

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 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, Hank Zucker and Juan Vazquez

ABSENT: Dave Daniels

STAFF: City Administrator / Special Counsel Dan Madsen
Planning & Zoning Pat Smith

GUEST: Jim Dowds, Kevin Klapprich Wayzata Fire Chief

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 as presented.

- A. Approve August 11th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Claims & Financial Report

Motion carried, Voting in favor was Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Zucker, Vazquez and Newberry 4/0 Vote. Daniels was absent.

PRESENTATION FROM DENNY NEWEL ON LMCD:

Denny Newel gave a presentation on effects of wake boards on Minnesota lakes.

Motion was made by Suerth and seconded by Newberry to support and send a letter to LMCD suppressing LMCD discussion.

Motion carried, Voting in favor was Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Zucker, Vazquez and Newberry. 4/0 Vote. Daniels was absent.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Nothing

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

A. Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)

The City Council discussed the administration of the SSTS at their meeting last month. The City Council asked staff to research what other communities regulate. Smith said he contacted Chip's Septic Service and the cities of Medina and Sunfish Lake, which both have septic systems.

Councilmember Zucker said the city should follow the Sunfish Lake ordinance. Councilmember Newberry stated the compliance inspection should only be required if there is a purchase agreement versus an inheritance. Councilmember Zucker suggested a value limit for the inheritance. Councilmember Newberry said Woodland does not want to get the perception of being overly regulated and suggests inviting a realtor to the next City Council meeting to discuss how the proposed ordinance may impact that sale of property in Woodland.

B. Rip Rap Request of Fire Lane Adjacent to 2650 Marshland Road

Smith said the property owner at 2650 Marshland Road is planning to replace the install an erosion protective fabric and replace the boulders on a section of her property but also at the end of the fire lane that is adjacent to her property. Smith said the contractor had applied to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, which contacted city staff as the request included city-owned property. Smith stated the rip rap will look the same as the current rip rap but will have better erosion control. Councilmember Newberry moved, Councilmember Vazquez seconded, to approve the new rip rap at the end of the fire lane adjacent to the property located at 2650 Marshland Road with the condition that approvals from all required agencies are obtained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Madsen presented the 2026 Budget to the council, explaining that they are able to decrease the Levy but they are not able into increase it after it is submitted at the end of September.

Motion was made by Zucker and seconded by Newberry to approve the Preliminary Property Tax Levy of \$690,095.00.

Motion carried, Voting in favor was Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Zucker, Vazquez and Newberry. 4/0 Vote. Daniels was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Electrical Inspections Services

Motion was made by Zucker and seconded by Newberry to approve Resolution #06-25 Appointing the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry as the Designated Authority for Electrical inspections.

Motion carried, Voting in favor was Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Zucker, Vazquez and Newberry. 4/0 Vote. Daniels was absent.

MAYORS REPORT:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORT:

- A. Daniels:** Absent
- B. Newberry:** Nothing
- C. Vazquez:** Nothing
- D. Zucker:** Nothing

STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Police:** Nothing
- B. Fire:** Nothing
- C. Admin:** Working on Newsletter

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Newberry and seconded by Vazquez to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:43pm.

Motion carried, Voting in favor was Mayor Suerth, Councilmembers Zucker, Vazquez and Newberry. 4/0 Vote. Daniels was absent.

Typed Respectfully on September 23rd, 2025 by:
Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt
Woodland City Clerk