

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M. MONDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Vince Suerth called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Tom Newberry, Dave Daniels, Juan Vazquez and Hank Zucker

STAFF: City Administrator / Special Counsel Dan Madsen, Planning & Zoning Pat Smith and City Clerk Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt

RESIDENTS: Jim Dowds

PLEDGE OF ALLEGAANCE:

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Newberry, and seconded by Vazquez, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- A. Approve December, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Claims
- C. Approve 2025 Wayzata Fire Protection Agreement

Motion carried, Voting in favor: Suerth, Newberry, Daniels, Vaquez and Zucker.

MOTION FOR THE FLOOR:

Jim Dowds addressed the council about the Deer Management Plan that was discussed at the December meeting. Stating that the 10 deer that the council decided to remove was to much. After listening to Dowds the council decided to revisit the topic and put Deer Management Plan as B under Unfinished Business to discuss that the topic again.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

DRIVEWAYS

Woodland does not limit the number or width of driveways, this topic has been tabled from the December meeting. Smith explained to the council that himself & Martini had looked at Minnetonka's driveway ordinance and made some adjustments to Minnetonka's ordinance to meet requirements for Woodland. The recommended regulations require city engineering approval for all new driveway entrances and limit the number of driveway entrances.

Motion was made by Vazquez, to approve the proposed ordinance, seconded by Daniels.

Motion carried, Voting in favor: Suerth, Newberry, Daniels, Vaquez and Zucker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Fire Service Billing Policy/ False Alarms

Madsen addressed the concern with the number of false alarms the Police & Fire Departments are dispatched to. The past two years have both had 19 False alarms calls that for the most part both Police & Fire have responded to. Even though some of these calls may have been called before either department reach the residence, it is still pulling staff from what they were doing and taking the time and resources to respond to a “false alarm”. After the discussion with the Council & staff it was decided that staff would present the council with fee recommendations for the false alarm calls at the February meeting.

B. Deer Management

At the December meeting council decided that Mike Kniss take up to 10 deer out of Woodland. Jim Dowds approach the council at the January meeting asking them to reconsider the amount of deer that they have given Kniss the approval to remove. After much discussion, the council decided that yes 10 deer was probably to many.

Motion made by Zucker that Mike Kniss cull up to 5 deer out of Woodland, Vazquez second the motion. Motion carried, Voting in favor, Suerth, Daniels, Vaquez, Newberry and Zucker.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion was made by Newberry, and seconded by Vaquez to approve Resoltuion 01-25 the 2025 Woodland Calendar. Motion Carried, Voting in favor, Suerth, Daniels, Vaquez, Newberry and Zucker.
- B. Motion was made by Zucker and seconded by Newberry to approve Reolution 02-25 the 2025 Administration Fee Schedule. Motion carried, Voting in favor, Suerth, Newberry, Zucker, Vaquez and Daniels.
- C. Vazquez asked if Fire could be added to his list of Assignments. Motion was made by Daniels and seconded by Newberry to add Fire to Vaquez list of Assignments and to approve Resolution 03-25 the 2025 Assignments and Appointments. Motion was carried, Voting in favor, Suerth, Zucker, Newberry, Vaquez and Daniels.
- D. Motion was made by Vaquez and seconded by Zucker to approve Resolution 04-25 the Establishing a Date for 2025 Local Board of Appeals. Motion was carried, Voting in favor, Suerth, Daniels, Zucker, Vaquez and Newberry.
- E. Staff had put a survey out on the Woodland City website asking residents if they would like to move the City Council start time. With only 19 responses so far, Mayor Suerth suggested that they extend the survey and see what next month brings for votes.
- F. Madsen presented the council with an Unaudited Financial report letting them know that numbers will move after/during the budget and with year money that more than likely be coming from the county.

G. Setting 2025 City and Council Goals. The council each took a turn listing off what they thought was important goals for the City of Woodland. Here is a list of Goals the council came up with for 2025:

Essential Achievements

- Digitize documents & upload to website

Goals

- Digitizing old documents, if feasible
- Community Building Event... Meet & greet, council, staff, assessor
Possibly picnic on earth day
- County Update – Edelson (catered to Woodland)
- Ehlers- investment management
- Blind corner at Spirit Knob Road
- Buckhorn removal program
- Work on “search” function on website, making it easier for residents to locate and look information up

5 year plan

- Road Construction
- Natural disaster-planning...flooding, fire, etc
- Burying power lines (gaining more walk space for trails)
- Tree’s falling and cleaning up dead fall
- Water management
- Septic issues- Seepage pits currently 26 in the city
- Walking Trails (Breezy Point Road)

MAYOR REPORT:

Nothing to report

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Daniels: Would like to see the Police report get posted to their webpage and keep the City webpage up to date.

Newberry: Nothing to report

Vazquez: Nothing to report

Zucker: He would like to see how Elhers is planning on investing the money setting there.

ADJOURNMENT:

Daniels made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm, seconded by Newberry. Motion carried, Voting in favor, Suerth, Newberry, Vazquez, Zucker and Daniels.

Typed and respectfully submitted Thursday, January 15, 2025.

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