

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. MONDAY JUNE 9TH, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Vince Suerth called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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

STAFF: City Administrator / Special Counsel Dan Madsen
Clerk Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt,

GUEST: Jim Dowds, Dana Zucker

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.

- A. Approve May 12th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Claims and Financial Reports

Motion carried, Voting in favor Mayor Suerth and Councilmembers Newberry, Vazquez, Daniels and Zucker.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Jim Dowds updated the council on the buckthorn removal project stating that a total of 41,056 sq ft has been removed so far. The ROW's in Woodland vary from 12ft – 25ft depending on where they are in the city.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Kim and Ben Bercaw, property owners of 2530 Spirit Knob Road have request and variance extension.

Motion made by Newberry and seconded by Zucker to approve the variance extension request of Kim & Ben Bercaw for the property of 2530 Spirit Knob Road subject to the condition that the variance not to exceed one year.

Motion carried, voting in favor Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers, Zucker, Vazquez, Newberry and Daniels. 5/0 Vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Woodland Logo

After looking at the example presented by staff, the council made some recommendations and request that staff make the changes and look at the logos again in July after the changes are made.

B. Goals Update:

Staff walked through an update on the Goals with the council, that they had set in January. Council members gave staff some direction on which goals they would see started next. No motion was needed or made.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Clarification on the Tree-Removal in the Right-of-way

Council made it clear that residents are responsible for all the trees that are in the ROW. Woodland will be hiring an Arborist to come out and look at the trees in the ROW's and will let staff which ones will need to be removed.

MAYORS REPORT:

A. Buckthorn Removal:

Mayor Suerth asked the council for an additional \$1000 - \$2000 for the removal of the piles of Buckthorn for the season.

Motion was made by Newberry and seconded by Vazquez to allow up to \$2000 for removal of buckthorn piles.

Motion carried, voting in favor Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Newberry, Vazquez, Daniels. Zucker voted against the additional cost. 4/1 vote.

B. Jagodzinske driveway update:

Staff was still waiting to hear back from property owner.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- A. **Daniels:** Wanting to know if Cornerstone is still back filling the areas that the council requested.
- B. **Newberry:** Nothing to report
- C. **Vazquez:** Nothing to report
- D. **Zucker:**

Parking Zones:

Zucker attended a homeowners meeting, and the parking zones prices were brought to his attention. Zucker asked the council if they could bring the ordinance back to the table and either change it back to the way it was before or change the rate. After much discussion it was decided to leave it as is for at least one year. As they had just approved the ordinance at the April meeting.

Audit:

Wanted to know if Woodland is going to want to do an Audit for 2026 or if they would like to do it every other year. Staff asked if they could request a quote from the auditor to do a financial report on the off year. The Council agreed with staff getting a quote.

E-BIKES

Zucker also requested that Chief Johnson add a e-bike report to his monthly report, letting the council know how things are going with the e-bikes and the direction the city should be taking with them.

Zucker asked the council what their thoughts are on doing the meetings by ZOOM or on allowing residents to participate by ZOOM. Mayor Suerth, and Councilmembers Daniels, Newberry and Vaquez voted no to the idea.

STAFF REPORT:

- A. **Police:** Council would like to see what the response has been on the CodeRED.
- B. **Fire:** Council would like to have Wayzata fire chief come to the July meeting and give them some information on the Hydrants in Woodland and what their plan is if there would be a fire in Woodland.
- C. **Administration:** Working on newsletter and daily task

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Newberry and seconded by Daniels to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 7:55pm.

Motion was carried, voting in favor was Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Daniels, Newberry, Vazquez and Zucker. 5/0 Vote