

City of Greenwood – City Council Meeting

Greenwood City Council Chambers
20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven, MN 55331
952-474-6633
Tuesday, January 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM
Council present: Page, Rose, Fletcher, Kind and Quam
Staff present: Attorney Kelly and Clerk Whipple
Staff absent: none

1. Recognize Outgoing Councilmembers

Mayor Kind read the resolutions thanking former Councilmembers.
Councilmember Fletcher moved to approve resolutions #04-09, #05-09, #06-09
thanking Jeff Sagal, Doug Hill and Bob Newman for their service to the City of Greenwood.
Motion carried 5-0
Jeff Sagal thanked the citizens of Greenwood, neighboring Mayors and Mark Kelly
for sharing their knowledge and experience while he served on the Greenwood City
Council. He appreciated the opportunity to serve.

2. Matters from the Floor

Robert Schmitt from the Excelsior Motor Vehicle office at 21550 Hwy 7 in Greenwood,
asked the Council to approve a resolution supporting maintenance of local title and
registration services. The Council will review Mr. Schmitt's request and it may be
on the February agenda.

Mohamed Kwara, owner of Lake Shore Market at 21380 State Hwy 7 in Greenwood, asked the
Council for the opportunity to offer hot foods from inside the store. Attorney Kelly said Mr.
Kwara's next step would be to request to amend the zoning code as restaurants are not a
permitted use in that area of the City. The Planning Commission would comment and the
Council could consider the request.

3. Staff Reports and Announcements

A. Stormwater Management Plan

City Engineer, Dave Martini, explained that the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) is
required by law to be a part of Greenwood's Comprehensive Plan. The SWMP has been
submitted to the Metropolitan Council and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for review.
Dave Poggi reviewed highpoints of the plan.

Councilmember Quam moved to accept the Stormwater Management Plan as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

B. Administrator's Contract

A letter/statement of employment has been signed by Greenwood City Administrator, Roberta
Whipple.

4. Public Hearings None

5. Unfinished Business

A. Trash Haulers Letter

No formal action to adopt a system of organized solid waste collection was needed due to the
fact that all City trash haulers agreed to a letter of understanding. They participated in
discussion with the City and came to an agreement that smaller, lighter trucks would be used
and all haulers would designate Thursday as their trash day in Greenwood.

Councilmember Page moved to approve the draft letter of understanding for the Mayor's
signature and forwarding it to the trash haulers.

Councilmember Quam stated smaller trucks will save our roads. Mayor Kind said the haulers were very cooperative during these negotiations. Motion carried 5-0

6. New Business

A. Adopt Resolution #01-09 City Council Meeting dates for 2009

Councilmember Page moved to adopt resolution #01-09 as amended with the August meeting date changing to Thursday, August 6, 2009.

Motion carried 5-0

B. Adopt Resolution #02-09 Appointments and Assignments for 2009

Councilmember Quam moved to approve resolution #02-09, Assignments and Appointments for 2009. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Kind asked for a resident to serve on the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission.

C. Planning Commission Term Expiration/Vacancies

Mayor Kind reviewed the two vacancies for alternates on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Quam moved to approve Todd Palmberg as a regular voting member of the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0

Attorney Kelly swore Todd Palmberg in as a regular voting member of the Planning Commission.

D. Adopt Resolution #03-09 Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2009

Councilmember Fletcher moved to approve Resolution #03-09 Planning Commission meeting dates for 2009 changing the Council dates to August 6, September 1, and December 1, 2009.

Motion carried 5-0

E. Set Meeting Date for 2009 Local Board of Appeals and Equalization

Councilmember Rose moved to approve 6:30 p.m. April 16 as first choice and April 21 as second choice for Greenwood's Local Board of Appeals and Equalization.

Motion carried 5-0

F. Consider a barrier for the fire lane between 5050 & 5060 Meadville Street

There was discussion on the fire lane being used as a route for vehicles to gain access to Lake Minnetonka. Greenwood resident, John Ekelund 5135 Meadville Street, told the Council that there has been increased traffic and traffic noise on Meadville as a result of non-residents using the fire lane. He suggested some type of barrier to block winter access of vehicles.

Councilmember Fletcher moved to stabilize the current posts with a chain and lock, then re-evaluate the situation in the spring for a permanent solution.

