

WOODLAND
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jean Stark; Councilmembers Jim Doak, Michael Jilek and Mark Evenstad.
Absent: Councilmember Tom Newberry
Staff: Police Chief Cory Johnson and Clerk Shelley Souers,
Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes December 10, 2007
- B. Annual Board of Appeals and Equalization
- C. Resolution No. 1-08, Appointments & Assignments for 2008

Councilmember Doak moved approval of the consent agenda and the items contained within it. Councilmember Evenstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2-08, Agreement for Police and Administrative Services with Deephaven for 2008.

Mayor Stark reported that the Council had discussed the Service Agreement in December and asked staff for clarification on the allocation of any confiscated drug funds.

Clerk Souers reported that the language in the Agreement was prepared by Jerry Gilligan, Legal Counsel for Deephaven. Mr. Gilligan provided a copy of the State Statue that clarifies and dictates the allocation of any assets or funds from drug related arrests.

Councilmember Doak moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2-08, Letter of Understanding and Agreement for Services with Deephaven. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 3-12, Amending 305 - Fee Schedule

Council reviewed Ordinance No. 3-12, amending section 305 regarding the fee schedule. Staff prepared an amendment updating certain fees and created a new format delineating the fees in section 305 of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilmember Jilek moved to approve Ordinance No. 3-12, amending certain fees in section of 305 of the City Ordinance and to waive the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Doak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Stark reported that she attended a meeting that focused on environmental awareness and challenges to be proactive in caring for our resources. Mayor Stark asked if there was more the City could do to increase awareness and offer ideas for residents to share in environmentally friendly practices. (i.e. reduce the amount of phosphorous on lawns, conserve energy, and increase recycling practices)

Councilmember Jilek reported that he recently attended a technology conference and there was considerable discussion regarding energy consumption. Consumers increasingly evaluate companies for their use of energy and environmentally friendly practices as much as their product offerings.

Council agreed that the quarterly newsletter continue to provide information and education on recycling, energy saving ideas, and environmentally friendly practices for homeowners. Residents' ideas on the subject would also be appreciated.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – no report

In response to County Commissioner Linda Koblick's board meeting updates, Councilmember Evenstad stated, in his opinion, the County should be pursuing fiscal restraint and minimizing the tax increases which add to homeowners' burden in the face of the subprime mortgage crisis.

Council suggested that Commissioner Koblick be invited to an upcoming Council meeting for more discussion on the County's decisions for 2008. Staff will contact Commissioner Koblick and extend an invitation to attend the Council meeting.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the Fire Chief will be conducting a NIMS training under the FEMA Program. The Federal Government, since 9-11, requires all appointed and elected Council Members to receive training in disaster management. The training will give participants an overview of the chain of command and their responsibility as a municipal official, in the event of a disaster. The class will be held on Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 P.M. at the Fire Station located in Shorewood on County Road 19. Several other cities will be participating in the training.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the department currently has four tasers and will be receiving two more. In response to Councilmember Jilek's question regarding the protocol for using the taser, Chief Johnson stated that a taser would be used if there is aggression shown to an officer. The League of Minnesota Insurance has approved the use of tasers for law enforcement. A taser has a 12 foot range or can also be used direct.

Police Chief Johnson also stated that the department is creating an eligibility list for new officer recruits.

Roads & Signs – Councilmember Doak reported that snow plowing is going well. He also spoke with the City Engineer, Dave Martini, regarding a timeframe to review the roadbeds for improvements in 2008.

Deer & Website – no report.

Ordinance – no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Councilmember Evenstad moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilmember Doak moved approval of the Accounts Payable. Councilmember Evenstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned by consent at 7:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

Jean M. Stark, Mayor