

OFFICIAL RECORDED MINUTES OF LAKELAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Amy Williams, Council Member Evan Loenser, Council Member Jeri Ryan, Council Member Richard Glasgow, Council Member Joe Paiement

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Josh Brekken, City Administrator/ Clerk Sandie Thone, Public Works Director Matt Kline, City Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki

WORKSHOP: NEW CITY HALL: 5:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Williams at 6:23 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.
3. ADOPTED AGENDA:

**Motion; Council Member Ryan/Second; Council Member Glasgow/Motion Passed 5-0**

4. ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Ryan pulled Item B from consent agenda

*Approved Consent Agenda Items A, C-I*

**Motion/Second/Passed 5-0; Council Member Glasgow/Council Member Ryan**

- A. December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Resolution 2016-02 Annual Appointments
- D. Resolution 2016-03 Signers for 4M Fund US Bank
- E. Seasonal Public Works Position 2016
- F. Quixote Avenue Drainage Improvement Project Maintenance Agreements
- G. Notice for NSP dba Xcel Energy of Application to Increase Electric Rates
- H. Monthly List of Claims
- I. City Treasurer's Report

Discussion on Item B: City Park Beach Reservation is currently available for residents for \$100, because residents pay taxes that support Lakeland's Parks, residents should not have to pay to rent the Beach or Park Space, but a damage deposit will continue to be \$100.

*Approve Item B: Fee Schedule as amended to reflect \$0 for City Park/Beach Rentals for Residents.*

**Motion; Council Member Ryan/Second; Council Member Loenser/Motion Passed 5-0**

## 5. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Washington County Sheriff's Report/Deputy Sullivan reported 1,129 ICRs for the City of Lakeland in 2015, up 152 from 2014. Enforcement for water and road by the Sheriff's Department was higher than normal in the year 2015. 3.4% of all calls for the County went to Lakeland.
- B. Fire Department Report/Finalizing closing on refunding fire department building levy – 8 years left 1.42 % loan. This will save the cities \$80,000 dollars a year. December 2015, 24 calls.
- C. Government Affairs Report/Mayor Williams referred to Consultant Mark Nagel's report. Mark Nagel offers some good ideas regarding the new city hall and the library and has also proposed five projects for Hamline Grad students that will start in spring semester.
- D. City Engineering Report/Public Works Director Kline referred to City Engineer John Parotti's Report. Street Improvement projects are being closed, and the road project will continue into next spring or early summer. City Engineer attended city council meeting last month touching base on capital improvement planning and focused on issues relating to quality drainage throughout the city, Council directed Public Works Director Kline to inquire regarding cost to produce the City Engineer Report.
- E. Animal Control Report/Mayor Williams referred to written report; 5 lost dogs, 1 found dog, 1 found cat.
- F. Open Building Permit Report/Tom Richardson reported on the current permit process for the City of Lakeland. MNSPECT took over September 20, 2015, Total permits for 2015 at 76 and MNSEPCT responsible for 22 of those permits.

## 6. OPEN FORUM (Public comments, presentations, and petitions)

No Public Comments

## 7. CITY BUSINESS

A. **New City Hall**

Workshop prior to city council meeting was held. City Council members reviewing options for the new City Hall. Two options include Lakeland Village or the Public Works building site.

Public Comments:

Brian Zeller: The Washington County Valley Library is currently looking at expanding into vacant space in Lakeland Village Plaza as well.

(Brian Zeller comments continued) For a better use of space, the city could work with the county and library to share this space. Suggested using a contractor to give an estimated budget. There are many variables when it comes to price including the level of finishing and the square footage. The variables at the plaza are already addressed, and it is easier to know what the city will be spending if they decide to go with the Lakeland Plaza.

*Resolution 2016-04 Approving Location of New City Hall Facility to Lakeland Village*

**Motion; Council Member Glasgow/Second; Council Member Paiement/Mayor Williams-nay, Council Member Loenser-nay, Council Member Ryan-nay  
Motion denied 2-3**

*Table the Decision on New City Hall until February Council Meeting*

**Motion; Council Member Glasgow/Second; Council Member Paiement  
Motion passed 5-0**

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**B. 2016 County Road 18 Median Maintenance – Discussion Only Item**

In 2008 when County Road 18 medians were constructed, Lakeland and Lakeland Shores decided they needed additional landscaping in the medians above what was provided by the county. Landscaped areas were placed before and after roundabouts and a solution is needed to maintain the landscaped areas as of now. Mayor Williams suggested this issue to be brought forth for public input in the upcoming newsletter.

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**C. Ordinance 7551 Amending City Code Chapter 52 Water Regulations**

Amendments regarding water billing and water rates were required to be amended through ordinance, not a resolution. Making amendments by resolution are consistent with the Water Utility Joint Power’s Agreement.

*Approve Ordinance 7551 Amending City Code Chapter 52: Water Regulations*

**Motion; Council Member Loenser/Second; Council Member Ryan  
Motion Passed 5-0**

*Approve Summary Publication of Ordinance 7551 Amending Lakeland City Code Chapter 52: Water Regulations*

**Motion; Council Member Loenser/Second; Council Member Ryan  
Motion Passed 5-0**

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8. CITY STAFF REPORTS

**City Attorney Josh Brekken**

No Report.

**City Administrator/Clerk Sandie Thone**

Refer to clerk report in packet. New polling place for City of Lakeland. The City is securing space at the elementary school. Election judges are being recruited for 2016 elections.

**Public Works Director Matt Kline**

A few complaints from residents regarding new snowplowing contractor, but the city is working with the company to workout kinks and issues brought forth.

**Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki**

No Report.

9. CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR REPORTS

**Council Member Evan Loenser**

No report.

**Council Member Jeri Ryan**

Would like to revamp and restart the garden club in the city.

**Council Member Richard Glasgow**

Attended the Firefighter appreciation dinner with Council Member Ryan. Thanked Woodbury Fire Department for covering during that evening.

**Council Member Joe Paiement**

Middle St. Croix WMO met for the first time this year. They have come up with a recommendation for uniformity among the cities along the river.

**Mayor Amy Williams**

Attended the January meeting of Gateway Corridor. Thanked all volunteer firefighters in Lakeland. Will be working with the WMO regarding recommendations for cities along the river.

10. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn effective 8:13 p.m. Motion/Second/Passed 5-0; Council Member Jeri Ryan / Council Member Richard Glasgow**

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk, Halli Sevilla

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**Amy Williams, Mayor**

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**Sandie Thone, City Administrator/Clerk**