

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WOODLAND



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Doak, Councilors Carlson, Massie, Newberry, and Weiner

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Gus Karpas

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2015 City Council Meeting

B. Resolution No. 07-2015 approving a request from Lecy Brothers Homes and Remodeling for the property located at 2515 Cedar Point Drive for variances to encroach into the required front and west side yard setbacks in conjunction with the construction of the drain field for a new septic system

Carlson moved, seconded by Weiner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion relating to the City's Deer Management Program

Mayor Doak summarized the proposal submitted by the USDA, noting the cost exceeded \$4,000, well above the \$1,500 that was budgeted by the City for the program this year. He felt that this deserved Council discussion before proceeding. He noted the deer relocated out of the City this late into the season, so it may not be money well spent at this time. He thought the City should reapply with the DNR for a permit for next fall/winter and negotiate a new contract with the USDA in during summer with the expectation that the cost to the City could be reduced.

The Council agreed this was the best route to take and directed staff to contact the USDA and inform them of the City's intentions.

- B. Discussion regarding draft Ordinance No. 02-2015 amending Chapter 9 of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to lighting and the definition of wetlands

Council Member Newberry summarized the proposed changes to the lighting ordinance, noting the intent was to modernize the text to include different types of lighting elements other than just incandescent bulbs. He said he also used a light meter to verify that the proposed foot candle measurements specified in the ordinance were reasonable.

Mr. Newberry discussed the changes to the wetlands definition. He said the current definition was not adequate, so the amendment incorporates the wetland definitions from the Comprehensive Plan which are quite comprehensive. This will create consistency between the ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan and remove ambiguity.

The Council agreed to schedule a public hearing on Ordinance No. 02-2015 for their March 9th meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Doak summarized a number of items for the Council. He said that in a recent national survey, Minnetonka High School was rated number one in the State of Minnesota and fifty-third in the nation.

Mayor Doak discussed his concerns about upcoming road repairs and their potential costs. He said he would ask the City Engineer to develop a specific plan to give the Council a better idea of the scope of work necessary and the costs that may be associated with the repairs.

Mayor Doak said that he had reviewed the draft of the 2014 audit and found it satisfactory. In total, the City has a 92% fund reserve relative to this year's budgeted expenses, which is good, but not necessarily a huge safety net, given the small size of the City's budget in today's high cost world.

Mayor Doak discussed the recent Mayor's Forum, hosted by the League of Women's Voters that he attended. He also noted he had attended a town hall meeting where State Senator, Bonhoff and State Representative, Applebaum were in attendance.

Mayor Doak discussed a LMCD meeting with Hennepin County Sheriff Stanek where Water Patrol coverage of Lake Minnetonka during the summer months was the principal concern.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Carlson –Enterprise Finance and Operations, Intergovernmental Relations, and MCWD

Council Member Carlson informed the Council that Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison has been made the Chairperson of the Hennepin County Board, which should be a good thing for Woodland. She said that the county has weekly briefings every Thursday which are open to the public.

Council Member Carlson discussed items of interest regarding the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). She said there are currently two openings on the MCWD board that need to be filled and the appointments will be made by the Hennepin County Board in the near future. She said the MCWD will also be kicking off their ten year Comprehensive Planning process on February 18th with a meeting that she will attend. She said she will report back to the Council on any pertinent information.

Council Member Carlson said two more items of interest include the appointment of a new chairman of the Metropolitan Council and legislation moving through the state legislature which would mandate cities having operating manuals, outlining a number of items related to employee roles and responsibilities.

- B. Massie – Road right-of-way maintenance, Trees, Deer Management – No report.
C. Newberry – Ordinances, Septic Ordinance, and Inspections – No report.
D. Weiner – Public Safety, Police and Fire, General Finance – No report.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

No action was taken on this item.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Newberry moved, seconded by Carlson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Carlson moved, seconded by Weiner to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 9, 2015. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathryne A. McCullum, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor