

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS & CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2004
7:00 P.M.
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CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
PRESENT: Jean Stark, Jim Doak, Steve Hornig and Bruce Shilling
ABSENT: Tom Newberry
GUESTS: Aaron Smith, Snow Contractor; David Martini, City Engineer; Herb Suerth, LMCD Representative
STAFF: Treasurer Grace Norris and City Clerk Sandy Langley

MINUTES of July 12, 2004

Motion by Councilmember Hornig, seconded by Councilmember Shilling to approve the minutes of July 12, 2004 as corrected. Motion carried 4-0.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Aaron Smith, our Snow Contractor, stated that some minor tree trimming needs to be done in areas where branches are hitting the plows and views are being blocked. He also asked that his cell phone number not be given to residents. The Council confirmed that plowing instructions come only from the Police, Clerk, or a Council representative. Councilmember Doak, speaking for the Council, stated that Aaron Smith had done an excellent job. He asked Aaron to work with the City on what needs to be done before the coming snow season.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Quote for Street Maintenance – David Martini, City Engineer, reported that the City received two quotes and both companies were within \$100 of each other. He recommended the low quote from Allied Blacktop. They could start work the week on August 16th. Councilmember Doak moved to approve the quote from Allied Blacktop in the amount of \$31,904.55 and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the contract. Councilmember Hornig seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
Adopt 2005 LMCD Budget – Herb Suerth, our City LMCD representative, reviewed the zebra mussel issue and the threat they pose to Lake Minnetonka. The biggest problem for LMCD is financing and getting inspectors at the boat ramps. The Budget was reviewed as was the issues around the funding of milfoil harvesting. Councilmember Hornig recommended that there be a user fee for boaters who use Lake Minnetonka and the revenue be dedicated to inspections.
Councilmember Hornig moved to approve the 2005 LMCD Budget as presented.
Councilmember Doak seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 9-04 – Approving Election Judges for State Primary Election
Councilmember Shilling moved to adopt Resolution No. 9-04 approving Election Judges for the State Primary Election on September 14, 2004. Councilmember Hornig seconded. Upon roll call vote Stark, Doak, Hornig and Shilling voted aye. Resolution No. 9-04 was adopted.
- C. Preliminary Budget Review for 2005 – Council reviewed and commented on areas to address further.
1. Deephaven/Woodland Contract – Council discussed how building permit fees were appropriated between Woodland and Deephaven. There was a question on how the building permit surcharge was appropriated. Staff will summarize the findings. This item was tabled until the September Council meeting.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stark stated the Woodland Newsletter needs to be sent out and asked Councilmembers for input to what has been put together. She also asked the Council to review the Dog Ordinance, specifically the portion relating to Dog at Large. Should be any amendments, this will be discussed in the future.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety & Environment – Councilmember Shilling reported the DNR is changing the disposition of deer taken under special permits. He had spoken with Craig Peterson who will continue to trap and remove deer as in the past but in compliance with the new provisions for carcass disposal. The cost would not be much different for the City. Council authorized Councilmember Shilling to continue with the permit process for the next season.

He also reported that four Officers from the Deephaven Police Department are being interviewed for the Chief position this coming Wednesday. The recommendation has also been made to hire a new officer.

Councilmember Shilling also recommended that an article be placed in the newsletter regarding recent thefts. Residents must not leave keys or personal items in their vehicles.

Councilmember Shilling reported Maplewood's Association is looking at different lighting on the stone pillars entering Maplewood. Although the Council believes the pillars are on City property, Clerk Langley will call the Nelsons to see if they have any documentation supporting their contesting that the City has only an easement where the pillars stand.

Roads & Signs – Councilmember Doak stated he has several projects underway. He will contact Councilmember Newberry to see how the Stone Arch is progressing in the landscaping of the grounds around the Arch.

Finance & Septic – Clerk Langley reported the Septic Inspections have been completed and letters have been mailed out to residents and a report is before the Council for their review.

Ordinances – Councilmember Hornig reported that he would be working with the City Attorney reviewing an Ordinance amendment in Section 900 dealing with zoning and location of structures.

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 \$47,240.83 dated 8/9/04. Councilmember Doak seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Stark adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 PM. The Council went into Executive Session to discuss the status of litigation in Newell vs. Woodland.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Stark adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra R. Langley, City Clerk

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