

WOODLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, August 13, 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 and Chris Rich

Staff: Chief of Police Cory Johnson and City Clerk Shelley Souers.

Guests: Nick Peterson, Craig Twinem, Greg Brown, Brian and Cindy Jackson, and Tom Newberry.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes July 9, 2012; Regular Council Meeting**
- B. Resolution No. 15-2012: Septic Review Agreement for 2013 (Kurt Larsen)**
- C. Resolution No. 16-2012; Septic Inspection Agreement for 2013 (Metro West Inspection Services)**
- D. Select Date for 2013 Budget and Levy Hearing**
- E. Final Pay Request (No. 2) Stone Arch Road Mill & Overlay**

Mayor Doak moved to remove item E. from the consent agenda since the final pay request was still under review by the City Engineer.

*Council Member Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda as amended and with a correction to the July 9 Council Minutes (changing evasive to invasive). Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brian & Cindy Jackson, 2865 Center Road, distributed materials that explained pervious (porous) pavers and their use as an option to natural vegetation to control stormwater runoff. The Jacksons stated that they reside in the Groveland neighborhood. As a neighborhood the area has exceeded the maximum impervious cover permitted elsewhere in the City. The community shares common green-space, so the private properties are small in size. A primary issue resident's encounter is the limited ability to make improvements to their property due to hardcover restrictions. Mr. Jackson explained that porous pavers decrease stormwater runoff when properly installed and because of their pervious design should not count towards hardcover calculations. Mr. Jackson requested that the City Council evaluate and consider the use of porous pavers as a landscape option.

Zoning Administrator Karpas stated that he is somewhat familiar with porous pavers. Karpas noted that the pavers must be properly installed and cleaned out to function properly. Presently there is no inspection program through the Uniform

Building Code. The City would need to consider a maintenance inspection program to ensure that a porous paver surface is properly maintained to continue to be effective with stormwater control. Karpas also expressed concern that the use of porous pavers, although effective in controlling stormwater, could open the City to "massing" or large homes on small lots that would negatively impact the character of the community.

Mayor Doak suggested that the Council review the information that Mr. Jackson provided and tabled this matter to a future council meeting for continued discussion.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Special Use Permit, 2865 Center Road, Brian and Cindy Jackson**

Zoning Administrator Karpas presented the request for a Special Use Permit to add a stair access from a deck to the grade. A Special Use Permit was approved in 1997 permitting the expansion of the existing deck to gain access to a door into the home. Zoning Administrator Karpas reviewed the standards outlined in the ordinance and noted that there would be no impact to adjacent property. Zoning Administrator Karpas stated that a condition to approval be an as-built survey confirming the step location and impervious cover ratio.

*Council Member Carlson moved to approve Resolution No. 17-2012; for a special use permit to allow steps with the condition that the applicants provide an as-built survey. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. County Road 101 Improvements Discussion**

Mayor Doak introduced Hennepin County Engineers Nick Peterson and Craig Twinem and URS Design Engineer Greg Brown to speak regarding the proposed County Road 101 improvements.

Mayor Doak stated that Woodland is not comparable in size or financial ability to the other communities adjacent to County Road 101, making the concerns of Woodland different than those of the neighboring cities of Wayzata and Minnetonka.

Engineer Peterson presented a brief project background denoting the conditions necessitating the improvements and probable timeline for construction.

Council expressed support for the three lane roadway south of the roundabout. The roundabout also received enthusiastic support.

Council expressed opposition to the proposed sidewalk due to the impact on adjacent properties and the cost to the City for installation and on-going maintenance relative to the perceived need. There are no sidewalks in elsewhere in Woodland. The proposed sidewalk appears to have limited access and does not extend beyond the proposed round-about or through to Wayzata.

Council agreed that the multi-use trail along the east side of County Road 101 would be beneficial to access other trails and roadways. It seems redundant, given a multi-use trail on the other side of the roadway.

County Engineers noted that sidewalks are designed to facilitate crossing at controlled locations. The concept layout plan terminates the sidewalk at the roundabout where two cross walks are shown to traverse to the multi use trail.

Council asked if well defined cross walks could be located along County Road 101 without the development of a sidewalk.

Mayor Doak noted that in addition to the preliminary costs that the County presented there may be costs for underground sewer and water improvements that Minnetonka may impose.

Mayor Doak expressed concern that the City does not have adequate financial reserves to bury utility lines. Woodland is not comparable to adjacent cities in terms of size or budget and certain improvements and amenities will be out of Woodlands capacity of funding.

Mayor Doak noted that the draft resolution provided by the County will be reviewed by the City Attorney and amended so as not to bind the City to financial unknowns.

Engineer Peterson noted that the utility companies will move the poles and wires and understands that burying lines for aesthetic purposes can be cost prohibitive. The location of the utilities whether overhead or underground, does not change the proposed road layout.

Engineer Twinem stated that a 25% contingency is built into the preliminary cost estimate of \$88,000, and does not include burial of the underground utilities.

Council Member Rich asked if elimination of the sidewalk would reduce the costs by \$29,700, as delineated for the sidewalk in the cost summary. Engineer Twinem stated that the costs would decrease to reflect that elimination. Council Member Rich requested a more accurate cost summary for the sidewalk.

Council Member Carlson requested information on the location and costs associated with the proposed street lights.

Mayor Doak noted that the City's intent is to amend the resolution and submit it to the County, following Council action at its September meeting.

Engineer Peterson asked if the Woodland would submit a letter to the County, prior to the September Council meeting, supporting the concept layout.

Mayor Doak stated that the City will prepare a letter supporting the key elements of the concept layout.

### **B. Discussion of Coalition of the Minnehaha Creek Waters**

Mayor Doak reported that he attended a meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District where the coalition presented an AIS control proposal. The coalition is led by the LMA and counts several lake association as members.

The meeting included the MCWD, Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) and the Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA). The coalition developed a plan to further control aquatic invasive species (AIS). The draft plan included regional stations for inspections prior to watercraft entering the Lake and reducing the number of accesses to the Lake. The proposal is controversial and costly. It has not been endorsed by the MCWD which the City supports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. 2013 General Fund Budget**

Council reviewed the 2013 draft General Fund budget. No changes were made to the draft budget. Council will adopt the proposed levy and budget at the September Council Meeting.

Mayor Doak suggested that if, at the end of the year, the General Fund balance has a revenue balance over expenditures, and the Council consider transferring the surplus revenue into the Road Improvement Fund in an effort to build that fund for future costs associated with the County Road 101 improvements.

### **B. Stone Arch Perennial Garden Plan – Eagle Scout Project**

Council reviewed the timeline for completion of the perennial garden by resident John Dhamer as part of his Eagle Scout project.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Doak reported that several surrounding communities have adopted ordinance language prohibiting the application of coal tar sealants on asphalt driveways. Mayor Doak suggested that Council also consider adding language to the City ordinances to prohibit the use of coal tar sealants. This item was tabled to a future meeting.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Ordinances, Website & LMCC**

No report.

### **Roads, Signs & Trees**

Council Member Rich reported that Cornerstone reviewed Blaine Avenue where the road had started to washout along an old culvert. Cornerstone will make repairs in the coming days. Cornerstone will also straighten the street sign located at Maple Hill Road.

Woodland's Tree Contractor Aaron Smith reviewed a tree located on private property in the Groveland neighborhood and confirmed the tree was diseased. A notice, requesting removal, will be sent to the property owners.

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

Council Member Carlson reported that she had attended a meeting at the Watershed District where there was discussion on the use of pervious pavers. Council Member Carlson noted that the City of Edina adopted language on impervious pavers. She will provide more information on the pavers.

**Public Safety & Deer Management**

No report.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*Council Member Carlson moved approval of the Accounts Payable as submitted. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Council Member Carlson moved approval of the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned by consent at 9:30P.M.

ATTEST:

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Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

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James S. Doak, Mayor