

WOODLAND
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 9, 2012

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, Mike Jilek, Chris Rich and John Massie

Staff: City Clerk Shelley Souers.

Guests: Tom Newberry, Dick Osgood, Kurt Larsen

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes June 11; Regular Council Meeting

B. Authorize Payment No. 1 to Omann Brothers Paving, for Mill and Overlay; Resolution No. 14-2012

Council Member Rich moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Doak reported that the City has heard from a resident whom expressed concern regarding Mediacom's access over private property. The staff contacted the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) regarding the franchise agreement with Mediacom and their access rights over private property via utility easements. The LMCC's attorney provided an opinion on the access rights and that information was shared with the resident.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dick Osgood, Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA)

Mayor Doak welcomed Dick Osgood, Executive Director of LMA to the Council.

Dick Osgood presented a brief history of the LMA, noting that the LMA is a non-profit lakeshore homeowners association, organized as a voice for the lakeshore owners and an advocate for their interests. The LMA's main objectives are to prevent new Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from entering Lake Minnetonka and effectively manage the Invasive Species currently in our lake using the most feasible methods. The LMA and LMCD overlap with regard to their commitment to invasive species control. The LMCD is a special unit of government with City appointed members and receives funding from each of the 14 member cities. The LMCD has a charter that is broader than that of the LMA. The LMCD owns and operates the weed harvesters and conduct watercraft inspections. The Lake Minnetonka Association, working with the LMCD, has managed the herbicide treatments on five bays (Grays, Carmen, Phelps, Gideon and St Albans Bays) for the past five years. Mr. Osgood noted that Lake property owners pay more out of

pocket for management of milfoil than the DNR and other water management entities combined.

Mayor Doak noted that the State encourages use of Lake Minnetonka and other public bodies of water, but the burden of water management falls heavily on the neighboring cities and property owners. Mayor Doak stated that he would like to see a comprehensive invasive species program that is better balanced between local and State entities.

Mr. Osgood stated that State funding is limited because it is spread across 3,000 lakes with public access. Lake Minnetonka does receive a good portion of the funding based on its size, but is not enough to cover needed milfoil treatments. A significant local investment is still needed to protect the lake. The LMA believes the harvesters are beneficial in certain areas, but have a limited use on the lake. The LMA supports a broad plan to use both harvesters and herbicides to maximize the effectiveness of each approach.

Council thanked Mr. Osgood for the information and his time and commitment to the preservation of the Lake.

B. 2012 Septic Reviews, Kurt Larsen

Mr. Larsen reported that the septic reviews are underway and going well and does not anticipate any issues. Residents are showing considerable interest in the inspection process and he has used the opportunity to provide useful information on the maintenance of their systems. Mr. Larsen stressed that good management is the key to longevity of all septic systems.

C. Review Draft Engineer Letter regarding General Stormwater Permit for MS4s

Council reviewed a letter, prepared by the City Engineer, to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding their recent amendments to the MS4 permit process. Council had no changes to the Engineer's letter and recommended submittal to the MPCA as drafted.

D. Review Parking Zone Permit Application

Council reviewed an updated parking permit application that included the requirement that a contact number of the applicant is provided and that a contact person is on site to manage parking issues when the permit is in use.. The Council will review the parking permit fee in January, as part of the annual fee schedule review, to consider an increase in the permit fee to \$10/day to cover the cost of wooden stakes that may be provided with parking signs.

E. Agreement with Dan Distel for Assessing Services

Council reviewed the request to extend City Assessing services with Dan Distel for two years to September 1, 2014, at a 2% increase each year.

Council Carlson moved to approve extension of assessing services with Dan Distel with a 2% annual increase. Council Member Massie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

F. 2013 Budget Review

Council reviewed the draft General Fund budget for 2013. Council suggested reducing the anticipated building permit revenue. The Council will continue review and discussion at the August Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. County Road 101 Discussion

Mayor Doak reported that the County will be holding an informational meeting on July 19 from 5P.M.-7P.M. to provide an overview and conceptual plan layout of the County Road 101 improvements. The meeting is open to the public. The County sent a notice to each Woodland address regarding the meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Doak reported that he and Woodland's LMCD representative, Mr. Meyer, will attend a joint meeting with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District regarding lake issues.

Woodland's maintenance contractor will install a "*children at play*" sign directly below the "*school bus stop ahead*" sign as an added forewarning to vehicular traffic traveling eastbound on Breezy Point Road.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ordinances, Website & LMCC

No report.

Roads, Signs & Trees

Council Member Rich reported that Aaron's services will be trimming brush and removing diseased trees in the City's right-of-ways.

Council Member Rich reported that he and Woodland's maintenance contractor Tim Lovett will review the City streets for needed repairs.

Finance, Enterprise Funds, Intgov. Relations & MCWD

Council Member Carlson reported that the water enterprise maintenance account balance continues to decline. The City will continue to monitor the fund balance and determine the necessary rate increase needed for 2013 to ensure the enterprise funds stay self supporting.

Council Member Carlson reported that she attended a presentation by the MCWD regarding phosphorus reductions and the use of green roofs. Several cities have banned the use of coal tar driveway sealants to further reduce pollution of storm water and ultimately lakes.

Public Safety & Deer Management

Council Member Massie reported that he has contacted several property owners regarding placement of deer traps.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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 9:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor