

WOODLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, May 14, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Doak called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff: City Engineer Dave Martini and City Clerk Shelley Souers.

Guests: Mr. Tom Newberry, Maria Saulsbury, John Dhamer Jr., Jeff Casale (MCWD)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** Minutes April 9, 2012; Board of Appeals and Equalization

**B.** Minutes April 9, 2012; Regular Council Meeting

**C.** Resolution No.11-2012; Extension of the Special Use Permit for 2750 Gale Road (Curtis Marks)

*Council Member Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

Council Member Massie arrived.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Stone Arch Landscape Project Update – John Dhamer Jr.**

John Dhamer Jr. addressed with the Council regarding his proposed landscape project noting that he reduced the number of plants and plans to include a stone path. John reported that he is also working on a sign layout that would include some history of Stone Arch Road.

John stated that he would like to host a fund raising effort with a neighborhood ice cream social.

Council Member Jilek stated that he would encourage Groveland residents to attend the ice cream social.

Council suggested that John complete a landscape plan and a list of the proposed plants. Council agreed that the City remove a tree and add topsoil to facilitate the project.

**B. Resolution No. 10-2012; Stone Arch Road Improvement Bid Approval**

Dave Martini presented the construction bids received for the Stone Arch Road improvements. Mr. Martini noted that the scope was modified from what was originally conceived, due to the low elevation of the western portion of the road. The westerly section of roadbed will require an additional 3-4 inches of base, which caused the bids to come in higher than estimated. Mr. Martini also noted that the existing culvert at 2750 Stone Arch Road may need to be cleaned out to facilitate drainage. Mr. Martini recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder Oman Brothers as presented for \$46,420.36.

Mr. Martini noted that the price of bids can vary widely based on the contractor's work load and expected completion dates. Smaller roads can present construction challenges and are difficult to estimate labor and other costs. Projects are typically quoted on a unit price. Costs associated with mobilization are calculated separately.

In response to Council Member Carlson's question regarding a guarantee of the improvements, Mr. Martini stated the contract includes a two year warranty. Bolton and Menk's engineering staff will supervise the construction and make contact with all property owners. A pre-construction meeting will be held with the contractor prior to beginning work.

Council Member Rich asked about the estimated cost of the project management fee.

Mr. Martini stated the engineer's review and management is on a hourly basis and expects it to be less than \$5,000.

*Council Member Jilek moved to approve Resolution No. 10-2012; awarding the bid to Oman Brothers as presented. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Jeff Casale, MCWD representative; Wayzata Bay Center Development**

Council Member Carlson introduced Jeff Casale, MCWD liaison to Woodland, to provide an update regarding the Wayzata Bay Center redevelopment.

Mr. Casale reported that the redevelopment of the Wayzata Bay Center is being led by Presbyterian Homes and Services, which has been working with MCWD staff for five years to develop a stormwater management approach for the project. The Wayzata Bay Center is a low impact development and the project does not propose any particularly innovative stormwater management methods, but layers several methods together to enhance results. The wetland in the area had been largely filled over the years. The new development proposal would imitate the function of the wetland to clean stormwater runoff from the property in to Lake Minnetonka.

The MCWD will fund up to 50% of the costs over an above the minimum stormwater rules requirement. The developer worked with the MCWD to create something more innovative than a runoff pond. The proposed plan is to create storage chambers under the streets filled with gravel/sand allowing the water to infiltrate into the lake and mimic the pre-developed wetland that was there.

Mr. Casale noted that all projects the MCWD approves must be part of the MCWD's comprehensive plan to improve stormwater. The MCWD funding comes from property taxes and they also have bonding authority for projects as needed.

Mayor Doak noted that since the MCWD Board is appointed there appears to be little direct vetting of the projects by the taxpayers. He wants to be certain that careful consideration is given to the benefit and efficiency of improvements versus the costs to taxpayers.

Mr. Casale responded that developers are not being subsidized to make any improvements that would not already be mandatory as part of the development requirements. The cost sharing applies to enhancements above the basic stormwater control requirements. The Board and citizen advisory group reviews all projects prior to approval.

Mayor Doak reiterated that Woodland supports the water quality improvements and relies on the MCWD to be a steward of the tax dollars from the residents of Woodland.

Council thanked Mr. Casale and appreciates the MCWD's efforts to keep the City informed.

**B. Resolution No. 09-2012; Appointment of Fred Meyer to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)**

Mayor Doak introduced Fred Meyer, who has volunteered to serve as Woodland's liaison to the LMCD. Mr. Meyer has lived in Woodland for many years and sails on Lake Minnetonka.

Council Member Jilek thanked Mr. Meyer for his willingness and commitment to represent Woodland on the LMCD Board.

*Council Member Carlson moved to approve Resolution No. 09-2012; Council Member Massie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**C. LMCIT 2012/2013 Liability Insurance Renewal**

Council reviewed the municipal insurance coverage and renewal quote for liability insurance effective through May 2013.

*Council Member Rich moved to approve the LMCIT insurance renewal, not including the blanket faithful performance bond. Council Member Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**D. LMCD 2013 Draft Budget & Levy**

Council reviewed the LMCD's proposed draft budget and levy for 2013. Mayor Doak will attend a budget review session at LMCD headquarters in coming weeks. The LMCD plans to continue milfoil removal as necessary for navigational purposes. The LMCD intends to develop a comprehensive plan for milfoil removal and treatment going forward. Council took no action on the draft budget and levy.

**C. Resolution No. 08-2012; Hennepin County Recycling Grant Agreement**

Council reviewed the Hennepin County Recycling Grant Agreement. Council Member Rich questioned the value of participating in the grant program, given the recycling goals which seemed unrealistic and gave the County rights to mandate City activities. In addition the County requires liability cover at that could possibly exceed the City's coverage, thus increasing City costs.

Council tabled action to the June 11 Council meeting to review the municipal insurance coverage minimums and any implications if the County's goals are not achieved as outlined in the agreement.

**E. Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Master Plan**

A copy of Hennepin County's Solid Waste Management Master Plan was included in the Council materials for informational purposes. No action was necessary.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Doak reported that a **School Bus Stop Ahead** sign has been installed on Breezy Point Road. A resident had suggested speed humps and stop signs to slow traffic along Breezy Point Road. Mayor Doak, after consultation with Police Chief Johnson, noted installing stop signs or speed bumps/humps to control traffic speed on main travel arteries is not advisable. The Council concurred with this observation.

The City has added four new speed limit signs and a school bus stop sign. The School District has changed the direction of the bus route to reduce the need for children to cross the street. The police will continue the patrol and enforcement of speed limits.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Ordinances, Website & LMCC**

No report

**Roads, Signs & Trees**

Council Member Rich reported that pot-hole patching was completed. Several road shoulders will be repaired to prevent further damage and wash out.

Council Member Rich reported that he met with Mrs. Melsness, 2800 Breezy Heights Road, regarding a sign request. The Melsness's would like two signs to denote children at play, (at the beginning of the street and at the top of the hill along side the tennis court). Council discussed the sign request and approved one sign

(Children at Play). Council agreed the sign would be most effective along the hill coming into Breezy Point Road, near the existing retaining wall. Due to the narrow road right-of-way, the City will speak with the owners at 2840 Breezy Heights Road, regarding placement of a sign near the retaining wall on their property.

**Finance, Enterprise Funds, Intgov. Relations & MCWD**

Council Member Carlson reported that the legislature approved two questions to be placed on the General Election Ballot.

**Public Safety & Deer Management**

No report.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Council Member Rich 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 9:41PM

ATTEST:

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Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

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James S. Doak, Mayor