

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 14, 2011
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Doak called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tom Newberry

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Council Meeting, January 14, 2011.

Council Member Carlson moved and Council Member Jilek seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 3-2011; Recognizing outgoing Council Member Newberry

On behalf of the City Council and residents of Woodland, Mayor Doak presented former Council Member Tom Newberry with a framed resolution recognizing his service and contributions to Woodland during his 14 year tenure.

Mayor Doak moved to approve Resolution No. 03-2011. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Carlson requested that the City seek the opinion of our legal consul regarding the current Council's desire to keep the existing enterprise funds separate from any future enterprise funds that might be created by the construction of new sewer and water systems.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Doak reported that the County continues to work on the improvements to County Road 101. Presently the County is in discussions with Burlington Northern Railroad regarding the potential of lowering the railroad track bed to reduce the grade leading to the overpass bridge.

Mayor Doak reported that he attended the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) meeting regarding the expected high water level of Lake Minnetonka when the snow and ice melt. The water level may exceed prior historical highs. The MCWD plans to open the dam in early April. The most significant impact of the snow and ice melt will be to the property along the Minnehaha Creek. The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District is expected to declare a high water emergency and low wake restrictions around the lake.

Mayor Doak reported that he and several area Mayors met with the staff of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) in an effort to find a more collegial approach to rule creation. MCWD Board Members will serve as liaison to cities in the MCWD's boundaries to improve communication with elected City Officials. Council Member Carlson has been appointed to the

MCWD Citizen's Advisory Board and will help keep Woodland informed about rule amendments, invasive species, initiatives and Stormwater controls.

Mayor Doak reported that Senator Gen Olson sponsored a bill to rework the statutory authority of cities to grant variances. The City will continue to monitor this issue at the State level.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety

Council Member Massie reported that the City has been receiving calls regarding coyote sightings. Police Chief Johnson stated that coyotes have not been reported to be dangerous to people. They are difficult to trap and the process is costly and ineffective in reducing coyotes on a permanent basis. The DNR has some suggestions to discourage coyotes in urban areas, but has no formal control program. A notice was placed in the City newsletter asking residents to report aggressive coyote behavior to the Police Department.

Roads, Signs and Trees

Council Member Rich reported that he will be working with the City Engineer on 2011 street improvements. Council Member Rich noted that he will also be putting together an inventory of street signs throughout Woodland, noting their reflectivity.

Council discussed a monthly retainer for tree service. Council agreed to continue the current fee for service relationship with Aaron's Tree Service at this time.

Finance, Audit, Enterprise Funds and Intergovernmental

Council Member Carlson reported that the Metropolitan Council is currently seeking five candidates for their Board. The Governor will conduct public interviews for these seats.

Ordinance and Website

Council Member Jilek reported that Herb Suerth has agreed to continue as the LMCD liaison. He will speak with Mr. Suerth regarding attending Council meetings to provide LMCD updates on a regular basis.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned by consent at 8:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor