

**WOODLAND
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 8, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Hornig; Councilmembers Jim Doak, Michael Jilek and Mark Evenstad
Absent: Mayor Jean Stark
Staff: Police Chief Virgil Gustafson, Zoning Coordinator Gus Karpas, City Attorney Joel Jamnik and Clerk Shelley Souers
Others: James Andrews, Herb Suerth.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Minutes – April 10, 2006

Councilmember Doak moved and Councilmember Jilek seconded approval of consent agenda approving Item A as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. James & Kim Andrews, 2805 Center Road, Request a Special Use Permit of the impervious cover allowance of the Groveland Homeowners Association residential district to construct a sidewalk to access the front entry.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. to consider the request by James and Kim Andrews, 2805 Center Road, for a special use permit

Zoning Coordinator Karpas reported that Mr. Andrews is seeking a special use permit to increase the existing impervious cover (up to 45% is allowed) by extending a sidewalk to access the front entry. Hardship requirements are not applicable in this case because the request is for a special use permit not a variance. The request meets the ordinance criteria and staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig asked if Groveland's architectural committee has reviewed the request.

Mr. Andrews stated that his request had been reviewed by the association. Mr. Andrews stated that the request is one of safety and convenience because it will allow direct access, at grade, into the entry and a fire exit for the house. Several steps will be removed and the actual impervious cover may be a net zero, however, this was not noted in the request because he was not certain on the exact amount of impervious cover to be removed.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION: Councilmember Evenstad moved to approve the request for special use permit for 2805 Center Road to increase the impervious cover as delineated in the survey dated December

2005, and to include the findings and recommendation by city staff. Councilmember Doak seconded the motion and noted that the applicant meets the criteria as delineated in Ordinance 900.10 with regard to special use permit. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Zoning Coordinator Karpas stated that he is continuing to develop a storm water management plan. The State requires cities to seek public feedback on their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. All cities are required to implement, enforce and reduce discharge of pollutants to protect water quality within their communities. Woodland currently mandates and controls storm water pollution through best management practices.

There were no public comments on matter and the hearing was closed.

ITEM FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig introduced Woodland's representative to the LMCD Mr. Herb Suerth, and stated he would like a few moments to address the recent discussion regarding monitoring the boat launch sites with cameras.

Mr. Suerth reported that the LMCD recently discussed the use of cameras to monitor watercraft entering and exiting the public launches for weeds and zebra mussels. Mr. Suerth stated that he is involved in the zebra muscle program and when the monitoring device became available there was consideration to conduct a demonstration project at one launch. Mr. Suerth noted that many boats arrive into Lake Minnetonka with weeds and undesirable materials. The surveillance program is to help educate lake users about the transporting weeds of to and from lakes. The goal is awareness and education. The monitoring system will provide 24-7 surveillance of the launch by recording the boat trailer license and in some cases the boat license number. The hope is that by monitoring the watercraft there will be a reduction of the transmission on zebra mussels and other exotic weeds. The LMCD hopes to receive a grant of two-thousand dollars to conduct the pilot program. The LMCD will monitor the public launch at Grays' Bay in the City of Minnetonka. The monitoring device is completely portable and can be moved to other launch sites.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig asked if the information will be used by law enforcement.

Mr. Suerth stated that initially it will not, but the information can be transmitted wirelessly to law enforcement and eventually the information could be used for ticketing purposes.

Council thanked Mr. Suerth for the update and his time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Fred Wall as Woodland's LMCC Representative for 2006

Mr. Fred Wall contacted the city and has expressed an interest in participating in the LMCC meetings as Woodland's representative.

Councilmember Jilek noted that the meeting information is also available on line. Eighteen communities make up the LMCC. The LMCC has started looking into the future of high speed wireless and there is interest among the western suburbs.

Councilmember Doak stated that Mr. Asp's recent presentation to the LMCC on wireless service was informative and he presented a detailed overview of what is involved in a wireless system. There can be transmission issues in heavily wooded areas and also for homes with stucco siding.

Councilmember Jilek stated that wireless equipment is typically located on power poles.

Councilmember Evenstad stated there is some concern with security when using a wireless system.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig stated that he would like to see the city offer free internet service to residents.

City Attorney Jamnik stated that the City of St. Louis Park is projecting the cost per connection to be \$19/month and the City of Chaska is estimating about \$14/month with the balance to be subsidized.

Councilmember Doak noted that cable access and DSL access are currently available and questioned if it was valid to subsidize a wireless service.

Councilmember Evenstad stated that it may be in our interest and possible, at a modest cost to the city, to help provide access to the outlying west suburbs.

ACTION: Councilmember Jilek moved to appoint Fred Wall as the LMCC representative for Woodland. Councilmember Doak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

POLICE REPORTS

Chief Gustafson reported that he was asked to speak about the plan in the event of a pandemic.

Chief Gustafson reported that the State stores all vaccines and the County is in charge of distribution. The Police Department's role is to maintain order and traffic control. The Minnetonka High School is the local geographic site for quarantine. The bird flu virus is developing quickly and the fear is that migratory birds will bring it into the United States.

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig asked what the plan was if an entire community needs to be quarantined.

Chief Gustafson stated that marshal law would be implemented to control the spread of any pandemic.

Councilmember Evenstad stated that avian flu must be spread to swine before persons can become infected.

Councilmember Doak thanked the Chief for the information and for monitoring the traffic on Breezy Point Road during a recent speed study.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety & Finance

Councilmember Evenstad reported that building permit activity was minimal for first quarter.

Roads & Signs

Councilmember Doak reported that he will be providing an inventory of the signs throughout the city that are in need of replacement. He will also be meeting with the City Engineer Dave Martini, to review the roads for maintenance work.

Website & Deer Management

Councilmember Jilek reported that the city contacted a service to remove a dead deer on a residential property.

Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Hornig stated that next month the Council will review ordinance language regarding firearms and tree removal penalties.

Council reviewed the ordinance language regarding compliance inspections on septic systems for bedroom additions and variances. Attorney Jamnik stated that the city must conduct the compliance inspections in these instances; however, Council may consider revising the fee structure regarding the compliance inspections fee in these cases.

Councilmember Doak suggested Mr. Newberry, be involved in this discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Councilmember Evenstad moved approval of the treasurer's report as submitted.

Councilmember Doak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Councilmember Doak moved approval of the accounts payable as submitted. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business Councilmember Doak moved and Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Souers