Councilmember Page understood that the fire lane was a public street and therefore, should not be blocked off. He has no objection to 'no parking' signs in the area but objects to chaining it off.

Motion passes 4-1, with Councilmember Page voting nay.

Councilmember Fletcher moved to post 'no parking, tow-away zone' on the land between addresses 5050 and 5060 from Meadville Street to the lake.

Motion carried 5-0

G. Consider creating sub-committee to review Ordinance Section 510-Fees, Business Licenses and Permits

Mayor Kind wants to revisit the fees posted in ordinances as some are outdated and there may be an opportunity to increase revenue from them. This item may be discussed at a work session.

Councilmember Fletcher moved for a Councilmember to gather the information and present it at a work session. Mayor Kind volunteered to compile fee information from other cities.

Motion carried 5-0

H. Consider revision to section 710.20 Snow Removal Parking Restrictions

Since Deephaven does snow removal in Greenwood, Administrator Whipple suggested that Greenwood's snow removal ordinance be the same as Deephaven's. Greenwood does not currently follow its own ordinance by posting notice of snow removal.

Councilmember Page moved that the Council consider amending Section 710.20 of its Ordinance code to dovetail with Deephaven's Ordinance. Councilmember Page felt that 2" was too low a benchmark and perhaps Deephaven should adjust their Ordinance to 3" or 4". Clerk Whipple said by having cars on the streets after a snowfall, it's not only a plowing hazard but an added expense as it takes longer to plow.

Motion carried 5-0

I. Consider creating a City Utility Bill Ordinance to keep City bills in the property Owner's name.

Clerk Whipple noted that some Cities have an ordinance that does not allow a City utility bill to be in the renter's name, that it is kept in the property owner's name. The Clerk would like Greenwood to consider this for two reasons: people move in and out without notifying the Clerk and the property owners end up with large, unpaid sewer/recycling bills; and the issue of keeping renters identity private. Attorney Kelly will look into this and report at the February Council meeting.

7. Other Business

none

8. Council Reports

A. Assessor Meeting

Mayor Kind and Councilmember Rose attended the October 29, 2008, Assessors meeting at invitation of Mayor Newman. Assessors Bill Effertz, Bill Davy and Nate Stulc gave a brief overview of Greenwood's housing market where they indicated housing values would decrease by an **average** of 6% in 2010. There will be a pre-board meeting with the Assessor's prior to the April board of review meeting.

B. Milfoil Meeting

Councilmember Fletcher said the City of Greenwood applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Save the Lake fund for a plant survey of St. Albans Bay, but it doesn't appear that Greenwood will get the money. Fletcher still believes funds should be secured for the survey in case another bay doesn't want to participate in the milfoil treatment in 2009.

He suggested that Councilmember Page ask the LMCD for funds. However, the LMCD does not see this milfoil treatment as a long-term solution. It was suggested that the residents on St. Alban's Bay make financial contributions to this project.

Recess at 8:58 Reconvene at 9:04

C. Southshore Center Lease Agreement Update

Councilmember Rose reported that Deephaven and Shorewood were undecided about the cooperative agreement with the Center and therefore, the lease is not finalized.

The council questioned why the lease needed to be for 25 years. It's difficult to get five cities to agree on everything.

Councilmember Rose reminded the Council that when the original agreement was signed, before the building was built, that the Cities were responsible for paying for building the center and the Seniors would take care of all other expenses. But now the Cities may be responsible for capital improvements.

D. Website Update www.cityofgreenwoodmn.com

Mayor Kind noted that City Ordinances, and the comprehensive plan as well as other pieces of information are posted on the web site. The Planning Commission agendas and minutes, treasurers' reports, emergency response plan, and the dock waiting list will be posted.

Councilmember Fletcher said govoffice.com provides two free email addresses and suggested changing the city email address to them. He also felt the City's web address cityofgreenwoodmn.com was too lengthy.

E. Lake Minnetonka Conservation District meeting

Councilmember Page reported the December meeting was cancelled. He said the Seahorse Condominium dock issue is nearly resolved. The January LMCD agenda may include dock reconfiguration for Excel Marina.

9. Adjourn

Councilmember Rose moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Whipple
Greenwood City Administrator