

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 13, 2006
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mayor Jean Stark; Councilmembers Jim Doak, Mark Evenstad, Steve Hornig and Michael Jilek

Staff: Police Chief Virgil Gustafson and City Clerk, Shelley Souers

Others: Fire Chief Kevin Klapprich and Former Chief Paul Klapprich

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes January 9, 2006

B. Resolution 3-06, in Appreciation of Jerry Gilligan, City Attorney

C. Treasurer's Report

D. Accounts Payable

Motion was made by Councilmember Doak, and seconded by Councilmember Evenstad to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended to include items A & B only. Items C & D moved to end of the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 18400 Maple Ridge Road –Wetland Review Continued

Mayor Stark reported that Mr. Steve Eggers, a Senior Ecologist and Certified Professional Wetland Scientist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was selected by Frank Svoboda and Scott Soukup to conduct a review of the wetland area per the agreement. Council asked staff to confirm if Mr. Eggers was also a certified surveyor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Wayzata Fire Chief Introduction – Kevin Klapprich

Newly appointed Fire Chief Kevin Klapprich and former Fire Chief Paul Klapprich were present and thanked the Council for their support for the past 20 years. Fire Chief Kevin Klapprich gave a brief overview of the department's response procedure for all 911 calls. Woodland charges \$250 for a fire call to the resident where the call originated. There is no charge for medical calls or for rescue service.

Councilmember Hornig stated that he would not want the City to charge for medical calls.

Councilmember Doak stated that the City's approach to billing for false or real fire alarms is reasonable.

Fire Chief Kevin Klapprich stated that the department currently has 26 volunteer fire fighters. The ordinance allows up to 30 volunteers on staff.

Councilmember Doak asked if the Council could do more to make the job easier for the firefighters.

Fire Chief Paul Klapprich stated that residents should keep trees and brush trimmed along their driveways to allow emergency vehicle access. The fire trucks are about 12 feet high and over 8 feet wide. Chief also noted that residents need to be certain to make house numbers visible for police and fire personnel.

Police Chief Gustafson asked about the costs incurred to the fire department each time a call comes in.

Chief Kevin Klapprich stated that every time a fire page goes off 5- 20 fire personnel respond and there is a cost associated with every call whether it is real or false.

Councilmember Doak suggested that the City put information in the upcoming newsletter regarding tree and brush trimming along driveways and ask residents to be certain that house numbers are visible. The City's fire policy will also be restated in the newsletter.

B. Appoint City Attorney and Approve Agreement for Legal Service

Councilmembers Doak and Hornig reported that they met with attorneys from two legal firms. Both firms have extensive municipal experience. The resources of each firm were excellent and either attorney could have done a great job; however, a judgment as to anticipated working relationship with the Council, staff, and residents became the deciding factor. Councilmembers Doak and Hornig stated that based on their review and interviews, they recommend the City appoint Attorney Joel Jamnik with the firm of Campbell Knutson as the City's Legal Counsel. Mr. Joel Jamnik is available on the second Monday of each month to attend Council meetings as requested. Mr. Jamnik's Associate Attorney, Soren Mattick, participated in the interview and was also very competent and would be a great fit.

Councilmember Hornig stated that certain specialized services may be subject to a higher rate, as noted in the agreement provided by Mr. Jamnik.

Motion was made by Councilmember Evenstad, and seconded by Councilmember Hornig to appoint the firm of Campbell Knutson and accept the agreement for legal service between Woodland and Campbell Knutson, effective February 14, 2006. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff will contact Mr. Jamnik to set up a meeting time and request he attend an upcoming Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stark stated that trees are a real asset to the community of Woodland. An interesting article regarding tree preservation was included in the packet and Mayor Stark encouraged Council to review it.

Mayor Stark report that at one time there was some discussion regarding security cameras at the entrances of the City. All traffic in and out would be captured on camera. Mayor Stark stated that she has an article regarding security and will copy the council on the article.

Police Chief Gustafson stated that he did not believe it necessary to incur the expense to install security cameras at this time because there are no ongoing security issues.

Mayor Stark reported that the Assessor Dan Distel has been working with Hennepin County to clarify unique sales and situations in Woodland. Mayor Stark reported that Mr. Distel will be meeting with Council for the upcoming Board of Review in April.

Mayor Stark reported that the LMCD voted to spend \$15,000 on milfoil harvesting (originally \$30,000). Mayor Stark stated that Woodland's representative, Mr. Suerth, voted against the allocation of funds because he is felt that money should be allocated to Zebra Mussel prevention and education. Councilmember Hornig stated that he would be supportive of the State establishing a small fee use public accesses. The fees collected could be used to fight zebra mussels and milfoil.

Councilmember Doak offered another way to look at the issue. Since Lake Minnetonka is publicly owned, it should be a resource available to all residents. Fees, if charged at the public accesses, should be directly related to the cost of inspecting boats for milfoil and zebra mussels and not be designated a general access fee.

Mayor Stark reported that she will be gone for the scheduled meeting on June 12 and requested that it be changed to Tuesday, June 13. Council agreed to move the meeting to June 13, 2006.

COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Public Safety & Finance - Clm. Evenstad

Councilmember Evenstad noted that he contacted Waste Management about disposal of Milfoil that he had cleaned up from the lakeshore. Waste Management will not accept Milfoil because it is considered a noxious weed. Hennepin County Recycling Centers do accept the Milfoil for a fee.

B. Roads & Signs - Clm. Doak

Councilmember Doak reported that the snow plowing is going well. The sand build-up was becoming a concern and Mr. Lovett, the City's contractor, suggested that the City change to 50/50 sand/salt mixture. The cost of the mix is slightly more, but there are fewer trips over the roads. Councilmember Doak reported that disposal of sand is becoming costly because it must be hauled to an approved disposal site. The County and the City of Minnetonka use only chemicals and are getting good results.

Councilmember Doak noted that every year there is some minor roadside damage to lawns due to snow plowing. In the past, residents have voluntarily repaired minor roadside damage and he anticipated that this will be the case this year. The Council supported this approach to routine maintenance.

C. Web Site & Deer Management - Clm. Jilek

LMCC Wireless Meeting Re-cap - Councilmember Jilek reported that the LMCC held a meeting in January on the future of high-speed wireless internet for the lake area. Several metro Cities are testing high-speed wireless service in portions of their communities. The consensus is that it may be too costly at this time to extend high-speed wireless networks around the lake communities. Councilmember Jilek reported that he will stay informed about options and discussions regarding this matter.

D. Ordinances - Clm. Hornig

Storage Structure regulations for temporary type structures

Councilmember Hornig reported that no local communities have restrictions on temporary "POD" type structures. If these types of structures prove to be a concern the City could consider tying their allowable duration to a construction permit and consider reasonable setbacks. No action was taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Councilmember Evenstad, and seconded by Councilmember Jilek to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Council unanimously moved to adjourn at 8:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Souers