

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WOODLAND



MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

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, Council Members Carlson, Massie, and Weiner

Excused: Council Member Newberry

Staff present: Zoning Coordinator Cooney and City Clerk McCullum

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the June 8, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.

Massie moved, seconded by Weiner to approve the June 8, 2015 City Council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 3100 Maplewood Road Landscape Plan – Coen+Partners will present an updated landscape plan that includes the restoration of the Oak Savannah. (This removal/replacement is different from and supplemental to the removal of trees removed for the sake of construction.)

Coen+Partners representative Jonathan Blaseg introduced Tory Christianson from Wetland Habitat Restoration. Mr. Christianson explained that the project at 3100 Maplewood Road includes the restoration of a rare oak savannah in addition to restoring other areas to a higher quality. He noted that the oak trees on the property are 50 to 100 years old and there are other, less desirable types of vegetation that will be removed. Mr. Christianson provided a brief overview of the handout that was included in the City Council packet. He noted that the project includes the removal of all invasive vegetation which includes buckthorn and honeysuckle in addition to thinning the canopy of maple, cedar, and ash trees. It was noted that 60 additional trees are planned to be added to the site.

Both Mr. Blaseg and Mr. Christianson explained that there will be ongoing management of the land that includes removal of cattails, red clover, reed canary grass, and buckthorn, and controlled burning of the peninsula every three to five years.

Mayor Doak thanked the gentlemen for attending the meeting to explain the intricacies of the project.

B. Report from Kurt Larson regarding the City's odd-year septic inspections

Mayor Doak welcomed Mr. Larsen to the Council meeting.

Mr. Larsen stated Woodland is heading in the right direction in providing education to residents along with the inspections. He said most of the systems are in good condition and there are several new systems in the City. Mr. Larsen indicated most residents are positive about the inspections.

In response to a question from Council Member Massie, Mr. Larsen explained that septic systems generally last for 30 years. He noted that the term "Failing System" is defined as either a failure to protect ground water or the system is a public health threat.

The City Council members thanked Mr. Larsen for his work.

C. Consideration of quotes for jet cleaning and televising of the City's sewer lines

Carson moved, seconded by Massie to accept the low bid from Pipe Services in the amount of \$5,840.40 for jet cleaning and televising services. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Carlson suggested that additional funds be placed in the sewer budget each year to ensure funds are available to cover costs associated with sewer jetting every three years.

D. Request for Payment (No. 1) from Northwest Asphalt for work completed on the 2015 Street Improvements Project through June 29, 2015.

Mayor Doak said additional work that was performed on the road including restriping and patching on Maplewood Road.

Mayor Doak said that he reviewed the City's Street Improvement Fund and found that there would be enough funds for work on some of the side streets in the City. He said that it is important to hold funds in case they are needed for improvements to the Breezy Point Road/County Road 101 intersection.

Massie moved, seconded by Weiner to authorize Pay Request No. 1 from Northwest Asphalt for work completed on the 2015 Street Improvement Project. Motion carried 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Doak reported on the following:

- Council Member Newberry, Zoning Coordinator Cooney, and Mayor Doak are working to find the official governmental unit that has authority over Lake Marion and Shavers Lake.
- He will be speaking to Tim Lovett about repairs that need to be made on areas that have washed out on Woolsey Lane and Breezy Point Road.
- He has not heard from Mr. Felton, who owns the property adjacent to the Breezy Heights Drive fire lane regarding the clean-up of the fire lane. He will provide more information at the August Council meeting if it is available.
- Council Member Carlson and Zoning Coordinator Cooney will be gathering information relating to pervious pavers and will present their findings to the Council at the August meeting.
- The police have done a very good job in managing the traffic along the detour route through the City.
- Xcel Energy will be replacing several utility poles in the City in July and August.
- He has been reviewing the police reports for fire calls and noted that contractors are triggering fire calls and this has become a problem. He noted that the additional calls (false or otherwise) will cost the City more and the City may need to notify residents that if contractors trigger an alarm, the property owners will be responsible for the cost of the call. The cost charged to the residents may need to be increased if the false fire calls continue to rise.
- He and Council Member Newberry have been working on ordinance items including:
 - Home occupations/commercial uses
 - Pervious pavers
 - Lawn sprinkling ordinance/policy to mirror the Minnetonka lawn sprinkling ordinance.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Carlson –Enterprise Finance and Operations, Intergovernmental Relations, and MCWD – **Attachment for discussion:** *History of the Groveland Homeowner Association Sewer and Water Connections*

Council Member Carlson presented an overview of the memorandum to the City Council and suggested that it be placed on the City's website to provide information to the residents who are served by municipal utilities.

Mayor Doak thanked Council Member Carlson for her work on the project. He said that he had some ideas for the document and thought that he, Council Member Carlson, and City Clerk McCullum could meet to discuss those ideas.

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

Council Member Massie requested that staff set up a meeting with the Deephaven Mayor, City Administrator, and Mayor Doak to develop a plan to move forward with this year's deer management program.

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

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

Council Member Weiner said that she would be speaking to the police chief about open communication between the Council and the police department and what the Council can do to assist the department.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Massie moved, seconded by Weiner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathryne A. McCullum, City Clerk

James S. Doak, Mayor