

WOODLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, February 11, 2008  
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 Jim Doak, Michael Jilek, Mark Evenstad and Tom Newberry.

Absent: None

Staff: Police Chief Cory Johnson and Clerk Shelley Souers,

Guests: Troon Dowds

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes January 14, 2008

*Councilmember Doak moved approval of the consent agenda and the item contained within it. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilmember Doak reported he has recently read that Wi-Fi service connections in some metro municipalities are not going as well as expected.

Councilmember Jilek reported that there is a new line-of-site technology available for Wi-Fi connection which seems to work better in wooded areas. The Council will continue to observe Wi-Fi development services in the metro area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance Checklist and Application**

Councilmember Newberry reported that the Council had agreed to review the current variance application and process and to put together some new requirements creating a more inclusive checklist for variance applications. The newly proposed checklist enables the Zoning Coordinator to have some flexibility and also allows the Council more information on the front end of the process to gather and review data.

Mayor Stark thanked Councilmembers Newberry and Doak for their initiative and work updating the application and process.

Councilmember Evenstad asked for clarification of the text on page 2 of the application (Unique Circumstances). Staff will contact City Attorney Jamnik for clarification.

Councilmember Doak agreed that the application process and requirements should be as clear as possible. The checklist will benefit both the applicant and Council during the review process and protect the staff.

*Councilmember Evenstad moved to approve the new variance application, with clarification of the text from the City Attorney. Councilmember Newberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

### **Finance & Public Safety**

No report.

Police Report – Police Chief Cory Johnson reported that the department has 6 tazers, one for each officer and all officers have been trained. In response to a question by Councilmember Jilek regarding protocol, Chief Johnson stated that there is a policy in place that defines when to use the tazers and the persons that they can be used on. The batons have been taken out of the use-of-force program now that the department has tazers.

Council Training - NIMS (National Incident Management Systems) is scheduled for February 27. Councilmember Jilek reported that he has a commitment that evening and will not be in attendance.

### **Roads & Signs**

Councilmember Doak reported that snow plowing is going well.

### **Deer & Website**

Councilmember Jilek reported that three deer were taken this season and the traps have all been removed.

### **Ordinance**

No report.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Councilmember Doak moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Councilmember Evenstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*Councilmember Evenstad moved approval of the Accounts Payable. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Council adjourned by consent at 7:25 P.M.*

## **ATTEST:**

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Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

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Jean M. Stark, Mayor