

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 9, 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: John Dhamer, Maria Saulsbury, Thomas Dhamer, Curtis Marks, Tom & Susan Newberry

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Board of Appeals, April 11, 2011

B. Minutes & of the Council Meeting, April 11, 2011.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Doak reported that he had received a call from Dave Nordmeyer, 2500 Spirit Knob Road, expressing concern with the erosion caused by wave action from watercraft traveling around Spirit Knob Point. Mayor Doak moved this issue to item F. under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 07-2011; Extension of the Special Use Permit for 2750 Gale Road

Mr. Marks, 2750 Gale Road, was present to request an additional one year extension of the Special Use Permit, originally approved in 2007. Mr. Marks stated that their building project continues to be delayed due to pending litigation concerning the original home construction.

Council Member Rich moved approval of Resolution No. 07-2011, extending the Special Use Permit for one year. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Eagle Scout Project

John Dhamer, 2805 Stone Arch Road, addressed Council to request approval to create a community landscape garden around the Stone Arch. This project is part of the process of qualifying as an Eagle Scout. Mr. Dhamer distributed a power point presentation outlining the project, its timeline, and explaining that a qualifying Eagle Scout project must benefit the community. The proposal would be to enhance the area around the Stone Arch with perennial plantings and possibly a rain garden. Mr. Dhamer stated that he would also like to install a plaque denoting the history of the arch and anticipates completing the project by September 2011 with community financial and in-kind support.

Mayor Doak stated that Woodland counts on volunteers and appreciates the effort of John Dhamer. Mayor Doak suggested that underwriting a portion of the costs by the City would be reasonable. The City may want to consider matching the contributions from residents and friends.

Council suggested Mr. Dhamer contact the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) regarding grant options for rain gardens and also check with the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club as a resource. Council Member Massie also suggested Mr. Dhamer contact his wife Betsy Massie who is a master gardener and could offer suggestions on plantings.

Mayor Doak suggested that the City Engineer's examine the stone arch to determine if it is stable and sound prior to any work taking place around the arch.

Council thanked John Dhamer for his idea and leadership to bring the plan to the city.

Sue Newberry, 2750 Stone Arch Road, expressed her excitement about the project and suggested one option may include donations of plants from residents.

Maria Saulsbury, 2805 Stone Arch Road, reported that the original gate hinges still exist and the scouts may want to consider replacing the gate.

C. Sign Retroreflectivity, Inventory and Assessment

Mayor Doak reported that he met with the City Engineer and staff regarding the federal mandate for all cities to adopt a sign maintenance program. Woodland must establish and implement a sign maintenance and management program by January 22, 2012. Mayor Doak summarized the options for review and replacement of city signs in order to meet the deadline. Options include a blanket replacement method or measuring individual signs to determine the retroreflectivity and the life-span.

Council reviewed the quote from the City Engineer to inventory, locate, and assess the signs throughout Woodland.

Council Member Rich reported that that he looked at the signs in the City, noting that there are about 120 signs. Approximately 40 of the existing signs are old and need to be replaced. Council Member Rich suggested the Council consider applying the costs of the proposed inventory and assessment towards new signs.

Mayor Doak suggested that Council Member Rich contact City Engineer Dave Martini to confirm the audit requirements necessary to satisfy the federal mandate.

Council Member Jilek and Council Member Rich will work together on a sign assessment plan.

Discussion will continue at the June 13, Council meeting.

D. Centerline Road Stripe

Council reviewed the quotes for a centerline stripe on Breezy Point Road and Maplewood Road. Council Member Rich asked if it would be prudent to postpone painting a new centerline stripe on Breezy Point Road until completion of the anticipated 2012 seal coat.

Council Member Jilek asked Chief of Police Johnson about the benefit of centerlines on the roadways.

Chief Johnson stated that it is important to have clear center lines for law enforcement and public safety. Recent data gathered, following the placement of the speed trailer, indicates that 40,000 cars traveled down Breezy Point Road during a nine day period. Breezy Point Road is well traveled and a visible centerline stripe is essential.

Council Member Jilek moved to approve AAA Striping to apply a latex center stripe along Breezy Point Road and Maplewood Road. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Council Member Jilek amended the motion to approve the AAA Striping quote not to exceed \$2,3359.44. Council Member Rich seconded the amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Tree Removal Service

Council reviewed three quotes for tree removal services.

Mayor Doak noted that Woodland does not have city staff available to respond to fallen tree emergencies after hours and a quality and timely response is essential as a matter of public safety.

Chief Johnson reported that the police officers are typically the first to make the emergency calls to Aarons Services for downed trees. Chief Johnson stated that Aaron Smith and his crew are quick to respond and generally on site within 30 minutes of the call.

Council Member Rich stated that he has had positive experience with Aaron's Services and as the tree and road liaison, but wants to be judicious with the city budget and make sure Woodland is getting competitive quotes.

The Council noted Aaron's Services competitive prices and excellent record of service to the City.

Council Member Carlson moved to approve Aaron's Service for tree removal during 2011. Council Member Massie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Lake Minnetonka High Water

Mayor Doak reported that he received a call from Dave Nordmeyer, 2500 Spirit Knob Road, regarding shoreline erosion caused by natural wave action and wake created by watercraft traveling around Breezy Point during the high water level of Lake Minnetonka.

Council discussed the high water levels on Lake Minnetonka, the high water emergency declaration and enforcement levels. It suggested additional temporary no-wake buoys and possibly channel buoys be placed at the Point.

Mayor Doak stated that he would contact the LMCD and the Water Patrol regarding a closed throttle sign for Wayzata Bay and possible temporary buoys markers at the Point. Mayor Doak will follow up with Dave Nordmeyer.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Doak reported that CenterPoint Energy will be replacing the gas line along Breezy Point Road and Maplewood Road this summer. Architectural details are not yet available.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety

No report.

Ordinance, LMCD and Website

Council Member Jilek reported that the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) completed the fiber-to-the-home survey. The LMCC will be looking at pricing options for fiber services and hiring a consultant to evaluate the future of fiber-to-the-home. The next steps would be a business and financing plan. Council Member Jilek reported that Mediacom is seeking renewal of their franchise agreement for a 15-year term. The LMCC is looking to limit the franchise agreement to 10 years.

Roads, Signs and Trees

Council Member Rich reported that Cornerstone completed the pothole patching. Cornerstone will complete the patching along Stone Arch Road once the new home construction is finished.

Finance, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental & MCWD

Council Member Carlson reported that the MCWD has a grant program available for septic system replacement. Residents can learn more about the grant options from the MCWD and information will be placed in the City's July newsletter.

Council Member Carlson reported that the House and Senate passed an amendment to the statute permitting zoning variances, giving cities more authority to approve variances and attaching conditions to the approval.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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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 9:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor