



City of Lake St. Croix Beach
 City Hall
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 Lake St. Croix Beach, MN 55043

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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.

November Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, November 5

Planning Commission

Thursday, November 6

Recycle Day

Tuesday, November 11

Park Commission

Wednesday, November 12

LSCV Fire District at Fire Hall

Thursday, November 13

Middle SCV WMO meeting at Washington Conservation District Office

Monday, November 17

Public Hearing – Variance Application for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 17

Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, November 20

Recycle Day

Monday, November 14

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

November 27-28

City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

VETERANS RECOGNITION DINNER

To thank and honor our local veterans and their families for their service to our country, the Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley is hosting a Veterans Recognition Dinner on Monday, November 10, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 16770 13th Street South, Lake St. Croix Beach. The event will include a free catered dinner and prizes.

Volunteers Needed to Support Military Families

Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley (YRALSCV) brings together volunteers from Afton, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, and St. Mary's Point to support military families throughout the deployment cycle. They also support veterans in need of services.

Whatever your skills and interests, you are very welcome to apply them in support of our military.

For more information, please contact Randy Kopesky (651) 226-1434 or email ekopesky@comcast.net



House Numbers

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

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.

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.

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 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 to view the ballot posted in the posting box outside the front door.

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

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.

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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.

As we prepare for the cold weather season, please make sure that your property does not have any shrubs or tree limbs hanging over the road. The final day of this year for residents to get rid of brush free of charge is November 1st, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Aggregate Industries, so please take advantage of this if you can. Trimming back your shrubs and trees will allow the snowplow drivers to completely clear the roadways.

I, along with the City Council and city staff, hope that you and your family have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Mayor Tom



Lake St Croix Beach



Holiday Arts & Craft Sale Nov. 22, 2014

Looking for local crafters and artists!!!! On November 22nd St Croix Beach will be hosting a craft sale at City Hall from 10 AM – 5 PM. This is a chance for our neighbors to get together and show our local talents. Handmade items only please. We have many spots available and we will be giving them out on a first come first serve basis. All payments to the craft show will be donated to the LSCB Play Ground Fund and will be tax deductible. If you would like to be part of our second annual Holiday Arts & Craft Fair, please fill out the form below and mail it in to: Jeannie Paulson, 16681 16th St, Lakeland 55043. Please make your check payable to Lower St Croix Valley Foundation and make note of the LSCB Playground Fund in the memo line. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Jeannie at jjjpaolson@gmail.com

Local \$10.00 Non-local \$15.00 Electricity \$3.00 Table Rental \$5.00

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Name of Booth _____

Type of Product _____

Local Y / N Electricity Y / N Table Y / N Total \$ _____

Calendar of Events for Valley Library in Lakeland – November 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.

Preschool Storytime

November 3, 10, 17, and 24

MacPhail Center for Music Presents: "A Musical Snow Storm"

Monday, November 3, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Join MacPhail Center for Music's early childhood music specialists as we explore the magic of music and play. Through hands-on musical play activities, families will experience music's impact on learning and reading readiness skills. Together we will sing, rhyme, read, move, and create! For children birth to age 5 and their caregivers. Program paid for with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Valley Book Club

Thursday, November 20, 5:00 p.m.

The group that gathers will discuss the book "Where the Locust Slept" by Peter Razor. Visit Valley Library to pick up a copy of the book and a discussion guide. Just read the book, come, and discuss. Open to all.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Judge _____

Judge _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

JUDICIAL OFFICES	10TH DISTRICT COURT	10TH DISTRICT COURT
SUPREME COURT	JUDGE 1 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 24 VOTE FOR ONE
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE 2 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> SUSAN R MILES <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> B. WILLIAM EKSTRUM <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> WILHELMINA (MIMI) WRIGHT <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> JULIE LAFLEUR	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> JOHN HANCOCK	JUDGE 14 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 26 VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> NANCY J. LOGERING <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> BARRY A SULLIVAN <i>Incumbent</i>
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE 3 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> STACY LASHINSKI	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> DAVID LILLEHAUG <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 32 VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> MICHELLE L. MACDONALD	JUDGE 5 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> ELIZABETH H. STRAND <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS B MESLOW <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
COURT OF APPEALS	JUDGE 6 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 34 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 1 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> STONEY L. HILJUS <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> THOMAS D. HAYES <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> JOHN R. RODENBERG <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 7 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 35 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 3 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> RICHARD C. ILKKA <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> ELLEN LOUISE MAAS <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> CAROL A. HOOTEN <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 9 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 36 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 4 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> SHERIDAN HAWLEY <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> ALAN F. PENDLETON <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> JOHN P. SMITH <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 15 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 37 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 9 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> LAWRENCE R. JOHNSON <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> JAMES T. (JIM) REUTER <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL KIRK <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 22 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 38 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 10 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> TAMMI A. FREDRICKSON <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> GREGORY G. GALLER <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> EDWARD J. CLEARY <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 23 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 39 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 12 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> CATHERINE (KATE) MCPHERSON <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> WALTER M. KAMINSKY <i>Incumbent</i>
<input type="radio"/> MARGARET CHUTICH <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	JUDGE 43 VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 43 VOTE FOR ONE
JUDGE 15 VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> JONATHAN NEAL JASPER <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN G. ROSS <i>Incumbent</i>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, if any		

11 OFFICIAL BALLOT

STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Judge _____

Judge _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

FEDERAL OFFICES

STATE OFFICES

CITY OFFICES CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH

UNITED STATES SENATOR VOTE FOR ONE

SECRETARY OF STATE VOTE FOR ONE

MAYOR VOTE FOR ONE

- STEVE CARLSON
Independence
- MIKE MCFADDEN
Republican
- AL FRANKEN
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- HEATHER JOHNSON
Libertarian Party
- _____
Write-in, if any

- BOB HELLAND
Independence
- DAN SEVERSON
Republican
- STEVE SIMON
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- BOB ODDEN
Libertarian Party
- _____
Write-in, if any

- JIM UNKER
- TOM MCCARTHY
- _____
Write-in, if any

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4 VOTE FOR ONE

STATE AUDITOR VOTE FOR ONE

COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE FOR UP TO TWO

- DAVE THOMAS
Independence
- SHARNA WAHLGREN
Republican
- BETTY MCCOLLUM
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- _____
Write-in, if any

- PATRICK DEAN
Independence
- RANDY GILBERT
Republican
- REBECCA OTTO
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- KEEGAN IVERSEN
Libertarian Party
- JUDITH SCHWARTZBACKER
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis
- _____
Write-in, if any

- CINDIE J. REITER
- MICHELLE KLINE
- RENEÉ J. GODBOUT
- MILDRED J. BROWN
- _____
Write-in, if any
- _____
Write-in, if any

STATE OFFICES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 39B VOTE FOR ONE

ATTORNEY GENERAL VOTE FOR ONE

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 834 (STILLWATER)

- KATHY LOHMER
Republican
- TOM DEGREE
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- _____
Write-in, if any

- BRANDAN BORGOS
Independence
- SCOTT NEWMAN
Republican
- LORI SWANSON
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- ANDY DAWKINS
Green Party
- MARY O'CONNOR
Libertarian Party
- DAN R. VACEK
Legal Marijuana Now
- _____
Write-in, if any

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR

- TOM LEHMANN
- DONALD G. HOVLAND
- PAUL "WOODY" LEINDECKER
- FRED ANDERSON
- SHELLEY PEARSON
- PAULA O'LOUGHLIN
- ALY XIONG
- GEORGE HOEPPNER
- _____
Write-in, if any

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VOTE FOR ONE TEAM

- HANNAH NICOLLET AND
TIM GIESEKE
Independence

- JEFF JOHNSON AND
BILL KUISLE
Republican

COUNTY OFFICES

- MARK DAYTON AND
TINA SMITH
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

COUNTY SHERIFF VOTE FOR ONE

- CHRIS HOLBROOK AND
CHRIS DOCK
Libertarian Party

- BILL HUTTON
- _____
Write-in, if any

- CHRIS WRIGHT AND
DAVID DANIELS
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis
- _____
Write-in, if any

COUNTY ATTORNEY VOTE FOR ONE

- PETE ORPUT
- _____
Write-in, if any

Public Safety

(Including Reports)



Law Enforcement Report

September, 2014

Complaints Investigated

7 Medical	1 Fireworks
3 Assist/Lift Assist	1 Gas Smell
2 Suspicious Phone Call/Vehicle	1 Code Enforcement Issue
2 Harassment Report	1 Found Bike
2 Check Area/Welfare	1 911 Open Line
1 Trespassing	1 Burglary Alarm
1 Theft Report	1 House Fire
1 Suicidal Male	

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 41 runs in September, 148 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach.

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



Animal Control

In the month of September, 1 dog was reported lost, and 3 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.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Garbage Service



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

Highland Sanitation	651-458-0043
Maroney Service Inc.	651-439-7279
Waste Management	651-437-9201

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

Recycle Service

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

Recycle Hauler is Waste Management 877-969-2783

Hazardous Waste Site



General Information

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

The Environmental Center is open:

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

Free Product Room

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

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

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

Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost Sites

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: 651-769-0531

Cottage Grove: Cottage Grove Compost Site

9600 Glendenning Rd.

Phone: 651-459-1556

Brush Site

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

Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction materials. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass.

The site will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 am on the following Saturdays (first Saturday of the month, excluding holidays):
November 1



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

Schedule:

- Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- Nov. 6 at 7 a.m.
- Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Nov. 13 at 9 a.m.
- Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. and midnight
- Nov. 20 at 7 a.m.
- Nov. 26 at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Nov. 27 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 October 20, 2014 City Council meeting. *Minutes may at times be condensed to fit space. (Complete minutes on file at City Hall.)*

Members Present Tom McCarthy, Charles W. Brown, Cheryl Kopp, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

Staff Present Mitchell Berg, Kevin Sandstrom, Amy Truhlar

Others Present Jim Stanley, Kris Peterson, Jon Place, Jim Golden, Steve Zigan, Renee Godbout, Rick Hecimavich

- **Call To Order** by Mayor McCarthy at 7:01 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- **Approve Agenda** Agenda Item 3
Mayor McCarthy asked to add item 8F, Code Red Fee and Agreement.
M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEM 8F, CODE RED FEE AND AGREEMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **Consent Agenda** Agenda Item 6
Councilmember Reiter asked to pull item 4D from the Consent Agenda and add it as item 8G, Pettitt Park Ball Field.
M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, ITEMS A – C. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, KOPP – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

M/S/P (Reiter, Kopp) TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE CITY'S PART-TIME, TEMPORARY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2014. MOTION PASSED UNIMOUSLY.

- **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jim Golden, 1920 Quarry Avenue South, reported that his main concern is the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Afton Cluster Septic System because of its proximity to the Class A Trout Stream (Valley Creek). Mr. Golden stated that State Senator Sieben, representing District 54, which includes Afton, did not support encouraging the EAW. Mr. Golden is hoping to get State Senator Housley, representing District 39, which includes Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point, to support this. He noted that the petition for the EAW is still active, as findings of facts have not yet been given.

Mr. Golden explained that a back-up location for the system is supposed to be identified, but the engineers are saying a back-up location is not needed. The project is still on hold at this point until the issues with the previously unidentified wells have been resolved. A new plan has been developed, but it is much smaller due to the number of wells in the area and required setbacks from those wells.

