

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL
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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, Tom Newberry and Bruce Shilling
GUESTS: Melissa Nelson, Michelle & Ed Winer, Jim Hillegass, Cynthia Larson, Jim Colville
STAFF: Zoning Coordinator Gus Karpas and City Clerk Sandy Langley

MINUTES of August 9, 2004

Motion by Councilmember Hornig, seconded by Councilmember Shilling to approve the minutes of August 9, 2004 as corrected. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Winer Variance Violation on Inner Road – Michelle Winer was present to answer questions regarding the stop order placed on the construction of the log home located at 2870 Inner Road. Melissa Nelson, representative from the GHA Association, stated the GHA Board met to discuss the discrepancy of submitted and approved drawings with actual building conditions. The original documents specified 10 inch diameter logs while the elevations and 3D rendering resemble 8 ½ - 9 inch diameter logs; however 12 inch diameter logs are currently being installed. The change in the log diameters significantly alters the appearance of the structure from what was originally submitted. The GHA Board would like to see revised construction documents including exterior elevations depicting actual log size(s) to be utilized. The Board would also like to see a project schedule, revised documents approved by Building Inspector to assure structure is safe and meets all state and local building codes; and make sure the building site is inspected to ensure equipment and building materials are safely stored throughout the construction process.

Michelle & Ed Winer stated they can get new drawings and the home being built does not look different from the existing plans. By the time the home is stained and the roof is on it will look completely different than it does now. Construction cannot be put on hold for a month. Approval is needed to move forward with conditions.

Zoning Coordinator Karpas stated the Council needs to discuss if they are going to approve 12inch logs versus what the plan shows as 10 inch logs. A full set of plans needs to be reviewed by GHA and the City as soon as possible.

A special emergency Council meeting will be called to act on the request.

B. Jim Hillegass – Concept of Plan – Mr. Hillegass asked the Council for guidance reviewing side setbacks. He stated he has a potential buyer and needs clarification to address what can and cannot be done.

Zoning Coordinator Karpas stated a memorandum from City Attorney Jerry Gilligan was included in the Council packet regarding reconstruction of non-conforming structures.

Councilmember Newberry stated the Council's job is to enforce Ordinances and if variances are needed than there is a need to prove a hardship. He stated he was uncomfortable in

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commenting on anything without viewing a set of plans.

Mr. Hillegass thanked the Council for their time and stated the information received was helpful.

- C. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04 Approving 2004 Levy Payable in 2005 –
Councilmember Newberry stated that as a benchmark the Community should live within a 3 to 5% increase. He feels a 5% increase should be sufficient and in a future meeting it would be helpful to have the City Auditor and Deephavens' Administrator Dana Young at a Council meeting to discuss the budget.
Councilmember Newberry moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-04 approving the proposed tax levy in the amount of \$208,748 for 2005. Councilmember Hornig seconded. Upon roll call bore Stark, Doak, Hornig, Newberry and Shilling voted aye. Resolution No. 11-04 was adopted.
- D. Approve Snowplow Bid for 2004-2005 -
Councilmember Doak moved to approve the snowplowing and sanding bid from Aaron's Tree Service for the 2004-2005 season as presented. Councilmember Newberry seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Approve Deer Management Application for 2004-2005 -
Councilmember Shilling stated this year Woodland would be asking for a permit to remove 12 deer and to start our trapping earlier this fall. He noted that Nuisance Animal Removal Service (NARS) will continue with the same contract prices as in 2004. Councilmember Doak moved to approve the application to DNR for a permit to remove 12 deer. Councilmember Newberry seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Discuss Ordinance regarding Amendments in Section 900 –
Councilmember Hornig discussed non-conforming structures in regards to the permitting process and how teardowns should be handled. He felt the interpretation needed clarification regarding additions versus rebuilds. Zoning Coordinator Karpas stated that State Statutes grants rebuilds on existing footprints with no expansions. Mr. Karpas felt that the alteration permit process is confusing in the ordinance and should be reviewed.
Councilmember Hornig stated that an Amendment to Section 900 should be ready for the December meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Deephaven/Woodland Contract
Staff provided a memo on how building permit fees were appropriated between Woodland and Deephaven. The building permit surcharge will be charged to Deephaven.
Councilmember Hornig moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-04 approving the Letter of Understanding for 2005 with the City of Deephaven. Councilmember Doak seconded. Upon roll call vote Stark, Doak, Hornig, Newberry and Shilling voted aye. Resolution No. 10-04 was adopted.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stark reported that there has been another request from a resident who would like to piggy-back onto the sewer system put into GHA. There needs to be an answer to these requests regarding the City's opinion on adding more hook-ups. Councilmember Newberry volunteered to work on this issue.

REPORTS

- A. Public Safety & Environment – Councilmember Shilling had no report.
- B. Roads & Signs – Councilmember Doak stated the street improvements were done and the only item left is to paint the lines.
- C. Finance – Councilmember Newberry had no report.
- D. Ordinances – Councilmember Hornig had no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilmember Hornig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Councilmember Doak seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilmember Shilling moved to approve the verified accounts in the amount of \$17,473.64 dated September 13, 2004. Councilmember Newberry seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stark adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra R. Langley, City Clerk