

Greenwood City Council

Thursday, April 12, 2012 - 6:00 PM

Council Chambers 20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven, MN 55331

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval of Agenda

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM

Council present: Kind, Fletcher, Page, and Rose

Council absent: Quam

Staff present: Clerk Karpas

Councilmember Page moved to approve the agenda. Second by Councilmember Fletcher. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Discuss – Potential Expansion of City Docks

Mayor Kind discussed the low water situation and said Councilmember Page had some information for the Council.

Councilmember Page said that as the Greenwood representative to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District's (LMCD) Board he made a motion that the LMCD issue a low water declaration. Doing so permitted applications for temporary dock extensions to allow for expansions to water levels conducive to boat storage. He said there are two types of applications, one for residential docks and one for multiple docks.

He said residential dock expansions are limited to twenty feet, any more would require a variance. He said the application process permits the LMCD to know who expanded their dock so they can be brought back into compliance once the water level rises.

He said the multiple docks application requires more mathematics. He said he had a conversation with the director of the LMCD regarding the recommendation given to the city that they extend their dock out an additional thirty-two feet and how he felt that seemed excessive. The director told him he didn't think that distance was out of line.

Mayor Kind discussed the current layout of the city's docks. She said the main dock portion extends one hundred feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL). Councilmember Page said the depth at the end of the dock is around three feet and the permit would allow for an extension to obtain a four foot depth. Kind said she visited a property adjacent to the city docks and measured a depth of three and a half feet at a distance of about sixty-three and feet from the shore.

Mayor Kind said she and Councilmember Page would conduct some measurements this weekend so the appropriate information can be gathered for the application.

The Council reviewed the application form.

Councilmember Page asked how much the extensions would cost the city. Councilmember Fletcher said \$1,980 installed. Mayor Kind noted that they could be resold after use. Page said he wouldn't want to install any docks until we're sure to what extent they would need to be extended. It was noted the official city dock season begins on May 15, so there is time to apply for the extension and install the docks.

Councilmember Page moved to direct staff to complete the necessary low water variance application to extend the city docks using the information obtained by Mayor Kind and Councilmember Page and submit it to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation

District for their consideration. If the variance is approved, the city clerk is authorized to order the installation of the city floating dock system from Dock & Lift, Inc. with the addition of a dock extension in an amount not to exceed \$1980 paid from the city's marina fund. Second by Councilmember Fletcher. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Adjourn

Councilmember Page moved to adjourn the special session. Second by Councilmember Fletcher. The motion carried 3-1. Councilmember Rose voted against the motion and did not provide his reasoning. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus E. Karpas
Greenwood City Clerk