

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 12, 2008
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Dave Martini and Dave Poggi

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board of Review Minutes, April 14, 2008

B. Council Minutes, April 14, 2008

Councilmember Doak moved approval of items A and B on the consent agenda.

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

Council agreed to address item C as separate item.

C. Resolution No. 04-08, Extension of Special Use Permit

Councilmember Doak moved to approve Resolution No. 04-08, extending the Special Use Permit for 2750 Gale Road for 6 months. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Evenstad abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Quote for Sewer Jet Cleaning

City Engineer Dave Martini presented the quotes received for sanitary sewer cleaning.

Mr. Martini reported they solicited bids for sewer cleaning in conjunction with the cleaning in the City of Deephaven. The low bid was received from Pipe Services with the stipulation they would get the work in Deephaven. Pipe Services was not the low bidder in Deephaven, but they have agreed to provide the jet cleaning in Woodland for the bid as quoted. Mr. Martini noted that bidding is very competitive and can vary with the size of the project due to many new bidders in the process. Small projects can be difficult to bid.

Mr. Martini recommended that the City accept the bid and work with Pipe Service.

Councilmember Newberry asked about the frequency of cleaning the sewer lines.

Mr. Martini stated that best practice is to clean every four years. The City's schedule is dictated by the agreement with the City of Minnetonka [every three years]. Mr. Martini reported that the cleaning will be done in the middle of June and a notice will be distributed to the residents in advance of the cleaning. There should be no impact to the resident's service.

Councilmember Doak suggested that the City also notify the contractor working on the new house along Stone Arch Road of the jet cleaning schedule

Councilmember Jilek moved to approve the bid with Pipe Service for jet cleaning.

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

B. 2008 Road Improvements

City Engineer Dave Martini reported that he and Councilmember Doak reviewed the condition of the city streets and created a plan for improvements. Mr. Martini presented a map delineating the history of seal-coating. Mr. Martini reported that the roads are in good condition and the seal-coating prolongs the life of the roads and sealing the cracks keeps water out of the road base further prolonging the life of the road. The public works department provides patching of isolated areas between the seal-coating cycles. Mr. Martini reported that the lines and markings on the streets are still visible and there is no immediate need to reapply markings this year. The markings will be reviewed again next year.

Mr. Martini reported that Breezy Point Road has a low point near the intersection of Maplewood Road which has consistently cracked and broken up. The area was patched in 2004.

Councilmember Doak reported that a recent gas leak in that area caused the road area to be dug up. While the road area was open, the engineer was able to look at the subsoil and noted there is in excess of one-foot of asphalt overlaid on the soils that are mostly a peat material and heavily saturated.

Mr. Martini noted that they [Bolton and Menk] have outlined three possible options for repairing this area of roadway.

Option 1 – Mill and overlay; mill off up to 3-inches of blacktop for a length of approximately 100-feet and replace with the same amount of new bituminous. This may only last 2-3 years before the area will need to be patched.

Option 2 – Lightweight fill; remove blacktop and excavate 3-feet of the subgrade, replacing it with a geotextile fabric and lightweight fill. A new aggregate base and new bituminous surface will rest on the fill. Approximately 180-feet of the roadway will need to be excavated to provide proper transition and subgrade materials.

Option 3 – Lightweight fill and drainage improvements; raise roadway approximately 1-foot to provide improved drainage which requires excavating approximately 265-feet of roadway and removing 3.5-feet of the subgrade.

Mr. Martini explained each option in detail, noting that if the City chooses to move forward with option 2 or 3 that the engineers recommend a geotechnical evaluation be completed along with a topographical survey of the area to more accurately determine the extent of work needed to achieve the desired results. Intertech is a firm that they work with on soils data. Borings, moisture tests and a report would be approximately \$2,300.00.

Councilmember Doak asked if the road could be raised slightly by adding more fill and gravel with option 2 or if the road would be at the same level.

Councilmember Evenstad stated that he did not feel the cost-benefit of option 3 was prudent, given the volume of traffic.

City Engineer Dave Martini noted that the next step is to authorize the geotechnical engineers to gather information to provide further recommendations.

Councilmember Jilek stated that the option that is the most cost effective should be a factor, given that road construction costs do not decrease, along with annual budget concerns.

Councilmember Doak reported that selecting option 2 will cause a budget overrun of approximately 20%, but noted that other road improvements and maintenance in 2009 will be minimal.

Councilmember Newberry asked if there were any benefits or negatives to moving this section of the roadway along Breezy Point Road.

City Engineer Dave Martini stated that moving the roadway could be in a higher location and therefore more dry. The negative would be the cost associated to moving the road.

Councilmember Doak moved to approve engaging the geotechnical engineer, Braun Intertech, per Bolton and Menk's recommendation to complete an engineering study of a section of the road area [Breezy Point Road]. Councilmember Jilek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Storm Water Management Plan

The Council reviewed quotes received for preparation of the Storm Water Management Plan.

Engineer Dave Martini introduced Dave Poggi with Bolton and Menk. Mr. Poggi provides technical expertise regarding storm water management planning.

Mr. Martini stated that the City Engineer's quote is based on the estimated hours needed to prepare the plan. Mr. Martini stated that they want to continue to work with the City on projects and felt they could prepare the plan for \$6,600.00 with the understanding that if there is additional work or time required they will meet with the Council to discuss further.

Councilmember Evenstad moved to accept the proposal from Bolton and Menk of \$6,600.00 for preparation of the Stormwater Management Plan and following review of the plan by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, if more work is necessary, Bolton and Menk can come back to the Council to discuss any additional cost needed to finalize the plan.

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

Roadway Issues

In response to a suggestion by a resident, Steve Hornig, that the City consider speed bumps and a walkway along Breezy Point Road. Mayor Stark noted that seven or eight years ago the City considered a pathway adjacent to the road, which would have caused the road to be wider, but found the cost to be prohibitive. The Council welcomed Mr. Hornig's suggestions, but concluded that the current approach to speed monitoring by the police appeared to be the most practical course of action.

Mr. Martini stated that people generally drive the speed they are comfortable with. Narrow roads, such as Breezy Point Road, typically cause drivers to naturally slow down. Mr. Martini noted that stop signs do not necessarily slow the overall speed down. Also, fog lines can make

the road safer but in-turn causes the driver to be more comfortable with the edge of the road, thereby increasing their speed.

Councilmember Doak suggested additional deer crossing signs may be beneficial in certain areas. These signs could have a collateral effect of causing drivers to slow down.

OLD BUSINESS

No business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stark stated that Dr. Dennis Peterson, the Minnetonka Superintendent will attend the June Council Meeting to provide an overview of the district plans and changes for 2008-2009. Councilmember Evenstad requested that copies of the School District's Annual Report be distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance

No report.

Public Safety

No report.

Roads and Signs

Councilmember Doak noted that the City of Minnetonka recently adopted language to more aggressively enforce issues regarding neglect to property, specifically lawn mowing.

Councilmember Doak reported that he had received a complaint from a resident regarding damage to his concrete driveway due to the salt/sand mixture put down on Breezy Heights Road by the City's snow plows. Mr. Doak noted that the City uses salt/sand sparingly on City streets and in the 50/50 mixture, approved by the Council. The mixture was used on Breezy Heights Road to clear the packed ice and compressed snow. The resident is opposed to the use of salt on the road area near his home and has requested that the City repair his concrete driveway with a new cement wash coat estimated to cost \$1,285.00. The Council examined photographs showing the snow conditions on Breezy Heights Road and the etching of the surface of the resident's driveway that was particularly evident where the concrete drive met the asphalt road surface. Mr. Doak stated that Breezy Height Road has two grades one of which is particularly steep. The City has always used salt/sand on these grades and occasionally on the flat road surface at the driveway, when ice and snow built up, creating a safety issue. For many years the City used a 20/80 mix and in the past two years the Council felt that it was more affective, from an ecological, economic, and a public safety point-of-view to use a 50/50 mix. Mr. Doak noted that Breezy Heights Road is very narrow and there are limited options for disposing of the snow, making it more imperative to use salt/sand to get the snow off the road. Mr. Doak stated that he had suggested several options including sealing the concrete to the property owner. Mr. Doak suggested that the homeowner be sent a letter stating that the City will attempt to minimize salt/sand, but from a public safety standpoint cannot guarantee that salt will not be used.

Councilmember Evenstad noted that there could be some freeze/thaw damage to the driveway based on the standing water.

Mr. Doak also noted that he consulted the City Attorney regarding this matter.

Council agreed that the City's snow plow strategy would continue and no compensation would be made for the driveway.

Councilmember Doak reported that the City removed several trees along Stone Arch Road that were hanging low over the roadway.

Website & Deer Management

No report.

Ordinances

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilmember Jilek moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Councilmember Newberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Councilmember Evenstad and second by Councilmember Jilek the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

Shelley J. Souers, City Clerk

Jean M. Stark, Mayor