

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WOODLAND
OCTOBER 13, 2014



1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Doak, Council Members Massie, and Newberry

Excused: Council Members Carlson and Rich

Staff Present: Kathyne McCullum, City Clerk

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Regular City Council meeting
- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 36-2014 approving the request for variances and land alteration for Streeter & Associates for the property located at 2400 Cedar Point Drive.

Newberry moved, seconded by Massie to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE
6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 32-2014 approving the 2015 Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) Budget and the amended Joint Powers Agreement

Mayor Doak presented a brief update on the LMCC organization. He noted that there has been a reduction in staff at the LMCC as a result of significant budget cuts, reflecting fewer member cities. He stated that the organization needs to lower expenditures even further and that may impact the breadth of local programming options. Mayor Doak described the amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement. He noted that the revisions simplify the voting process. Mayor Doak stated that each member city appoints two directors and noted that the number of votes each city is allocated reflects the number of dwellings served by cable in each city.

Mayor Doak explained that the key roll of the LMCC for Woodland has been to act as an intermediary between the City and Mediacom.

Newberry moved, seconded by Massie to adopt Resolution 32-2014 approving

the 2015 Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) Budget and the amended Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Breezy Point Road Project

Mayor Doak explained that the reason for the overrun on the cost for the Breezy Point Road project was because the scope of the road project was extended on-site to improve drainage and the grade of the pavement. Mayor Doak confirmed that the new level of the road was a maximum of nine inches higher than the original level.

Lake Marion Questionnaire

Mayor Doak said that a questionnaire regarding the lakeshore setback was mailed to residents that abut Lake Marion. He said that in order to understand the issue, it is important to know the history of the request to increase the lake setback.

Mayor Doak explained that the issue began with the subdivision of the 3100 Maplewood Road property. Certain residents who own property on Lake Marion approached the Council and asked it to examine a revision to the current, 50 foot lakeshore setback and the addition of a buffer zone requirement. In subsequent discussion, the Council decided to leave imposition of buffers with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District which had the technical expertise to define and enforce the requirement. The Council did, however, agree to examine the lakeshore setback requirements for the properties surrounding Lake Marion.

The residents requested a 100' setback from Lake Marion. The Council unanimously agreed that a 75' setback would be more appropriate and consistent with the required setback of homes from Lake Minnetonka. Council Member Massie said that the Kelly family, who recently acquired the property at 3100 Maplewood Road, were concerned that a 75' setback from Lake Marion could diminish the value of the second of the two lots that comprise their property.

Mayor Doak hoped that there could be agreement of all Lake Marion property owners on lakeshore setbacks before the Council took action. He said that staff will work to secure feedback from all property owners who abut the Lake and the setback will be on the November agenda for Council discussion.

Miscellaneous Items

Mayor Doak indicated that several trees will be trimmed in the City to ensure that they don't become a hazard this winter.

Mayor Doak asked the Council members to consider the transfer of a portion of any year-end budget surplus from the 2014 General Fund to the Street Fund before year-end. The Council Members agreed that 2015 would present extraordinary road rehabilitation expenses and approved continuation of the discussion of the transfer at the November Council meeting.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Newberry – Ordinances, Septic Ordinance, and Inspections – None
- B. Rich – Roads, Signs, Trees, and Website – None
- C. Carlson – Finance, Enterprise Fund, Intergovernmental Relations, and MCWD - None
- D. Massie – Public Safety and Deer Management

Council Member Massie stated that he met with the deer management company and letters were sent to residents who indicated interest in granting permission to the City to place traps on their properties.

Council Member Massie confirmed that in addition to the Wayzata Fire Department, the Excelsior Fire Department will be covering Woodland during the County Road 101 project road closure.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Newberry moved, seconded by Doak to approve the Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Massie moved, seconded by Newberry to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Massie moved to adjourn the October 13, 2014 meeting of the Woodland City Council. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathryne A. McCullum, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor