

**Greenwood City Council
Worksession Minutes**

6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Deephaven City Hall ~ 20225 Cottagewood Avenue ~ Deephaven, MN 55331

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval Agenda

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Council members present: Fletcher, Page, Quam and Rose
Others present: City Clerk Karpas and Tree Inspector Manuel Jordan

Quam moved to approve the agenda. Second by Fletcher. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Diseased Trees Discussion with Tree Inspector Manuel Jordan

Mayor Kind introduced Manuel Jordan to the Council as the Tree Inspector for the City of Greenwood.

Mr. Jordan said he wanted to discuss a number of items with the Council including common threats to trees within the city which include diseases, insects and storms. He discussed the types of diseases which could be in the city and need to be addressed. He said the most common diseases are Dutch Elm Disease, Oak Wilt and Thousand Canker disease.

He discussed the types of insects that have killed many trees throughout the country and are now impacting trees in the city. They include the Emerald Ash Borer, Gypsy Moth and Asian Longhorned Beetle. He described the different impact they have on the health of trees.

Mr. Jordan discussed steps that could be taken by the city to address the tree damage caused by storms. He suggested the city do a tree inventory to help manage tree risk. He suggested that the city license tree contractors within the city to help verify they are up to date with the different tree related issues in the state.

Mr. Jordan said he was seeking direction for the Council on how to address issues related to trees and suggested the city adopt a policy whether it's proactive or reactive. This will help provide him with an idea on how aggressive he needs to be to address tree issues in the city.

The final item Mr. Jordan spoke about were resources available to the city including funding and grants to combat disease.

Mayor Kind summarized the discussion and policy options available to the city and noted this item would be on the April Council agenda.

3. Adjournment

Page moved to adjourn. Second by Quam. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Gus Karpas
City Clerk