

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 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, Steve Hornig and Michael Jilek.
Absent: Councilmember Mark Evenstad
Staff: Police Chief Virgil Gustafson and City Clerk Shelley Souers
Others: Dan Etling, Auditor with Eide Bailly

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes February 13, 2006

B. Resolution No. 4-06 Support the Constitutional Amendment for Motor Vehicle Tax Dedication to Transportation

Councilmember Doak removed item B from the consent agenda for discussion and consideration as a separate item.

Motion was made by Councilmember Doak, and seconded by Councilmember Jilek to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to include only item A. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Resolution No. 4-06 Support the Constitutional Amendment for Motor Vehicle Tax Dedication to Transportation

Councilmember Doak acknowledged that it makes sense to encourage development of mass transit, but is concerned by tying sales tax revenue to a specific outlay. He sees the procedure as largely symbolic and would prefer that legislators accept responsibility for prioritizing needs on a periodic basis.

Mayor Stark stated that there is an effort to improve the public transportation and the proposed constitutional amendment is an option to “force” money into the public transit system.

Councilmember Doak will contact the AMM to get more details on the proposed Resolution and report back to Council.

No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Audit Report 2005 – Eide Bailly

Dan Etling was present on behalf of Eide Bailly Audit firm to report on the 2006 audit. Mr. Etling provided an overview of the 2006 audit and opinion on the cash balance. Six areas were tested and no discrepancies were noted. General Fund cash balance is up thirty-three thousand dollar over the fund balance in 2004. General Fund revenues exceeded

the budget, in part due to building activity and permit fee revenue. The Water & Sewer Fund activities were consistent with previous years. The water bond can be called in 2009. Mr. Etling noted that the City will have the option of using the cash from the Sewer Fund to pay off the Water Bonds. Mr. Etling suggested the City consider conducting an analysis of its sewer and water rate structure to possibly accelerate the call of the water bonds.

Councilmember Hornig moved to accept the audit report and financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2005. Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Doak asked if the year-end report, as submitted, exceeded the minimum report required by the State.

Mr. Etling confirmed that the audit report submitted met the minimum requirements by the State.

B. Approve Monetary Limits on Tort Liability for 2006 Insurance

Councilmember Doak moved approval of monetary limits on tort liability (not waive). Councilmember Hornig seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Resolution No. 5-06 Providing Elected & Appointed Officials Workers Compensation Coverage

Council considered whether to approve worker's compensation coverage for Councilmembers as part of the annual insurance renewal through LMCIT.

Councilmember Doak requested additional information on the benefits and restrictions the coverage offered. Council tabled the Resolution until April.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1) Mayor Stark reported that local Mayor's and State Representatives met over breakfast to discuss current issues affecting the west suburban communities. The meeting went well and the next meeting will be held later this year.
- 2) Mayor Stark reported that she spoke with City Assessor Dan Distel regarding the upcoming Board of Review and received updates on Woodland's market values changes for 2006. Woodland's property values increased an average of 8.8% overall, which is the lowest of all the surrounding communities.
- 3) A brief review was given on the Bartus property to state we are waiting on legal counsel.
- 4) The Newell hearing at the MCWD, scheduled for March 16, has been delayed.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Gustafson reported on the recent prosecution case regarding tree removal along Breezy Heights Road. The case was referred to Attorney Ken Potts and was settled with a \$250 fine.

Councilmember Doak suggested that City Prosecution Attorney, Steve Tallen attend the next council meeting to discuss several matters, including the process he uses to select an alternate prosecutor.

COUNCIL REPORT

A. Public Safety & Finance

No report.

B. Roads & Signs

Councilmember Doak reported that portions of the City streets will need repair this spring due to frost heaves and heavy construction traffic. Road restrictions are in effect through April 30. Vehicle load limits are restricted to 4 ton per axel. The snow plow service is going well and the new salt/sand ratio is working better.

Street Sweeping

Councilmember Doak moved approval of working jointly with Deephaven and accepting the bid from Pearson Brothers for street sweeping and sand disposal.

Councilmember Jilek seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Web Site & Deer Management

Councilmember Jilek reported that permit applications will be added to the website.

D. Ordinances

Councilmember Hornig reported that there have been no further comments from the residents around Lake Marion regarding lake use or noise issues. Councilmember Hornig stated that he had left a message for Kathy Murphy, 3120 Robinson Bay Road, to contact Councilmember Doak if the neighbors wish to discuss these issues further.

TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Stark suggested that the payment to Wayzata for fire protection services be held until June, since the payment reflects charges for the second half of the year. Due to a printing error the checks will be reprinted and signed by the Clerk and Treasurer for disbursement. Councilmember Hornig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council agreed to seek bids for the 2006 audit. Staff was directed to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) and send out a notice for audit service.

ADJOURNMENT

Council unanimously moved to adjourn at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers