



MINUTES

Greenwood City Council Worksession

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331

1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Members Present: Mayor Kind; Councilmembers Bill Cook, Tom Fletcher, Bob Quam, and Rob Roy (arrived 6:10pm)

Others Present: City Forester Manuel Jordan

Motion by Kind to approve the agenda. Second by Quam. Motion passed 4-0.

2. EMERALD ASH BORER DISCUSSION WITH CITY FORESTER MANUEL JORDAN

Manuel presented information regarding:

- A. EAB - what it is, what type of damage does it do, why we should care.
 - a. The city council saw specimens of the larvae, beetles, and tree damage.
 - b. EAB will kill ALL ash trees unless they are treated in perpetuity.
 - c. Removal of dead ash trees on public land could be costly. Fortunately, Greenwood has a wide variety of trees and there are not a lot of ash trees on public land.
- B. Recent EAB findings close to Greenwood.
 - a. EAB has been found in Plymouth and Minneapolis.
- C. What other cities are doing about it.
 - a. Some cities are removing all ash trees on public land.
 - b. Some cities are treating all ash trees on public land. This is very costly and must be done in perpetuity.
 - c. Most cities are doing something in between. For instance, some cities are removing poor and marginal ash trees now in an effort to spread out the cost of removal over time.

The city council and Manuel also discussed the city's policy regarding EAB. Next steps are:

- A. Manuel will conduct a quick inventory of ash trees in Shuman Woods Park.
- B. Manuel will mark ash trees for removal if they are "weak specimens" located close to a public street / trail / play area or have the potential to interfere with utility lines. Otherwise, ash trees on public property will become habitat for wildlife.
- C. An article about EAB will be included in the next city newsletter and will direct property owners to consult with a certified arborist to determine options for privately-owned trees.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roy to adjourn the worksession at 6:55pm. Second by Quam. Motion passed 5-0.