Although the engineers of the Afton septic system say this will not affect Lakeland, Mr. Golden stated that if toxins are put down the drain and go into the system, those toxins could hit the water table. The water flows northeast in the water table, so he feels that the City of Lakeland should also be concerned about this project. He asked the City Council to reach out to the City of Lakeland to ask for their support in opposing this project. Mr. Golden noted that there is another location south of Afton that is not near the creek and away from houses. He felt this would be a better location for this system, but it would be more expensive.

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom reported that in August, Afton sent a letter to the City of Lake St. Croix Beach asking if they wanted to comment on Afton's Facilities Plan. A letter was sent to Afton saying the city would like to comment and asked to see the Facilities Plan. He explained that a Facilities Plan is meant to look at different options and show which option is the best. He provided a draft comment to the Facilities Plan saying that Afton has not adequately investigated the issues surrounding each possible location.

Rick Hecimavich, 2075 Quentin Avenue South, explained that he owns three lots across the street from the property that his house sits on. He stated that he would like to be able to store his boat on those three lots and use them as part of his property. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Mitch Berg noted that city ordinances prohibit storage without a primary structure. Mr. Hecimavich stated that he bought the property across the street because the parcel that his house sits on was very small. Because that parcel is so small, the septic system is across the street on the smaller parcel. Mr. Hecimavich obtained a variance to build a drainfield on the back of the property with the home. He asked if there was any way to use the smaller parcel for storage of his boat or to park his car. City Attorney Sandstrom noted that if the exterior storage ordinance is in the zoning code, an application for a variance could be submitted. If the ordinance is not in the zoning code, a variance may not be the best route. He stated he would need to research the matter. There was additional discussion regarding a variance or other solution. Councilmember Unker asked whether an extension could be given to allow the staff and the attorney to investigate the issue further. Interim City Clerk-

Administrator Berg pointed out that without City Council action, he needed to pursue enforcement of the ordinances.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEFER ENFORCEMENT ACTION ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL FURTHER CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND BRING FORTH MORE INFORMATION AT THE NOVEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Sergeant Lonnie Van Klei introduced himself as the new sergeant for the area. He noted that it has been relatively quiet with few concerns at this time. There have been a few vehicle break-ins, and he reminded residents to lock their car doors.

Councilmember Kopp reported 45 calls to law enforcement during the month of September. The animal report for September listed one barking dog complaint, 1 dog lost, and 3 dogs found.

Jim Stanley, deputy chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported there were 41 runs in September, 14 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. He stated that the Relief Association meeting, which Kevin Wall discussed at the September City Council meeting, will now be held after January 1, 2015 in case of any turnover in City Councils, and so the information does not have to be repeated for new Councilmembers.

On October 21, 2014 the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department will be holding a Fire Prevention Open House from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be three demonstrations at 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Postcards went to all residents in the 5-city area. Members of the Fire Department will also be going to Afton-Lakeland Elementary School on October 21, 2014.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg updated the City Council on the person who is living in a trailer on a property in town. He is working with City Attorney Sandstrom on the issue. The resident's attorney has inquired about getting a variance to allow for the trailer residence.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

○ **Codification Process**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reminded the City Council that staff has been talking about the need to recodify the city's code book for several years. \$5,000 was added in the preliminary budget for 2015 and 2016 for this project. Mr. Berg secured two bids for this service from American Legal for \$10,625 and from General Code for \$16,820. American Legal is the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) preferred vendor. American Legal will compare the city's ordinances with Minnesota State Statutes and show inconsistencies between the two. They will also make suggestions for changes. There is an annual maintenance fee of \$495 if the city would like to have the ordinances available online. American Legal has stated they would be willing to negotiate that fee for the first few years. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted the payment schedule: 10% down payment due upon acceptance of the agreement, 50% of the balance due upon receipt of the first draft and legal report, and the 40% balance due upon receipt of the printed code books, which would be invoiced in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the contract was signed.

M/S/P (Reiter, Unker) TO APPROVE THE AMERICAN LEGAL QUOTE OF \$10,625.

Councilmember Kopp expressed concern regarding the \$495 maintenance fee. Councilmember Brown noted that this fee would only be for hosting if the city chose to have the codes available online. Councilmember Reiter suggested that they could make a decision whether to have the ordinances online at a later time. She also suggested that only certain

sections of the code be available online and that this could be discussed when the recodification process was complete.

City Attorney Sandstrom noted that the contract for American Legal to perform codification services states that the first draft of the code will be given to the city within 6 months of the agreement being signed, and within 3 months of the draft copy being approved, the final copies will be published. He had concerns whether the time frame would allow for payment over two years to match the city's budget for the project. He suggested determining whether the terms of the agreement could be modified. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg stated the agreement could be signed early in January so that the first 10% due would come out of the 2015 budget. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that the quote listed by American Legal was good until December 31, 2014. He noted that the city would need to sign the agreement in a way that took advantage of this price, but pushed payment off until January.

Councilmember Unker noted that there was mention of a code questionnaire, but no explanation of what that was. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg explained that a code questionnaire would present inconsistencies within the city ordinances. Councilmember Unker asked whether the company would add anything into the ordinances. Interim City Clerk-Administrator explained that they will not add anything, only review existing ordinances and present inconsistencies. City Attorney Sandstrom pointed out that suggestions for additional ordinances would be an add-on service under the proposed agreement. He suggested amending the motion to approve the bid with revisions to the contract.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, AGREED TO BY COUNCILMEMBER UNKER, TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING SUBJECT TO REVISIONS TO THE CONTRACT AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

○ **Newsletter Sponsorship**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that staff had met with the newsletter printing company regarding cleaning up the newsletter ad page and making it similar to Lakeland's newsletter ad page. This will eliminate the single and double block ad sizes and make all ads one size. He suggested offering the ads for a discounted price of \$175 per year for 2015.

Councilmember Unker suggested placing ads in different places in the newsletter rather than all on the same page and charging different prices for different places. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg explained that publishing costs would increase if the city were to randomly place ads throughout the newsletter as the printing company would need to reformat the newsletter to place the ads in different locations. Randomly-placed ads would make the newsletter more difficult to produce and use as the format now allows for one full page easily inserted into the newsletter, and readers and businesses know where to go for the ads. Mayor McCarthy suggested a goal of getting two pages worth of ads. The printing company will be doing the work of setting up the new ad page at no additional cost.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO NO LONGER OFFER SINGLE BLOCK NEWSLETTER ADS, AND OFFER A ONE-TIME DISCOUNT PER AD TO \$175 FOR 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

○ **Lawn Care Services 2015 - 2017**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg explained that he sent out requests for proposals for lawn care services to 9 vendors. One submission was made by Lawn Barbers Lawncare LLC, the city's current lawn care contractor. Lawn Barbers submitted a bid with no increase to the cost of services. The Park Commission recommended approving this bid.

M/S/P (McCarthy, Brown) TO AWARD THE 2015 – 2017 LAWN CARE CONTRACT TO LAWN BARBERS LAWNCARE LLC. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Donations**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that he received requests for donations from Community Thread and Washington County Historical Society. He noted that the city has been consistent with their donations two these organizations in the past. He recommended donating \$50 to the Washington Historical Society and \$150 to Community Thread. The city has donated \$250 of its budgeted \$1,000 so far in 2014.

M/S/P (Brown, Kopp) TO APPROVE \$150 DONATION TO COMMUNITY THREAD AND \$50 DONATION TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Councilmember Reiter noted that the City Council had discussed increasing donations to help with transportation needs for the elderly in the community and suggested increasing the donation to Community Thread.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, AGREED TO BY COUNCILMEMBER KOPP, TO DONATE \$250 TO COMMUNITY THREAD.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Employee Benefits**

At the Personnel Committee meeting on October 1, 2014, the Personnel Committee discussed and recommended allowing employees the option of taking the city's insurance or a cash in-lieu of insurance payment if they can obtain insurance elsewhere. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that he is still exploring short-term and long-term disability and life insurance.

Councilmember Brown stated that if the city is going to offer the cash in-lieu option, the employee should have to prove that they have obtained insurance from another source. Councilmember Reiter noted that the city used to offer the cash in-lieu option, and if an employee chose this option they did have to prove that they had insurance elsewhere. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg explained that the limit would be the city's insurance premium for a single employee, and this would be offered to new and current employees.

Councilmember Kopp asked when a pay equity report was last done for the city. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that a pay equity report was required from the city in 2014. He noted that although the deputy clerk-treasurer position wage is in compliance for pay equity, the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar earns \$6,000 less per year than the market average for the position. Councilmember Reiter noted that although the pay is less than the market average, the position used to allow for flexibility in the work schedule. She felt that the flexibility for the position should be brought back to at least partially make up for the lower than market average wage, as flexibility is a benefit that does not cost the city anything.

Councilmember Reiter noted that Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg is looking into costs for short-term and long-term disability, which the city does not currently offer. There was discussion regarding a cap on sick time accrual and payout without short-term and long-term disability. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that although long-term disability is easy to acquire on the private market for public employees, short-term disability is not.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg explained that with a longevity incentive plan, the aim was to develop a way to have incentives in place for an employee who remains at the city. He noted that the city is part of the metro area, but since it is a small community, the city can not pay the going market rate for

employees. He is exploring ways to compete and one idea is that perhaps the city could consider paying a portion of an employee's family insurance coverage after a certain number of years with the city.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO AMEND THE LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH PERSONNEL POLICY TO PERMIT THE CITY'S FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES THE OPTION OF EITHER TAKING THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE OR CASH IN-LIEU PAYMENT OR EQUIVALENT, CONTINGENT UPON PROVIDING PROOF OF OTHER INSURANCE.

Councilmember Unker suggested that a cash payment in-lieu of insurance should not be the equivalent of the insurance premium, but a percentage of that amount. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that employment agreements with employees have offered 100% of single coverage paid for by the city. He further noted that paying out the full amount in-lieu of insurance coverage, could be considered a way to help to bridge the wage gap between what the city was offering and the market rate. The amount given will be equal to the city's single coverage premium.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Code Red Fee and Agreement**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator reported that today he received notice to renew the Code RED agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach. The new agreement will be for 2015 – 2019. The rate for the city will remain the same as 2014, which is based on population. The rate for Lake St. Croix Beach is \$82.60 per year.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CODE RED SYSTEM FOR \$82.60. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Pettitt Park Ball Field**

Councilmember Reiter asked which ball team was using Pettitt Park ball field in the past. It was reported that the VAA Hawks 12 year-olds team has used this field in the past. There are not enough children that age in the area, so that team will be split for 2015. The Gopher State Lower St. Croix Hawks are a Little League team that would like to use the field as their home field. Modifications must be made to the infield to meet Little League regulations regarding the length of the bases from each other and the pitcher's mound. The team will pay for the modifications. The field will still be able to be used by younger teams as the hooks for shorter bases will remain in place.

Tournaments in 2015 will be something new. Councilmember Reiter asked whether the team would be required to rent out the park for the tournaments. It was noted that tournament proceeds will be split with the city. Councilmember Reiter had concerns regarding parking for tournaments. It was noted that people will be coming and going from the tournament, and this is not seen as an issue. The suggestion was made that the parking lot at City Hall could also be used during tournaments.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARK COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE GOPHER STATE LOWER ST. CROIX HAWKS TO MANAGE AND MAKE ALTERATIONS TO PETTITT PARK BALL FIELD FOR 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o **Vacant Building Registration**

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that staff is still piecing together a model ordinance and set of procedures for a vacant building registration ordinance. He asked that the issue be tabled until the November City Council meeting.

