

**WOODLAND
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 11, 2006
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Police Chief Virgil Gustafson, and Clerk Shelley Souers

Others: Tom Newberry, Liaison for Septic System Reports and Reviews

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council Minutes – August 14, 2006**
- B. Deer Management 2006**
- C. Adoption of LMCC 2007 Budget**

Councilmember Doak moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Doak stated that he has no objection to the LMCC Budget, however, noted that a large portion of the budget supporting web-streaming is funded with cable user fees. Councilmember Doak was curious why the LMCC is charging cable subscribers for a service that is a general benefit and why not seek general funding support for this initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Individual Septic System Annual Report

Clerk Souers reported that the Septic Inspector Kurt Larsen visited 75 properties the first week of August and conducted visual reviews on all the systems he was able to locate. Based on Mr. Larson's findings, ten systems needed immediate pumping. Fourteen systems were recommended for pumping in 2007, one drainfield was water logged and seven systems could not be checked because he was unable to locate the tanks or drainfield. All residents were sent a copy of Mr. Larson's findings and a letter from the city. Residents whose system could not be located were asked to provide additional information, maps or sketches to the city to better delineate the location of their system. Clerk Souers stated that she will follow-up with the homeowners where action was required.

Mr. Tom Newberry, septic system liaison, recommended that Kurt Larsen be contacted to return and conduct an inspection at the property where he was denied access to review their system in August. All costs associated with his return and inspection would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Clerk Souers will contact Mr. Larsen to learn the possibility of him returning to conduct a single inspection and the costs associated with the inspection.

Following discussion regarding septic system maintenance, Council agreed that the homeowner is responsible for notifying the city when their system has been pumped. Council directed the clerk to include information in the next newsletter about septic systems rules, permit requirements and the need for routine pumping.

B. Resolution No. 11-06, Adopting the Proposed 2007 Budget

Council reviewed the 2007 proposed budget following a reduction from the August council meeting. The proposed budget increased 5.76% from the 2006 budget.

Councilmember Hornig moved to approve Resolution 11-06, adopting the 2007 budget. Councilmember Evenstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Resolution No. 12-06 Adopting the Proposed Tax Levy

Council reviewed the proposed tax levy for 2007, which represents a 7.2% increase from 2006.

Councilmember Evenstad moved to approve Resolution 12-06, adopting the 2007 tax levy. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council requested that the budget and tax levy information be included in the next newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on 18400 Maple Ridge Road

Clerk Souers distributed a copy of the recent survey findings from the third party surveyor denoting upland and wetland. The survey delineated that there is less than an acre of upland area. Council will wait for formal comment and direction from the City Attorney.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Wi-Fi Service - Councilmember Jilek reported that the City of Minneapolis recently selected a city-wide Wi-Fi service that will be offered at a low cost to its residents. Other cities are examining their options. Currently, community-wide Wi-Fi is not available for the Lake Minnetonka communities, however, the LMCC continues to review and discuss this service.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Safety – Police Chief Gustafson reported that solicitor activity has increased in Woodland. For-profit solicitors must obtain and carry a permit issued by the city. Council suggested the next newsletter inform residents to contact the City Hall or Police Department to confirm if a solicitor is licensed to be in the city.

Police Chief Gustafson reported that the 18320 Breezy Point Road has been vacated and the property is being cleaned up.

Roads & Signs – Councilmember Doak inquired about the mail delivery service and if anything had been learned regarding inconsistent delivery. Mayor Stark reported that a letter had been sent to the Post Master in Wayzata expressing the general concerns. Mayor Stark noted that a temporary mail carrier is filling in for Woodland at this time. No word on when that will change.

Councilmember Doak reported that the seal-coating project has been completed and went well. One complaint was received regarding excessive gravel that was scattered onto the resident's new driveway and landscape. Clerk Souers contacted Allied's job foreman and an employee was sent to clean up the area. Councilmember Doak stated that he will speak with the Zoning Coordinator Gus Karpas regarding construction companies bringing large trucks into the city for building projects.

Councilmember Hornig noted that the weigh restriction may be the only way to control the truck size.

Staff will contact the other cities regarding restrictions on large vehicles.

Councilmember Doak reported that Aaron's Tree Trimming Service trimmed the roadways of large overhanging branches that could have impeded site lines and traffic flow.

Tim Lovett, owner of Cornerstone Snow Plowing, would like to submit a bid for 2006/2007 snow removal services. Staff will contact Cornerstone regarding a bid to be reviewed in October.

Website & Deer Management – no report

Ordinances – no report

TREASURERS REPORT

Councilmember Evenstad moved approval of the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Councilmember Doak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilmember Evenstad moved approval of the Accounts Payable as submitted. Councilmember Doak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Evenstad moved to adjourn 8:38 P.M. Councilmember Doak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers