

WOODLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012  
7:00PM

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Jim Doak; Council Members Sliv Carlson, Mike Jilek, Chris Rich and John Massie

Staff: Chief of Police Cory Johnson and City Clerk Shelley Souers.

Guests: Tom Newberry

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes December 12, 2011; Regular Council Meeting**

**B. Set Date of Annual Board of Appeals & Equalization – April 9, 2012**

**C. Adopt Resolution No. 01-2012; Monthly Meeting Calendar for 2012**

*Council Member Jilek moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Adopt Resolution No. 02-2012; Annual Appointment & Assignments for 2012**

Council reviewed the Annual Appointments and Assignments for 2012. Mayor Doak reported that Woodland resident Fred Meyer has agreed to serve as the representative to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District. Mayor Doak noted that Mr. Meyer travels during a portion of the year and the LMCD appointment will need to be a shared responsibility between two or more residents once it has been determined who can serve during periods when Mr. Meyer is not available. Council asked staff to gather more information in regard to the 2012 rate increases for the Hennepin County Correction facility.

Mayor Doak suggested a Council Member attend the Save the Lake Banquet, scheduled for February 15, as Woodland's representative Herb Suerth will be recognized for his 17 years of service.

Council Member Jilek agreed to attend the banquet.

*Council Member Rich moved to adopt Resolution No. 02-2012; Annual Appoints and Assignments for 2012. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**B. Adopt Resolution No. 03-2012; Administrative Fees**

Council reviewed Resolution No. 03-2010; delineating the administrative fees for 2012.

*Council Member Jilek moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-2012, approving the Administrative Fees for the City of Woodland. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

### **C. Review Fee Schedule in the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Section 300**

Council reviewed the fee schedule as delineated in Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances. Council made no changes to the fee schedule for 2012.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Jilek reported that he and Council Member Carlson reviewed the costs over a three-year period related to sewer and water versus costs related to the septic system reviews. Council Member Jilek reported that the costs are similar. Council Member Jilek will review the information with the Groveland Board to clarify the Council's practice that expenditures that benefit the general interest of the public are accounted for through the General Fund.

Mayor Doak stated that the Council is elected to manage the City funds in the best interest of the public and approves expenditures from the General Fund when they benefit the City as a whole. The Council's decision for the City to fund the inspections of individual septic systems serves in the best interest of the City in general as does funding the audit and administration of the sewer and water systems.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Doak reported that Jeff Casale, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's (MCWD) liaison to the City of Woodland, will attend the February Council meeting to summarize issues and 2012 plans regarding the MCWD.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **Ordinance, LMCD and Website**

Council Member Jilek reported that the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) continues to work on the franchise renewal agreement with Mediacom. The LMCC would attempt to keep language in the franchise agreement that will hold Mediacom accountable for customer service and products. The old language also allows the LMCC to impose penalties. Mediacom has requested the contract be limited to 10 years.

Council Member Jilek reported that IPTV, a competing technology from Qwest, may be provided to the Lake Minnetonka market.

#### **Roads, Signs and Trees**

Council Member Rich reported that he looked at the current speed limit signs and identified four locations to install larger speed limit signs (30"x36") to replace the existing, smaller speed limit signs.

Council Member Rich also reported that he had contacted the Groveland School regarding the bus route. The bus company reviewed the route and agreed to change the direction of the route. The school bus will travel west bound into Woodland which will reduce the number of students that need to cross traffic to board or exit the bus.

Council Member Massie suggested that he would support a "school bus stop ahead" sign to be placed so as to be seen when traveling east bound on Breezy Point Road near the top of the hill before the school bus stop at East Road.

Council Member Carlson agreed that she would also support a "school bus stop ahead" sign for traffic traveling eastbound to designate the bus stop at East Road.

Chief Johnson reported that he had spoken with the residents that had expressed a concern with the traffic speeds along Breezy Point Road. One of the concerns was that students tended to run out to the bus, crossing the street before the bus had engaged its lights and stop arm. This situation could present a danger for students if traffic were approaching. Chief Johnson agreed that redirecting the route to have the pick-up on the north side of the road improves the safety for the students.

Council Member Massie reported that he was not aware of any issues in the Maplewoods neighborhood.

Council Member Rich agreed that redirecting the route will be beneficial in addition to the continued police enforcement. The bus route will change beginning January 24. Parents will be notified that the change was made for improved safety.

Council Member Jilek agreed the route change will be an improvement and supports the increased speed enforcement along Breezy Point Road.

Council agreed to install four new large speed limit signs (30x36) and one school bus stop ahead sign. Staff will order all signs and necessary posts and contact Cornerstone to complete the installation.

#### **Finance, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental & MCWD**

Council Member Carlson reported that the water fund continues to have a negative balance. Council Member Carlson stated that the water fund should return to a positive balance if major repairs are not necessary in 2012. None are anticipated.

#### **Public Safety**

Council Member Massie reported that NARS removed two deer during the season. Council Member Massie reported that he and several other Police Department staff spent Saturday, January 7 interviewing 10 Police Officer candidates for the vacant position on the force and there was enthusiastic support for the candidate selected.

Chief Johnson reported the field of Police Officer candidates was narrowed to one. The candidate will be presented with a conditional offer, subject to various screening procedures, and could begin employment with the City by February.

Mayor Doak thanked Chief of Police Johnson and Council Member Massie for their time with the interview process.

Chief Johnson stated that he would like the Council to consider new ordinance language addressing peddlers and solicitors. Chief Johnson stated that Deephaven recently adopted the new language and recommends Woodland also review the proposed language because it more

clearly empowers the Police Department to control solicitors and the issuance and revocation of permits.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*Council Member Jilek moved approval of the Accounts Payable as submitted. Council Member Massie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Council Member Rich moved approval of the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned by consent at 8:25PM

**ATTEST:**

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Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

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James S. Doak, Mayor