

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Jeff Kask, John Menzel, and City Administrator Dana Young

Discuss Pedestrian & Bicycle Crosswalk at LRT Trail and Minnetonka Blvd

Police Chief Johnson stated that this is not a crosswalk for pedestrian & bicycle traffic where the LRT Trail crosses Minnetonka Blvd. He stated that pedestrians and cyclists need to stop for passing vehicles.

The Committee recommended posting additional signage at the two locations where the LRT Trail crosses Minnetonka Blvd and Linwood Road notifying pedestrians and cyclists that they need to stop for vehicles.

Discuss Revision to ATV Ordinance

Dana Young presented the proposed revisions to the ATV Ordinance that had been discussed at last month's meeting for Committee review. He stated that the following wording has been included to add clarity to the permitted use of ATV's on city streets:

- (e) On City streets, except when traversing to or from **Lake Minnetonka, when it is frozen,** **to** an approved snowmobile or ATV area by the shortest legal route.

Motion by Chief Johnson to recommend the adoption of Ordinance No. 07-06, an Ordinance Amending Section 705 on Snowmobile and ATV Regulations. Seconded by Paul Skrede. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss 2018-2019 Deer Management Program

Woodland Mayor Jim Doak was also in attendance for this discussion.

Dana Young stated that there are three deer removal companies that have been provided by the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including:

- Nuisance Animal Removal Services (NARS)
- USDA
- White Buffalo, Inc.

He stated that we have used both Nuisance Animal Removal Services and the USDA in the past.

Jim Doak asked why NARS no longer provides us with Deer Management Services.

Paul Skrede stated that there were issues with the individual who was issuing permits for the DNR such that NARS could no longer operate as they had in the past.

Jim Doak stated that trapping is a much preferred management method in Woodland.

The Committee recommended that a meeting be held with NARS to see if they would be interested in providing Deer Management Services in Deephaven & Woodland.

Discuss Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Works

Dana Young stated that this agreement is for discussion purposes only and is not under consideration for immediate action since the Shorewood City Council hasn't even adopted the Mutual Aid Agreement.

John Menzel stated that he doesn't support a mutual aid agreement for his public works department because his department is too small.

Chief Johnson stated that the agreement doesn't mean you have to give up resources to another community. It's only if you have equipment that can be shared.

Paul Skrede asked if another community would lend us a loader if we needed one.

Dana Young stated that you often need a mutual aid agreement if you are loaning equipment to another city for liability reasons and for FEMA reimbursement.

Paul Skrede stated that he would not be excited about Shorewood being the lead agency on a mutual aid agreement.

Chief Johnson stated that Hennepin County Emergency Management would be the lead agency. He stated that Hennepin County has on file a list of all municipal public works equipment and vehicles from cities throughout the county.

Paul Skrede suggested that we update our list of equipment and vehicles for Hennepin County Emergency Management. He stated that his two largest concerns about a mutual aid agreement for public works is how does this get administered and who gets the first call.

Chief Johnson stated that he would get the first call as the Deephaven Emergency Management Director and it would be administered through Hennepin County.

Further discussion on a mutual aid agreement for public works will be held once a request is forwarded from Hennepin County Emergency Management.

Review Security System at City Marinas

Chief Johnson stated that he hasn't received any information yet from the vendors. Further discussion will be held next month.

Review No Parking Sign Request at Sandy Beach

Chris Jewett, 20305 Lakeview Avenue, was present to request that the sign that reads “No Parking from here to corner June – September” located near Sandy Beach be replaced with a “No Parking” sign due to the congestion caused by construction vehicles parked in this area. He stated that parking in this area makes it difficult for vehicles to turn the corner.

Motion by John Menzel to recommend replacing the existing sign with a sign that reads “No Parking here to the corner” with a directional arrow. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 5-0.

Other

Dana Young stated that he would like to thank Pat Deeg, a Deephaven resident who volunteered to paint city signs this past summer. He stated that Pat painted the City Hall sign, the main entranceway sign on Minnetonka Blvd, and two beach signs.

Dana Young stated that the Hennepin County Railroad Authority has hired Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. to replace a culvert and they have requested the use of a portion of the trailer parking lot along Minnetonka Blvd to store vehicles. The project will begin October 8-19 or October 11-24.

Motion by John Menzel to recommend approval for the parking of vehicles and equipment in the eastern portion of the trailer parking lot located along Minnetonka Blvd for the duration of the Hennepin County Railroad Authority culvert project. Seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 5-0.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss Request for Minnetonka Water Connection at 4730 Spring Creek Drive

Dana Young stated that Don Miller, a resident at 4730 Spring Creek Drive, is asking the Deephaven City Council for permission to obtain water service from the City of Minnetonka. Don’s home is located near the Minnetonka City border with water service available nearby on Shady Lane North. He stated that Don is experiencing some problems with his well and the location of a new well would have some setback issues.

He stated that when Don Miller contacted staff on his request, staff referred him to the City of Minnetonka with his request to determine whether they would have any interest in extending water to his property. He stated that after contacting Minnetonka, he was sent an email from Donna Gause, Minnetonka’s Utility Account Technician, who requested that a request be sent to Minnetonka on behalf Don Miller and then they will make a determination as to whether to provide him with water service.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that, while there is no benefit to the City of Deephaven, he would not be opposed to the City Council authorizing a letter to be sent to the City of

Minnetonka on the behalf of Don Miller's request for an extension of the Minnetonka public water system. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 4-0.

Discuss Request for Hammerhead at Honeysuckle Road

Dana Young stated that Mr. Thies, who resides at 3900 Honeysuckle Road, has expressed an interest in the City constructing a hammerhead turnaround at the end of Honeysuckle Road. He stated that Mr. Thies's driveway is at the end of Honeysuckle Road and the City crew often drives on his property when removing snow. He is also concerned about the impact from the potential development of Ed Oliver's landlocked property that abuts his property.

No action was taken on the request since there is inadequate public land available to construct a hammerhead or cul-de-sac at the end of Honeysuckle Road.

Discuss Interest in Selling Monaltrie Property

Dana Young stated that Jake & Laura Saba reside at 3850 Virginia Avenue and have expressed an interest in purchasing the abutting city-owned property located behind their property at 3855 Monaltrie Avenue. He stated that Jake & Laura Saba have expressed an interest in purchasing the property in order to expand the back of their current house and their backyard.

The city-owned lot at 3855 Monaltrie Avenue abuts another city-owned lot at 3845 Monaltrie Avenue, both of which are part of a drainage control area for the immediate area. The lot at 3845 Monaltrie Avenue contains a retention pond and inlet pipe that directs water to Virginia Avenue and eventually to a wetland area across Minnetonka Blvd.

Paul Skrede asked if we needed 3855 Monaltrie Avenue to facilitate drainage.

John Menzel stated that if the City wants to sell the property, the City could place an easement over the property to protect the drainage.

Paul Skrede noted that the pipe that accesses Virginia Avenue coming from the retention pond at 3845 Monaltrie Avenue may cross 3855 Monaltrie Avenue.

The Committee recommended that the City Council could potentially consider the sale of 3855 Monaltrie Avenue if it is determined that the sale of this property would adversely impact that drainage system in this area.

Other

Discussion was held regarding the proposed warming house benches.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.