

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, June 13, 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 Sliv Carlson, Chris Rich and John Massie.

Absent: Council Member Michael Jilek

Guests: Mr. John Dhamer, Mrs. Maria Saulsbury, John Dhamer (son), Mr. Tom Newberry

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Council Meeting, May 9, 2011

Council Member Carlson moved and Council Member Rich seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Stone Arch

Council reviewed quotes from three companies for repair of the Stone Arch structure.

Mayor Doak stated that the city engineer reviewed the Arch and reported that the Arch is sound, but deteriorating. There is a risk of stones falling from the Arch facade. Mayor Doak stated that the Council must decide whether to remove or repair the Arch. Ignoring a potential hazard would be unacceptable.

Mr. John Dhamer, 2805 Stone Arch Road, stated that the Arch distinguishes Stone Arch Road and the neighborhood and believes the Arch is an asset to the community.

Mrs. Maria Saulsbury, 2805 Stone Arch Road, stated that without the Arch structure, Stone Arch Road is just a road.

Mayor Doak noted that the distinction between the stone Arch and the pillars in Maplewood is that the Maplewood's Association maintains and pays for repairs to the stone pillars. The city ended up with the Arch by default because it was within the road right-of-way. Mayor Doak suggested that the Arch be considered as a back drop to the landscaping, and not a conduit to walk through. The Arch is an attractive amenity to Stone Arch Road; however, the majority of the city is not impacted by the structure. The cost of repairs have not been budgeted and are significant.

Council Member Rich expressed support for the preservation of the Arch because of its long history. Council Member Rich stated that although the repair costs are unbudgeted and would be a sizable amount relative to the City budget, the repairs should preserve the Arch for another 40-50 years. Council Member Rich suggested the City solicit resident support and possible monetary donations.

Mayor Doak agreed that there is merit to repairing the Arch and supported the restoration, if there is strong support from the residents of Stone Arch Road. Support could be shown by a willingness to contribute to the cost of preserving the Arch. A city-wide solicitation will be considered.

Mr. Dhamer stated that he had spoken with the residents along Stone Arch Road and they support maintaining the Arch.

Staff will contact the auditor and city attorney regarding the appropriate process to accept donations for the Arch restoration.

Mayor Doak and Council Member Massie will meet with Wachholz Masonry and R.J. Valek Construction to discuss their quotes and proposed repairs.

Council Member Rich stated that he would like to solicit a quote from a contractor with whom he has experience.

Council suggested that John Dhamer speak with the residents along Stone Arch Road and McKenzie Point Road to gather support and possible donations.

B. Eagle Scout Project Update – John Dhamer

John Dhamer reported that now that school is out, he will begin working on a budget and landscape plan over the next couple weeks.

C. Sign Retroreflectivity Inventory

Council Member Rich and Council Member Jilek created a sign inventory denoting the type and location of each sign using GPS coordinates. The inventory spreadsheet included the general condition of each sign, post and the visual reflectivity of each sign. Council Member Rich stated that he would like to help, to the extent possible, with the installation of replacement signs.

The Council plans to begin the sign replacement this fall. As much as 1/3 of the regulatory signs will be replaced annually until all signs meet the federal retroreflectivity standards by the January 2015 deadline. Staff will work with Cornerstone to get a quote for installation. Woodland will not be using the services of Bolton and Menk to measure reflectivity, and signs will be visually inspected each year. This will gradually be simplified in the future by the manufacturer warranty on signs replaced in place of visual inspections. Council will discuss this matter again in July.

D. Review of Hydrant Flushing & Gate Valve Exercise

Infratech completed the annual hydrant flushing and gate valve exercising throughout Stone Arch Road and Groveland Association. Two issues were noted during the routine flushing work. Council directed staff to contact Infratech to return and clean out the debris in two of the gate valve channels and to attempt to turn the gate valve that was determined to be inoperable.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LMCIT 2011/2012 Liability Insurance Renewal

Workers Compensation for Elected Officials; Resolution No. 07-2011

Accident Coverage for Volunteers; Resolution No. 08-2011

Council reviewed the annual liability insurance, optional accident coverage for city volunteers and workers compensation coverage for elected officials.

Council Member Carlson moved to approve the annual liability coverage and adopt Resolution No. 07-2011; approving workers compensation coverage for elected official. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Rich moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-2011; approving accident coverage for volunteers. Council Member Massie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Rich moved to amend the motion to include the addition of medical coverage as part of the accident coverage insurance. Council Member Massie seconded the amended motion. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Contract for Services with Deephaven; Resolution No. 09-2011

Council reviewed the 2012 contract for police, clerical, building, public works and zoning services with Deephaven.

Council Member Carlson moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-2011; approving the 2012 contract for services with the City of Deephaven. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. National Night Out

Mayor Doak noted that resident participation at the National Night Out has been very poor over the last two years. He suggested, in lieu of National Night Out, the Council consider hosting an open house to meet with community leaders and the police and fire personnel starting about 6:00PM, prior to a Council meeting. The Council would convene the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00PM. This initiative will be explored further and again discussed at the next Council meeting.

D. Approve Resolution No. 10-2011; supporting Hennepin County Sheriff's New Regional 911 Emergency Communications facility

Council reviewed Resolution No. 10-2011, demonstrating local support for the new 911 Emergency Communications Facility.

Mayor Doak stated that the resolution is a general expression of support for the call center.

Council Member Carlson stated that she will contact County Commissioner Callison regarding the Council's concern about the possibility of additional fees or charges to off-set the cost of the call center.

Council Member Rich moved and Council Member Carlson seconded the adoption of Resolution No. 10-2011; supporting Hennepin County Sheriff's New Regional 911 Emergency Communications Facility.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Mayor Doak reported that the high water declaration has been removed. Mayor Doak reported that the LMCD is considering several options with regard to quiet waters and high lake levels. Several options being considered include, designating the whole lake as quiet waters, and limiting the maximum speed for boats of a certain size. No decisions have been made at this time.

Mayor Doak reported that the City sent a notice to the owners of a property where noxious weeds have been identified and the grass height exceeds the limit outlined in the ordinance. The notice outlined the violation and a timeframe to abate the violation. Council Member Rich reported that the Maplewood's

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Association has offered to help with lawn maintenance at the property with the agreement of the homeowners.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety

No report

Ordinance, LMCD and Website

No report

Roads, Signs and Trees

No report

Finance, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental & MCWD

Council Member Carlson reported that she has been reading the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District rules amendments and believes there will be little impact to the City of Woodland.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council Member Massie moved approval of the Accounts Payable as submitted. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Council Member Massie moved approval of the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned by consent at 9:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor