that was agreed to last year. Mr. Riley urged the City Council to resolve the issue at this meeting.

There was discussion regarding how the trees would be watered. Mayor McCarthy suggested that Sentenced-To-Service crews could take the city's large barrel and water the trees when they were in town. Paula Caliguire stated she would be willing to help water. Mr. Johnson stated that he has several neighbors in the area that were willing to help. There was then a discussion regarding the number of trees to require. Councilmember Reiter stated it was wrong for someone to clear property that is not theirs, and there should be a penalty for that, which should be more than just the costs of replacement. She suggested \$500 per year for 5 years, which would help to ensure that the trees are watered and cared for. This would be in addition to the tree replacement costs and reimbursement for attorney fees. City Attorney Sandstrom advised that the city was allowed to collect fees for damage to the city's trees. There was further discussion regarding the number of trees, the tree size, the tree variety, and the fee.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Councilmember Brown suggested adhering to the agreement made with a fine of \$3,500 and the replacement plan drawn up last fall by Mr. Johnson. City Attorney Sandstrom asked for clarification regarding the number of trees the City Council was requiring. He then stated that terms of the agreement would be a total payment to the city of \$3,500, planting of 11 primarily spruce trees and grass, maintaining the grass and trees for a period of five years. Mr. Johnson stated he would be planting 21 trees to better ensure that 11 trees will survive. Councilmember Brown and Mayor McCarthy will oversee the plan and work to get input on the plan from the neighbors. City Attorney Sandstrom will draw up a new agreement with the new terms, and Mr. Johnson will need to sign the agreement.

o **Afton Septic System – Letter From City Attorney**

City Attorney Sandstrom explained that he sent a letter to the City of Afton requesting public data. He contacted Afton City Administrator Morse asking when he could expect the documents. Mr. Morse replied that their city engineer has indicated that the City of Afton has addressed the MPCA's requirements for both the funding and the permitting of the cluster septic system. Documents relating to his request will be ready by Thursday, June 19, 2014.

Attorney Sandstrom advised that the next step based on the public comments earlier, could be to direct him to submit a formal objection to the MPCA on behalf of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach so that it is provided during the public comment period. He noted that the City of St. Mary's Point has also directed him to do this on their behalf. The objection will make note of and include a copy of the resolution passed by Lake St. Croix Beach City Council objecting to this system and the rejected Joint Powers Agreement.

M/S/P (Unker, Brown) TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE MPCA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH BEFORE JUNE 20, 2014, AND THE COMPLAINT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: THE CITY OF AFTON REJECTED THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AND THAT THE CITY OF AFTON MAY HAVE VIOLATED MINNESOTA STATE STATUTE 116.182 SUBD. 3A.

Councilmember Unker pointed out that there is an alternative site for this system that may have cost more money, but would have impacted far fewer homes. He expressed concern for the creek and the need for a regional solution.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Reiter pointed out that her main concern is the creek and that the proper process was followed.

o **Emergency Management Plan**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar explained that the emergency management plan needed to be adopted. The plan was provided to the City Council at the City Council Worksession on March 22, 2014. Brad Peters drafted the plan and presented it to the city in January. The floodplain portion of the plan was previously adopted by the City Council.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **OTHER BUSINESS**

o **St. Croix Workshop-On-The-Water**

The City will reimburse those who wish to attend this workshop. It will be posted so all City Councilmembers may attend.

o **Floodplain Training**

This training is free, and another free training is being planned for September.

• **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

Councilmember Brown's Report

Nothing further to report.

Councilmember Kopp's Report

Yellow Ribbon Alliance discussed upcoming events. She urged veterans needing help to contact her.

Councilmember Unker's Report

Nothing further to report.

Councilmember Reiter's Report

Councilmember Reiter reported that she was unable to attend the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization meeting, and the Lower St. Croix Valley Partnership Team will meet in July. The Planning Commission held a public hearing for the Swanson variance application. The Environmental Advisory Commission/Recycle Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor McCarthy's Report

Mayor McCarthy reported that inspectors with the Army Corps of Engineers were here the week of June 9, 2014 to perform their annual inspections of the levees. The brush was removed from the 22nd Street levee, and the grass was mowed before they arrived.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom reported that the Wells Fargo/Nancy Harris issue appears to be close to resolution. Wells Fargo will be taking control of both parcels, and Ms. Harris will not object. Once Wells Fargo takes control of both parcels, they will be combined into one.

City Clerk-Administrator Smith's Report

Absent.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar's Report

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar asked that newsletter submissions be submitted to city staff by Friday, June 20, 2014. She presented the bills for the month of June, and the payment to Antonsen Construction in the amount of \$5,750 will be voided due to the motion passed earlier. Without that amount, the total for the bills is \$36,507.96.

M/S/P (Reiter, Unker) TO PAY THE BILLS AS AMENDED TOTALLING \$36,507.96 PLUS THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE PETTITT PARK PAVILION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, Kopp) TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 10:07 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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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 (2nd Mon in Jan & Feb)
- Land Use Review Committee Varies
- LSCV Fire District – 2nd Wednesday at Fire Hall

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