

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WOODLAND



MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Doak and Council Members Massie, Newberry, and Weiner

EXCUSED: Council Member Carlson

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy McCullum, City Clerk

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the February 9, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.
- B. Consideration of Resolution No. 10-2015 selecting to not waive the statutory tort limits for liability purposes established by Minnesota Statute 466.04.
- C. Consideration of Resolution No. 12-2015 authorizing the City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Woodland and the State of Minnesota, Office of State Court Administration
- D. Consideration of street sweeping bid for the City of Woodland

Newberry moved, seconded by Weiner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing relating to Ordinance No. 02-2015 amending Chapter 9 of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to lighting and the definition of wetlands.

Mayor Doak opened the public hearing.

Resident Mark Anderson asked for clarification on the amendments.

Mayor Doak explained that the proposed amendments to the ordinance provide for clarification, noting that the proposed changes to the lighting ordinance would specify additional light bulb types that might be used in the City.

Mayor Doak indicated that the current definition of wetlands is out of date and the proposed definition directly correlates with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) rules.

Resident Kathy Murphy asked if the amendment to the wetland ordinance includes classification and types of wetlands. She also asked if the amendment included language relating to quality of wetlands and if the quality of wetlands would be taken into account in any decisions relating to setbacks. Mayor Doak reiterated that the amendment to the wetlands ordinance is a revised definition of wetlands only. He explained that the City assigned all wetland management, classification, and responsibility to the MCWD. Mayor Doak noted that the MCWD has staff with the expertise to determine wetland classifications and types. If approved by the Council, the City's ordinance would reflect the MCWD wetland descriptions.

The public hearing was closed.

Newberry moved, seconded by Massie to hold the first reading, waive the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 02-2015 amending Chapter 9 of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to lighting and the definition of wetlands. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Public Hearing relating to the Stormwater Prevention Program

Mayor Doak presented an overview of the item, noting that the cities in the metropolitan area are required to submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that outlines the steps that would be taken to limit runoff into protected water bodies. Mayor Doak said that the City's individual application has been reauthorized by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and noted that the City must hold an annual public hearing to collect public input on the program and best management practices. Public suggestions are recorded. Mayor Doak opened the public hearing.

No one wished to speak.

The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Doak clarified that no further City Council action needed to be taken on this item at this time, as the annual public hearing was duly held.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items pertaining to the 2014 Audit

- 1) Presentation by representative of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers
Mark Ebensteiner, Abdo, Eick, and Meyers representative, presented an overview of the 2014 report.
- 2) 2014 Audit Report – Resolution No. 11-2015 approving 2014 audit and related reporting and authorizing submittal to the Office of the State Auditor

Massie moved, seconded by Weiner to adopt Resolution No. 11-2015 approving 2014 audit and related reporting and authorizing submittal to the Office of the State Auditor. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion relating to the 2015 LMCC Survey

The City Council completed the LMCC Survey as follows:

How high a priority is each of the following for your City?

- Broadcasting and posting city council meetings on the LMCC channels and website: *Very Low Priority*
- Agenda parsing city council meetings that are posted on the LMCC website: *Neutral*
- Broadcasting and posting other local government meetings on the LMCC channels and website: *Neutral*
- Broadcasting and posting voter forums and candidate statements on the LMCC channels and website: *High Priority*
- Broadcasting and posting school concerts and events on the LMCC channels and website: *High Priority*
- Broadcasting and posting community concerts and events the LMCC channels and website: *High Priority*
- Creating, broadcasting, and posting LMCC-produced programming on the LMCC channels and website: *Neutral*
- Upgrading LMCC equipment and TV broadcasting to high definition (HD): *Very Low Priority*

7. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Urban Coyotes

Mayor Doak presented a newspaper article regarding coyotes that have been photographed in New York City's Central Park. He noted that all cities have been struggling with increased coyote populations in recent years.

City Roads

Mayor Doak said that he has been in contact with the City Engineer regarding the condition of the City's streets and the development of a plan for upgrades. Mayor Doak, Council Member Massie, and the City Engineer will drive through the City to survey the road conditions and develop a plan.

Mayor Doak noted that there are a number of potholes along Maplewood Road that need patching; however, he thought that the cold patching does not last and is therefore not cost-effective. Mayor Doak said that the repairs should be done properly when the weather permits.

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

Mayor Doak announced that the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Save the Lake Banquet will be held at the Lafayette Club this year and he will be attending. He invited Council Members to let him know if they are interesting in attending.

County Road 101 Project

Mayor Doak explained that the County Road 101 roundabout project remains on hold because of the Native American artifacts that were found on the site.

Requests for Support from the League of Minnesota Cities

Mayor Doak said there are two items in which the League of Minnesota Cities has requested support. The first is a transportation bill that would allow cities to create Street Improvement Districts and assess properties directly affected by the improvements. The remainder of the community would not contribute financially. Mayor Doak indicated that this proposal would not be of any benefit to Woodland because the City does not assess properties for road improvements. Mayor Doak noted that the bill has stalled in the Senate and will most likely not proceed. The Council agreed that the transportation bill should not be supported.

The second item relates to an early voting bill that has been introduced. Mayor Doak said that the law currently allows absentee voting with no excuse which is a step toward early voting. It was his personal opinion that voting on election day was an important patriotic ritual that should be preserved. In addition, Mayor Doak indicated that there may be added costs associated with early voting and a polling place would need to be set up for a long period of time prior to the actual election day. He suggested that the Council not support the bill. The Council agreed.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Carlson – Enterprise Finance and Operations, Intergovernmental Relations, and MCWD – No report.

B. Massie – Roads, Right-of-way Maintenance, Trees, Deer Management

Deer Management

Council Member Massie said that he was interested in hearing the progress of the Deephaven deer harvest.

Roads

Council Member Massie stated that there are a lot of road issues this year. Mayor Doak said there are many areas that appear to have plow and ice damage and a repair plan would be developed. Mayor Doak and Council Member Massie will be working with the City Engineer on the road repair plan. Mayor Doak requested that Council Members contact him if they see potholes that need immediate attention.

C. Newberry – Ordinances, Septic Ordinance, and Inspections – No Report

D. Weiner – Public Safety, Police and Fire, General Finance – No Report

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Newberry moved, seconded by Massie to approve the Accounts Payable as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Weiner moved to adjourn the March 9, 2015 meeting of the Woodland City Council. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathryne A. McCullum, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor