



December

2023

Greetings from Mayor Tom,

As we say goodbye to 2023, I want to thank all our residents, councilmembers, commission members and staff for their help throughout the year in keeping our City running so smoothly.

As you are all aware, the City got hit with 2 major weather events this year. The ice storm that happened the beginning of April and then the river flood event. As always, I'm so proud of the way the community came together to work to recover from these events.

Even though we had these 2 major events, we still completed several planned street/road projects and some work on the rip-rap along the beach. There is still much to do and there are several street/road projects planned for 2024.

Just a reminder that there should be no leaf burning or sweeping them into the streets.

As we look ahead to the New Year, if any residents are interested in volunteering for a City Committee, please contact us at City Hall to let us know.

Wishing everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season, STAY HEALTHY!

~ Mayor Tom McCarthy



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CITY HALL HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Closed Wed. and Fri. If a resident is unable to come in during regular business hours, you may call to make an appointment.

HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall will be closed Monday December 25th to observe the Christmas holiday and Monday January 1st to observe New Year's Day.

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City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council Meeting November 20th, 2023 6:00 PM—*Unapproved Minutes*

The City of Lake St. Croix Beach City Council met in regular session on Monday November 20th, at 6:00 pm. Said meeting was held in council chambers and via teleconference call, in said City.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor McCarthy - (via interactive technology), Council Member Bluesky, Council Member Reiter, Council Member Schneider, Council Member Armstrong, Administrator Dave Engstrom. Also present: City Attorney Christina Benson, City Engineer John Parotti, Accountant Kim Guyer, and Deputy Clerk Tammy Martin.

APPROVE AGENDA for the City Council Meeting of October 16, 2023 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to approve Agenda; Council Member Armstrong seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

APPROVE MINUTES from the City Council meeting of October 16, 2023 ~ **Mayor McCarthy motioned to table the minutes until the December council meeting; Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

City Attorney Christina Benson Report – Presented a memo re: the Supervised Living Facility or Residential rental – Long Term Regulation. Some discussion was held regarding the memo to address concerns raised by residents at the October council meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT ~ Residents Dawn Bulera, Jeannie Paulson and Bonnie Markam all expressed concerns about the Licensed Supervised Living Facility at 1589 Racine Ave.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Council Member **Armstrong**

- A. Law Enforcement – 11 incidents and 4 citations
- B. Emergency Response and Fire – 42 runs in October
- C. Animal Control – 0
- D. WSCO Contract- **Council Member Schneider motioned to table the discussion until we have actual dollar amounts in the contract; Council Member Armstrong seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

CITY STAFF REPORTS

City Accountant Report; **1.** State of Operations September, 2023, **2.** Claims to be Approved – November 20, 2023. **Council Member Reiter motioned to approve bills, payments and claims as follows: Checks: 19895,19898, 19921-19948, and EFT/DD: 231101-231130. Total amount of \$71,900.59. Council Member Bluesky seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.**

Council Member Bluesky motioned to accept Resolution 2023-11, Accepting a Donation to the City. Council Member Reiter seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.



- B. City Engineer John Parotti – Presented updates on the stairway #7 bluff reinforcement, the survey is complete. The City water system is still young and has many good years left.
- C. Administration Dave Engstrom – asked that no leaf burning notice be posted again in the next newsletter. Discussed that the non-compliant Airbnb being operated in the City is being handled with the City Attorney.
- D. Building Permit Activity – report was submitted

NEW BUSINESS – Resolution 2023-10 of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach adoption of the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Council Member Reiter motioned to accept the Resolution; Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted Aye, carried 5/0.**

OLD BUSINESS – Approval of Compliance Checks for CUP’s and CoC – Council Member Bluesky motioned to approve the CUP’s and CoC; Council Member Schneider seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0.

Application is complete for 16860 19th St.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND REQUESTS—Mayor McCarthy – no comments

Council Member Armstrong – commented on making the access to Vimeo videos more easily accessible on the city website and a reminder about Breakfast with Santa at the Fire Hall on Dec. 3rd.

Council Member Bluesky – no comments

Member Schneider –commented with an idea for the beach; free life jackets available for use. Some discussion was held and will follow up next Spring.

Council Member Reiter – commented on the following:

The Vets dinner had about 90 people attend *Still have cutting on the bluff happening *Flag protocol requires that the US flag be the tallest flag *Home on Racine Ave. has dug out the yard and put in large boulders, are they in the right of way? *There is an Alliance meeting on December 14th re: the Met Council. *Is the fence height at 1589 Racine Ave. too high? *There are several “junk cars” parked at the residence at 1585 Queens.

ADJOURN – Council Member Armstrong motioned to adjourn. Mayor McCarthy seconded. All voted, Aye. Carried 5/0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Please join us at the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire station for

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 3, 2023
8am-Noon
1560 St. Croix Trail South,
Lake St. Croix Beach

Come and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee! Santa will be visiting during the breakfast for photo opportunities.

Free will offering! Bring your food donation of non-perishable food items to help stock the local food shelves. Let’s do our part to help others!



Valley Library Events and Important Dates

Building Permits

City Building Inspector is:
Duane (Dewey) Stensland
651-505-9985

Are you doing a bit of Renovation?
Restoration?
Reconstruction to your home?

Before you begin ANY PROJECT, call the City Office to determine whether a permit will be required.

Doing work without a permit is a risky undertaking and the building inspector could 'red tag' your project which puts an immediate halt to your renovation.

Not only that, but now the permit will cost you double what it would have had you just gotten a permit in the first place.

Call City Hall with questions
651.436.7031.

The Library will be closed: **Monday December 25** (Christmas Day) and **Monday January 1, 2024** (New Year's Day)

Did you know Washington County Library partners closely with the Washington County Career Force to help patrons who are searching for jobs or careers or wish to learn new skills through job training for no cost? All Washington County branches maintain a Career Corner with tools and resources for job seekers. Additionally, Washington County library and Career Force have periodic job fairs to match job seekers with companies looking to hire. Find more information at <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/837/Employment-Assistance>

Valley Library is planning a *Valley Community Recipe Swap* in January and February 2024. Watch this space for more information.

Washington County Library goes to the Movies! Reel Talk Movie Series: **Saturday December 9th** 2:00-4:30pm watch Barbie at the Oakdale Branch. **Sunday December 17th** 2:00-4:00pm watch Abominable the RH Stafford Woodbury Branch

For Adults: The Valley Library Book Club does not meet in December. The title for the next meeting on **Thursday January 25, 2024** is Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

On the second Tuesday of every month join those experiencing memory loss, such as Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and their caregivers at the Memory Café hosted by Family Means at RH Stafford Woodbury branch. Contact Jenny West at Family Means 651-789-4015 to reserve a spot.

Every Saturday in December 10:00am-12:00-pm drop-in for Art-a-palooza at the RHS Stafford Woodbury branch. Adults will get crafty and make a new piece of art each week. No registration required.

For Kids: *Every Monday 10:30-11:00 am Storytime*

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays for Storytime at Valley Library. Each week we'll read stories and sing songs that focus on strengthening early literacy skills. Meet new friends and spend time together as we sing, talk, read, write, and play ...at storytime! This storytime is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Super Storytime on **December 11th** 10:30-11:30 – Storytime plus a fun craft activity. The theme for December is: Winter Wonderland

Thursday, December 14th 3:30-5:30 Brick Builder's Club

Drop by to design, build and create with LEGO bricks. No registration required. This program is recommended for ages 5-12.

Ongoing: Scavenger Hunt – December theme: Winter Find 10 images throughout the library and win a prize.



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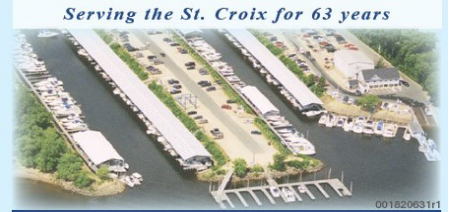


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