M/S/P (Brown, McCarthy) TO TABLE THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL THE NOVEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Land Reclamation and Grading**

At the September City Council meeting, the City Council referred the land reclamation and grading ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration. The issue was that the ordinance required a grading permit for depositing a total of more than fifty cubic yards of material per acre. This conflicted with other sections of the code and would require grading permits for many residents bringing in almost any fill. The Planning Commissioner recommended changing the ordinance to read "per lot" rather than "per acre." If the City Council agreed with this, the issue would need to be sent back to the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing as this is part of the zoning code. There was discussion regarding what the definition of "lot" would be in this case. Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg further noted that the intent would be for contiguous property under common ownership. City Attorney Sandstrom explained that staff would need to determine whether "lot" and/or "parcel" are defined in the code and which would be the better term for intent of this change.

M/S/P (Brown, Reiter) TO DEFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

o **Television Installation**

The cost of the installation was not included in the overall cost for the television approved at the September City Council meeting.

M/S/P (Reiter, McCarthy) TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$232.32 TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 50 INCH TELEVISION IN THE CITY'S MAIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

• **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

Councilmember Brown's Report

Councilmember Brown reported that he was unable to attend the Park Commission meeting, and there was no Cable Commission meeting. He wished all candidates luck in the upcoming election.

Councilmember Kopp's Report

Councilmember Kopp reported that the Yellow Ribbon Alliance of the Lower St. Croix Valley will hold its annual Veterans Recognition Dinner at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, November 10, 2014 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be a catered meal and door prizes. Volunteers are still needed for this event. Councilmember Kopp also wished all the candidates luck in the upcoming election.

Councilmember Unker's Report

Nothing further to report.

Councilmember Reiter's Report

The Partnership Team will meet on October 29. Mike Isensee, of the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO), attended the Planning Commission and gave a presentation on Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) and how communities and residents can minimally impact water flowing to the river, via impervious surface methods and drainage. Funding is available to help cities update their ordinances to reflect the county and state goals.

Mayor McCarthy's Report

Mayor McCarthy reported that he attended the meeting in Afton regarding the cluster septic system with the State Sena-

tor Sieben. He spoke with State Senator Housley, who expressed interest in going to the site with State Senator Sieben. Mayor McCarthy replaced two swings at Pettitt Park that had to be cut and removed when someone got stuck in one of them. The pavilion at Pettitt Park will be completed by Friday, October 24, 2014. Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews will be cleaning up line of sight issues when they are in the city on Tuesday, October 21. Councilmember Reiter noted the line of sight issues at the corner of Queens Avenue South and 20th Street South. She asked Interim City Clerk-Administrator to look in to the Tree City application usually done at the beginning of the year. Mayor McCarthy reminded everyone to get out and vote.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom presented a draft letter on the Afton Facilities Plan. He asked the City Council to get any requested changes/additions to him by the end of October. He noted that there is a comment period on their Facilities Plan, and they have asked neighboring cities if they would like to provide comment. There is a public hearing on December 4, 2014 on the plan. This is a process that they did not go through earlier, but should have. He noted that at the end of the letter, he proposed to copy the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Mitchell Berg

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg reported that St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has submitted a variance application to build a garage on their property. The public hearing will be held on November 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. immediately before the City Council meeting. Veterans Recognition Dinner and Craft Sale notices will be included in the November newsletter.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar's Report

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar presented the bills for the month of October totaling \$35,720.34. This total included the 4th quarter Fire Protection for almost \$13,000.

M/S/P (Reiter, Brown) TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,720.34.

Interim City Clerk-Administrator Berg noted that the beach parking receipts met their budgeted amount.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Reiter asked that staff determine what has been spent so far on the Afton Cluster Septic System and report that to the City Council via email or at the November City Council meeting.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar reminded everyone that the general election will be held on November 4, 2014. Voting will take place 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and residents of Lake St. Croix Beach vote at City Hall.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/P (Brown, Kopp) TO ADJOURN AT 8:53 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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