

**Greenwood City Council  
Worksession Minutes**

6:00 pm, Tuesday, September 5, 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 6:01 pm.

Council members present: Fletcher, Quam and Page  
Others present: City Clerk Karpas

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

2. Discuss 2013 Preliminary Tax Levy and Budget

Mayor Kind noted she highlighted those items that were changed based on the discussion at the last work session. She suggested the Council again go through the budget page by page and raise any questions they may have.

Mayor Kind said the attempt was to keep the levy at the same level as it was in 2012. Councilmember Page questioned why that was necessary. Kind said property taxes were raised as a concern of the residents.

Councilmember Page was opposed to line item 36, the interfund transfer from the Marina fund. He's concerned this is keeping the Marina fund too low and there won't be enough money in it when it comes time to replace the docks. Mayor Kind said she spoke with the city's dock contractor who said the city's docks could last another five to ten years. Page noted that was a pretty large range. He asked if at the rate the fund is growing if the city would have enough to replace the docks in five years. Kind said that depends on the type of dock the city chooses to replace them with. She discussed the different types docks available to the city. She noted if the funds were not available in the Marina fund when the docks need replacing, there would be plenty of funds that could be transferred from the sewer fund. Page asked why it would be transferred from the sewer fund. Kind said that the sewer fund goal is \$250,000 with a current balance of approximately \$350,000, and that since the sewer fund is an enterprise fund, the excess money may be spent on any city purpose such as the city docks. Councilmember Fletcher said he would be comfortable transferring sewer funds if necessary to cover the costs of docks. Page stated he didn't feel that \$250,000 was enough to cover a major sewer issue. Kind said the City Engineer recommended the \$250,000 goal and he said it would be enough to cover a catastrophic event with the sewer system.

Mayor Kind said she supported decreasing the increase in the slip fee by fifty dollars from \$1,200 to \$1,150. The Council agreed.

Mayor Kind commented she was not in favor of increasing Council salaries. She views the position as community service. Councilmember Page disagrees and feels they should still be increased. The consensus of the rest of the council was to leave the Council salaries as is.

Mayor Kind discussed the public safety building budgets noting Greenwood's ad valorem share of South Lake's budget increased while Greenwood's ad valorem share of the Excelsior Fire District's budget went down. The difference means that Greenwood's tax capacity went up more than the other South Lake cities and went down more than the other Fire District cities.

The Council reaffirmed its support of a 2013 contribution of \$1,200 to the Southshore Senior Center.

Councilmember Page expressed concern about the Council not following through on its commitment to put \$20,000 in its bridge fund, noting only \$10,000 was being included for 2013. Councilmember Fletcher said very little of past contingency funds have been spent and he feels the bridge is coming later rather than sooner, so he suggested that unspent contingency funds could be transferred to the bridge fund. Page feels that as more people find out about the money in the contingency fund, they will begin to ask for it. The Council discussed the bridge project and it was noted the city's share would be \$200,000. Mayor Kind said she would not have an issue adding \$10,000 to the bridge fund (total of \$20,000) and reducing the contingency fund to \$12,212. Councilmember Quam said he had no feeling either way. He said the current bridge fund has \$86,000 and there appears to be nothing going on. The Council agreed to move an additional \$10,000 into the Bridge fund.

Councilmember Page reiterated his opposition to the entire \$5,000 for milfoil treatment coming out of the Marina fund. The consensus of the rest of the Council was to leave the milfoil contribution as is.

Councilmember Quam asked if there were any grants available for future sewer projects. Mayor Kind said the city did receive some information recently that was passed onto the City Engineer.

Mayor Kind said she would have clean copies of the revised budget printed off for Council action at the regular meeting.

### 3. Adjournment

Page moved to adjourn the worksession. Second by Fletcher. The worksession adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Gus Karpas  
City Clerk