

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WOODLAND



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Doak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Doak, Councilor Members Carlson, Massie, Newberry, and Weiner

Staff Present: Kathy McCullum, City Clerk

Guests Present: Resident Chris Larson and Realtor, Jeff Martineau of Coldwell Banker Burnett

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the August 11, 2016 City Council Minutes

B. Resolution No. 20-2016 approving variance requests for David Jagodzinske, property owner 18275 Breezy Point Road in order to build a pool that would exceed the maximum permitted accessory structure gross floor area, would exceed the maximum permitted grade alteration, and encroach into the required accessory structure setback from the main building

C. Resolution No. 21-2016 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Woodland and Kurt Larsen Septic Service for septic system inspection services

Carlson moved, seconded by Massie to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and First Reading of An Ordinance O04-2016 relating to the General Floodplain District

Mayor Doak introduced the item and stated that the proposed ordinance is very important for residents, as it is required by FEMA in order for residents to be able to purchase flood insurance. He said that the ordinance includes the language that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources had recommended because it provides for a more clear and detailed document.

Mayor Doak explained that the ordinance protects all taxpayers because property owners cannot construct buildings in floodplain areas and expect to rebuild and have the government pay for the reconstruction.

Mayor Doak opened the public hearing.

Council Member Carlson stated that the ordinance actually gives the City support for decisions. Mayor Doak agreed and said that the ordinance reinforces the City's strict setback requirements.

Mayor Doak noted that this item was discussed at length at the August City Council meeting.

As no one was in attendance or wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Newberry moved, seconded by Weiner to waive the Second Reading and adopt Ordinance No. 004-2016. Motion carried 5-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 29-2016 approving the sewer and water connections for 2641 Stone Arch Road

Mayor Doak introduced the item. He said that the City Engineer reviewed the proposal and recommended approval with stipulations.

The applicant's representative, Jeff Martineau, approached the Council and stated that Mr. Larson agreed with the stipulations of approval. He noted that if approved by the Council, the project will be completed by the end of November.

Mr. Martineau said that Mr. Larson will be meeting with Stone Arch Road residents and inform them of the steps that will be taken to complete the project. He stressed the importance of informing the residents of each step so there are no surprises.

Mayor Doak explained that Stone Arch Road was reconstructed to stabilize the soils under roadway and special care must be taken with the road repair after the completion of the project.

Council Member Carlson asked if watershed district approval was necessary for the project. Mr. Martineau stated that the City Engineer indicated that both the watershed district and the MnDNR do not require permits.

Weiner moved, seconded by Newberry to adopt Resolution No. 29-2016 approving the sewer and water connections for 2641 Stone Arch Road. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Resolution 28-2016 approving the 2017 Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) Budget

Mayor Doak explained that the LMCC is supported by franchise and PEG fees. He noted that the LMCC is important to the community and interfaces between Mediacom and residents to provide timely service and answers to complaints. Mayor Doak said that the LMCC had to scale back on the budget because several cities withdrew from participation in the organization. He said that he would monitor any PEG fee increases to make sure they are justified.

Newberry moved, seconded by Weiner to adopt Resolution 28-2016 approving the 2017 Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Items pertaining to the 2017 Preliminary Budget and Levy

1. Resolution No. 22-2016 adopting the 2017 Preliminary Levy

2. Resolution No. 23-2016 adopting the 2017 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Doak said that the Council reviewed the budget and levy at the last two meetings. He said that the levy may be reduced before final approval in December, but it cannot be increased. Mayor Doak explained that the expenses for 2017 will stay flat because there is no election next year which will save about \$5,000. Mayor Doak said that the Street Fund reserve is healthy at this time and the Council may wish to consider improving some of the side streets next year.

Mayor Doak mentioned that although he believes it is Hennepin County's responsibility, the City may have to install a street light at the Maple Hill Road / Rt. 101 intersection and may need to add landscaping around utility boxes on the corner. These expenditures would come out of the Street Fund.

Newberry moved, seconded by Carlson to adopt Resolution No. 22-2016 adopting the 2017 Preliminary Levy. Motion carried 5-0.

Weiner moved, seconded by Massie to adopt Resolution No. 23-2016 adopting the 2017 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Doak reported on the following:

- He would be vacationing from September 13 to 27, and Council Member Carlson would be Acting Mayor until his return.
- The French drain in the Cedar Point Drive area has been compromised by silt and needs to be cleaned.
- New, larger pedestrian signs will be placed on Maplewood Rd. and Council Members Massie and Weiner will find an area where the current, smaller signs can be placed and work with the Police Chief on appropriate placement.
- The Council Members should remember to take the Board of Review training.
- The City's tree service will be trimming trees in the next few weeks.
- County Commissioner, Jan Callison will be visiting the Council in November and Freya Thamman from the Metropolitan Council will be touring the City with the Mayor and also attending a future Council meeting.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Carlson –Enterprise Finance and Operations, Intergovernmental Relations, and MCWD
- The quality of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District management and operations has improved.
 - The District is working on the budget and comprehensive plan.
 - Council Member Carlson will be staying on as the liaison to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for the next few years.
 - A fire hydrant on Breezy Point Road seems to be sinking below grade, following the 1o1 reconstruction and should be inspected by the City Engineer.
- B. Massie – Road right-of-way maintenance, Trees, Deer Management
- Toured the City with Mayor Doak to determine which trees needed trimming or removal.
 - A meeting was held with the USDA representatives regarding deer management. The USDA program has been very successful for the City.
- C. Newberry – Ordinances, Septic Ordinance, and Inspections
- Research relating to past zoning ordinances and definition of “parcel” is underway. He will write a definition and forward it to the City Council at a later date.

D. Weiner – Public Safety, Police and Fire, General Finance

- Reiterated that new, larger pedestrian signs will be placed on Maplewood Road.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Newberry moved, seconded by Massie to approve the Accounts Payable as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Massie moved, seconded by Carlson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The September 12, 2016 meeting was adjourned by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathryne A. McCullum, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor