

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Orrock called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present: Dick Backlund, Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, and Donald Orrock. Council Member absent: Patricia May. Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf from Bolton and Menk. Also in attendance: Jim Oveson provided transportation for the boat tour, Big Lake Community Lake Association Members Jim Ridgeway and Carolyn Fowler, Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District representative Mark Basiletti, Patrick Selter with Professional Lake Management, and Writer Jennifer Edwards from the West Sherburne Tribune newspaper.

**3. PROPOSED AGENDA**

Council Member Heitz motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Kampa, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

**4. BUSINESS – Boat Tour of Big Lake and Mitchell Lake**

Council toured various areas of Big Lake and Mitchell Lake to view lake and shoreline conditions. Discussion was held on the muskrat problems at the landing pier and Mr. Goebel noted that the pier will be removed later in the fall for replacement of the floats.

Patrick Selter reviewed treatments that have been applied on both lakes which occurred in May and July 2008. Mr. Selter discussed the differences between the Eurasian Water Milfoil and the native Northern Water Milfoil weeds.

Mike Goebel and Mark Basiletti discussed planning and design of Shoreland Vegetation Planting Projects in areas such as state owned property located east of the channel, the Washington Avenue Greenway, the Mount Curve Avenue Greenway, city owned property on Lake Mitchell near the culvert, and various areas on private properties.

Discussion was also held on the need for regulating snowmobile entry points to the lake, and posting signage and barricades to enforce regulations. Jim Ridgeway discussed funding possibilities for the proposed fishing pier near the culvert on Lake Mitchell. Brad DeWolf indicated that his firm has offered to donate staff time for the fishing pier project and the Washington Avenue greenway improvements. Jim Ridgeway also inquired if the City would consider an Ordinance banning feeding birds in the lake area.

Council thanked Mr. Oveson for volunteering to provide transportation for the "Tour of the Lakes" Workshop.

**5. ADJOURN**

Council Member Heitz motioned to adjourn at 4:32 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Kampa, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck  
City Clerk

10/08/08  
Date Approved By Council