

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stark called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
PRESENT: Mayor Jean Stark, Councilmembers Jim Doak, Bruce Shilling and
Councilmember Steve Hornig
ABSENT: Tom Newberry
STAFF: Engineer David Martini, Police Chief Harlan Johnson, Treasurer Grace
Norris and City Clerk Sandy Langley

MINUTES of January 12, 2004

Motion by Councilmember Shilling, seconded by Councilmember Doak: approve the minutes of January 12, 2004 as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 02-04 –
Councilmember Hornig moved to adopt Resolution No. 02-04 for Hennepin County Municipal Recycling Grant Application for funding for 2004. Councilmember Doak seconded. Upon roll call vote Stark, Doak, Hornig and Shilling voted aye. Resolution No. 02-04 was adopted.
- B. Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Koblick – This item will be continued until April 12, 2004.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Set date for annual Board of Appeals & Equalization – May 10, 2004
The date has been set for the Board of Appeals & Equalization with Hennepin County to be held on May 10, 2004 at 7:00 PM.
- B. Road Weight Limit Restrictions
David Martini, Engineer for Bolton & Menk, Inc. reviewed his written report to the Council regarding strength of roads and how they vary during seasonal conditions. Roadways are the strongest during the winter months, when they are frozen. During the spring pavement layers are generally in a saturated weakened state due to partial thaw conditions and trapped water. The City of Woodland currently places a March 1 to May 1 load limit of 4-ton per axle on all City streets. Loads can be increased to 6-tons per axle during the March 1 to May 1 period by obtaining a permit from city hall at a cost of \$10.00.
Mr. Martini proposed two options for the Council to consider:
Option A:
1) Leave the existing 4-ton limit in effect between March 1 and May 1 with no exceptions to protect the City's roadways from excessive damage caused by heavy loads.
2) Allow loads up to the County legal limit of 9-tons between May 2 and February 28.
3) Continue to budget a road repair fund out of the City's general funds for on-going maintenance of the City's streets.
Option B:
1) Leave the existing 4-ton limit in effect between March 1 and May 1 with no exceptions to protect the City's roadways from excessive damage caused by heavy loads.) From May 2 to February 28 allow loads up to the legal limit of 9-tons by permit only. The cost of the permit could be calculated on a sliding scale so that the cost increases as the weight of the load increases. In setting the fee scale the Council needs to estimate the total amount of fees needed to provide an adequate fund to supplement the City's road repair budget.

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There are significant administrative requirements to implement this option. In addition to the options above, it was recommended that the Council post Stone Arch Road for a 4-ton limit at all times and allow overweight loads by permit only. To protect the roadway the City could require a bond from the hauler to cover the cost of potential damage caused to the road. This process would require City staff to evaluate the road before and after the hauling has occurred.

The Council adopted Option A. and tabled the discussion of Stone Arch Road until the next Council meeting. Stone Arch Road is reached via McKenzie Pt. Rd., a City of Minnetonka street. Mr. Doak will check the weight limits on that road with Minnetonka Public Works in preparation for the discussion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stark stated Police Chief Harlan Johnson needed a Resolution passed adopting the Hennepin County Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of the Woodland Emergency Operations Plan. Councilmember Hornig moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-04 adopting by Ordinance an all hazard mitigation plan. Councilmember Shilling seconded. Upon roll call vote Stark, Doak, Hornig and Shilling voted aye. Resolution No. 03-04 was adopted.

Chief Johnson also made a request for \$500 for the purchase of a utility trailer, which would be used by Emergency Response Teams during storms etc. He noted that he has received a grant to set up the Emergency Response Teams and to order equipment needed to take care of emergency situations. The grant could not be spent for a trailer to hold the equipment needed. Mayor Stark moved to approve \$500 towards the purchase of the trailer. Councilmember Shilling seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Johnson reported that Officer Matt Carns has been assigned to the City of Woodland. He also stated that updates on activities in the Police Department are posted on the Deephaven Website. The web address will be mentioned in the next newsletter sent to residents.

Mayor Stark reported that rocks are falling out of the stone arch on Stone Arch Road and it is a safety concern. Staff will obtain estimates for repair of the arch and also seek expert advice on the structural stability of the arch.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety & Environment – Councilmember Shilling stated he has been working on a fact sheet regarding fire protection, outdoor fires, and emergency rescue services to place in the next city newsletter.

Roads & Signs – Councilmember Doak stated he has been working with Aaron Smith on snowplowing issues and feels Aaron is very dependable and his work has been of high quality. One complaint from a resident on Breezy Heights Road arose due to the placement of plowed snow. The road is narrow and makes two right angle turns at the top of a long hill. Plowing conditions are extraordinarily difficult. The sharp turns, poor visibility, and little room to stack snow raise a public safety issue. Mr. Doak will speak with residents of Breezy Heights Road to see what can be done to improve the situation. One possibility already suggested by a homeowner would be to enlist the City's assistance in removing a high tennis court fence abutting the road. This would improve visibility and provide space for snow stacking. The City might consider acquiring an easement from the homeowner to round off one of the sharp turns in

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the road in exchange for some financial support for the fence removal. Mr. Doak will report to the Council on his fact-finding discussions with the interested homeowners.

Finance – Councilmember Newberry had no report.

Ordinances – No report

TREASURER’S REPORT – Grace Norris

Councilmember Doak moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Councilmember Hornig seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilmember Shilling moved to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$53,961.35 dated 2/09/04. Councilmember Hornig seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN

Mayor Stark stated the Council should place on the next agenda a Closed Executive Session regarding the lawsuit at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business, Mayor Stark adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Langley, City Clerk