

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WOODLAND



MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Doak, Council Members Carlson, Massie, and Newberry

Excused: Council Member Weiner

Staff Present: Kathy McCullum, City Clerk

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the April 13, 2015 City Council Minutes

B. Approval of the April 13, 2015 Board of Review and Equalization Minutes

C. Adoption of Resolution 16-2015 approving variances to exceed the maximum permitted grade alteration in conjunction with the construction of a new single family home and the maximum permitted accessory structure area for the construction of a swimming pool at 3100 Maplewood Road.

Carlson moved, seconded by Newberry to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 15-2015 awarding the construction contract for certain street improvements including Breezy Point Road to the lowest responsible bidder.

Mayor Doak stated that it is not always best to approve the lowest bid; however, the Council may be comfortable with accepting the lowest bid because the City Engineer developed the request for proposals and will be involved in inspecting the project. Mayor Doak noted that additional, sectional milling and overlay can

be performed on Maplewood Road as there will be remaining funds in the Street Improvement Fund because of the lower bid.

Mayor Doak noted that he has been working with Tim Lovett who will place hot patch on City roads as need and as weather permits.

Massie moved, seconded by Newberry to adopt Resolution No. 15-2015 awarding the construction contract for certain street improvements including Breezy Point Road to Northwest Asphalt. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Resolution No. 17-2015 appointing Dale Cooney to the Zoning Administrator position for the City of Woodland.

Mayor Doak suggested that he and Council Member Newberry meet with Mr. Cooney to provide an overview and history of the City. The Council agreed.

Massie moved, seconded by Carlson to adopt Resolution No. 17-2015 appointing Dale Cooney to the Zoning Administrator position for the City of Woodland. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Discussion relating to an information request from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD).

Council Member Carlson explained that the MCWD is asking the City to provide a list of items that are important to the City. The list will be forwarded to the MCWD and used in discussions regarding the MCWD comprehensive plan.

The Council discussed the following list:

1. Logical coordination of invasive species control (the MCWD has the technical ability, manpower, and budget for coordination)
2. Stormwater Management
3. Wetland management – protection of wetlands
4. Review and clarification of wetland rules for individual properties (individual properties versus large residential subdivisions)
5. Shavers Lake restoration – the MCWD should take the lead in this project (Council Member Carlson mentioned that this could be a ‘model’ project to use for reference on similar projects in the future.)
6. Keep communication open between the MCWD and the City

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Meeting with Minnetonka School District Superintendent Dennis Peterson

- Minnetonka schools are rated #1 academically in the State
- Minnetonka school lunch program is ranked #1 for being most nutritious
- The technology levy is proposed to be renewed – technology is used extensively by the schools and is an effective teaching tool
- The District is working on a solar energy program that may save the District money because of a potential lower energy price due to subsidies
- Minnetonka schools has a very favorable student to teacher ratio according to a Metro-area class survey

Groveland Assembly Grounds Water/Sewer Fees

He and Council Member Carlson are working on a way to educate new Groveland Assembly Ground residents on the history of how the water and sewer fees were determined.

Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission

Mayor Doak said that Mediacom will soon be ending all analog connections and replacing that with digital. He noted the extensive programming on the LMCC channels including school activities, church services, music, city business, several outside programs, etc.

County Road 101

Mayor Doak said the County redesigned the plan to eliminate the roundabout and replace it with a 30 mph curve. He noted that there will be a 'staging' area for ease in entering and exiting the City of Woodland. Mayor Doak said that the crosswalk was eliminated because the roundabout was removed from the plan and he hoped it would be placed along County Road 101 at or around Blaine Avenue or Maple Hill Road.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Carlson –Enterprise Finance and Operations, Intergovernmental Relations, and MCWD

Legislation

Council Member Carlson said there are a few legislative items that affect the City at this time. Mayor Doak said there is a bill that has been introduced in the House

that would allow voters to retroactively challenge the levy increases of cities and counties. As an example of how the bill would function in a given year, if a city increased its levy in 2015 over its 2014 levy, the voters would have a chance to petition for a referendum on a 2016 levy increase. The Council agreed that this type of legislation would not benefit the sound operation of the City of Woodland.

Sewer and Water Rates

Council Member Carlson said that she is working on providing a historical perspective on the sewer and water rates in the Groveland Homeowners Association area. Mayor Doak explained that there is a fee for both the City of Woodland and City of Minnetonka infrastructures. Council Member Carlson noted that Minnetonka charges 125% to other cities that are connected to the Minnetonka sewer and water system. Those cities are able to provide services to offset some of the costs. Minnetonka charges the City of Woodland 130% because it does not have the staff to provide reciprocal services. Council Member Carlson will contact former Mayor Jean Stark to gather additional background information regarding the fees that are charged.

Past City Council Minutes

Council Member Carlson noted that she obtained City Council minutes as far back as the 1940s and she will be donating them to the City.

Newspaper Article from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board Chair – Sherry White

Council Member Carlson recommended that the Council review an article that appeared in the Lakeshore Weekly News in regard to MCWD grants for landscaping for clean water.

B. Massie – Road right-of-way maintenance, Trees, Deer Management

Council Member Massie said that he was happy with the Breezy Point Road project cost and bids that were submitted. He noted that the cost of asphalt had decreased which lowered the cost of the project. He said that the Street Improvement Fund is in good shape at this time.

C. Newberry – Ordinances, Septic Ordinance, and Inspections – No report.

D. Weiner – Public Safety, Police and Fire, General Finance – No report.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Newberry moved, seconded by Massie to approve the Accounts Payable as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Newberry moved, seconded by Carlson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Doak moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathryne A. McCullum, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor