



2023

August

NEWSLETTER



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Mayor's Message

Remember the City's biggest event, Lake St. Croix Beach **Heritage Day** will be held on Tuesday, August 1st. We are celebrating our 72nd anniversary as a City, and have come a long way from the beachfront clubhouse, a dock extending into the River, and lots sold and promoted by the St. Paul Daily News.

The City Council members and myself would like to say "Thank you" to Josh Jensen for the wonderful job he did putting a roof on the dugouts at Pettit Park. This was an Eagle Scout project that Josh took on, he raised the funds for supplies and he did an awesome job! See the picture above and go take a look!!

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As always, Stay Safe!

~ Mayor Tom

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Field of Bands 2023
Saturday, September 16

Heritage Day

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

The annual Heritage Day celebration is planned for Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

Heritage Day is rapidly approaching! In keeping with Lake St. Croix Beach tradition, a fun evening is planned for Tuesday, August 1st from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Live music from the Drinkwine with Friends band, walking tacos served by the Boy Scouts, ice cream treats, and a visit from our local volunteer fire department! It all takes place at Riverfront Park!



New to the festivities this year will be two bounce houses for our younger citizens! It should be a wonderful time to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our community!

We could still use some more volunteers to help set up, tear down, and run tables (face painting, games, etc.) at the event. Even helping out for an hour during the event would be greatly appreciated!

Please let me know if you would like to help out by calling or texting me at (608)317-7422 or by email at schneitm12@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone at Heritage Day!

Thanks!

Tim Schneider, LSCB Council

Field of Bands  

September 16, 2023
12 NOON - 8:00 PM

Featuring the music of:

Arch Allies
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Highlights of the July 17, 2023 City Council Meeting
City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meeting July 17, 2023 6:00 PM
Unapproved Minutes

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council met in regular session on Monday July 17th, at 6:00 pm. Said meeting was held in council chambers and via teleconference call, in said City. (**Full details of the meeting can be viewed on the city website**).

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 pm ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: **Present: Mayor McCarthy, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Reiter, Council Member Schneider, and Council Member Bluesky**

Also present were City Attorney Christina Benson and City Engineer John Parotti

Others Present: (not on Agenda) Residents Dawn Bulera and Mary Ashby. Kari Kull-Heng from the Oak-Land Middle School PTA, and several members of the Amateur Radio Operators group.

APPROVE AGENDA for the Special City Council Meeting of July 17, 2023 ~ **Council Member Reiter motioned to approve Agenda; Mayor McCarthy seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of June 28, 2023 ~ **Council Member Reiter motioned to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting of June 28, 2023 with 2 corrections. Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

PUBLIC INPUT ~ *Resident Dawn Bulera* commented that she had some concerns regarding the City Council Bylaws that were being reviewed at the meeting tonight. She also asked that information on the EBA Tree grant be put in the monthly newsletter. *Kari Kull-Heng*, representing the Oak-Land Middle School PTA organization, presented the Council with a flyer asking for donations for their after-school club programs. Council will discuss the request at the upcoming budget meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Council Member **JP Armstrong**

- A. Law Enforcement – 41 Calls and 6 violations
- B. Emergency Response and Fire – 46 calls
- C. Animal Control – no calls

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CITY STAFF REPORTS

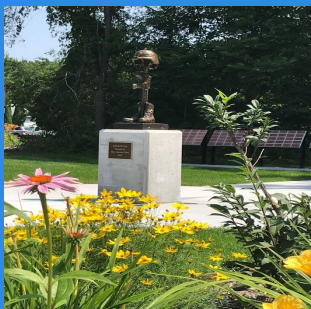
A. City Engineer Parotti – Presented updates on the street projects as follows:

- ~ Regarding crack sealing of the pavement on City streets, project is scheduled to begin late July or early August.
- ~ Regarding the micro surfacing of the pavement on City streets, project is completed. **Council Member Bluesky asked about the warranty on work done last year on Quinlan Ave. S. as it is not holding up as well as expected. City Engineer Parotti will go look at it and advise us. **
- ~ Regarding the Reclamite Maltene based Rejuvenating agent being applied to selected pavement, project is scheduled to begin late July or late August.
- ~ Regarding bluff stabilization, silt fence & rip rap work is almost complete. Initial inspection is complete and in compliance. Final inspections should be complete in a week or so.
- ~ Engineer Parotti advised the Council that there are *street sweeping grants* available for more street sweeping. He is also tracking the MPCA grant for next year; this is a storm water grant.
- ~ Engineer Parotti advised that the National Weather Service website can be a resource for anyone interested in the Washington County drought condition.

Veteran's Memorial

Donations can be made to the Lower St. Croix Valley Veterans Memorial (LSCVVM). 100% of your donation is tax deductible; the Memorial is a 501(c)3 organization and completely funded through donations.

To purchase a brick for yourself, friend, or loved one who lives or lived in the Valley, donations are accepted. Send a check to LSCVVM, 16455 20th St. S. Lake St. Croix Beach MN 55043. We need a name, branch of service, and years served. Suggested donation for a brick is \$25.



B. City Accountant Report; **1. State of Operations May, 2023, 2. Claims to be Approved – July 17, 2023. Council Member Reiter motioned to approve bills, payments and claims as follows: Checks: 19798-19821, 19882-19883 and EFT/DD: 230701-230730. Total amount of \$121,431.03. Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.**

Dates for the upcoming year-end budget meeting were tentatively set for the August 21st City Council meeting, but to begin an hour early at 5:00 pm to allow for discussion. A 2nd meeting date for September 18th at 5:30 was also set.

C. City Attorney Christina Benson –Discussion was held regarding the City Council Bylaws. After much discussion, **Council Member Bluesky motioned to approve the Bylaws with several amendments as discussed. Council Member Armstrong seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.**

D. Administration-Engstrom – discussion was held on upcoming dates for the year-end budget meeting. Dates were set.

E. Building Permit Activity – report was submitted

NEW BUSINESS - None; OLD BUSINESS – None
COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Armstrong – none

Council Member Bluesky – had a question on a building permit valuation. Administrator Engstrom answered his question.

Council Member Reiter – asked if we had any information on the fire budget yet. Council Member Armstrong answered no.

Council Member Schneider – reported that he is in full swing preparing for Heritage Day. They are considering having a bounce house for the event and need volunteers to monitor that activity. (See more information on page 2).

Mayor McCarthy – Special Thanks to the STS group of workers that came and did clean up on the beach. They hauled branches, driftwood, garbage and other debris off the beach.

ADJOURN – Mayor McCarthy motioned to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Tim Schneider seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0. Meeting Adjourned.

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CITY MEETING TIMES AND DATES

All meetings are held in person at City Hall and via Zoom

The **PLANNING COMMISSION** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The **PARKS COMMISSION** meets on the second Tuesday of each (except during the months of November and December) at 6:00 p.m.

The **CITY COUNCIL** meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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