

WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Monday March 9th, 2026

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

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

Staff: City Clerk Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt, Dan Madsen City Administrator and Finance Director Andrew Keller

Guest: Jim Dowds and County Commissioner Heather Edelson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Daniels and seconded by Newberry to approve the following consent agenda items;

- A. Approve the February 9th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve the Payment of Claims
- C. Approve the Street Sweeping for 2026

Motion carried, Voting in favor was Mayor Suerth and Councilmembers Dave Daniels, Juan Vazquez, Hank Zucker and Tom Newberry. 5/0 Vote.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Nothing

PRESENTATION BY HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER HEATHER EDELSON:

Hennepin County Commissioner Edelson provided a presentation to the Council regarding county initiatives and budget matters. Discussion included the County levy and its impact on local property taxes. They responded to Council questions regarding how county decisions affect cities and residents. No action was taken.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Replacement of City Signs:

The Woodland City Council reviewed three sign replacement options and selected Sky Custom Signs as the preferred vendor.

Motion was made by Newberry and seconded by Vazquez to select option 3 and design 2B by Sky Custom Signs in the amount of \$6,950 for two signs.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Denny Newell:

LMCD Commissioner Denny Newell attended the meeting to provide an update on Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) activities and initiatives. He reviewed key topics with the Council and was available to answer questions.

B. Goose Management:

The City Council reviewed goose management options for the 2026 season, including live capture and nest removal methods, along with associated costs and budget considerations. After discussion, the Council determined not to proceed with a goose management program for 2026. No action was taken.

C. End of year Financial Review:

Andrew Keller presented the year-end financial report to the Council and answered questions. During bank reconciliation, he identified three fraudulent checks that did not match City records. The checks were quickly flagged and reported. The Deephaven Police Department is investigating, and the individual involved was identified as being from Tennessee. Staff is also working with the bank to implement additional security measures.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nothing

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Daniels: Nothing

B. Newberry: Nothing

C. Vazquez: Report to the council that he would like to move forward with gathering more information on putting in Dry Hydrants in Woodland.

D. Zucker: Councilmember Zucker expressed interest in beginning the 2027 budget process early to better plan for anticipated projects such as deer culling and buckthorn management. He also discussed exploring ways to improve meeting performance, including consideration of communication styles and personality differences, and potentially incorporating this into the meeting order of operations. Additionally, he inquired about Council interest in establishing a resident advisory committee for Woodland.

STAFF REPORT:

- A. Police: Nothing new to report
- B. Fire: Nothing new
- C. Admin: Kimberly asked the council how they would like to have their emails and asked the council to think about it for the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Newberry and seconded by Daniels to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:45pm.

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

Typed this 31st Day of March 2026
Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt
City clerk
Woodland, Minnesota