



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 in person at Westwood City Hall.

Call to Order

Mayor Mays called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Roll Call

Councilmembers Present:

Don Greenwell
Erica Hartley (appears by Zoom link)
Carol Thomas
Robert Tietze
Keith Mays, Mayor

Absent:

Ramsay Mohsen

Quorum was established.

Others Present: John Martin (Treasurer), Jeff Deane (City Attorney), Mike & Kathy Henley, Susan Ramza, Leslie Carto, Lee Baer (Merge Midwest Eng.), Dan Miller (Lamp Rynearson), Jomarie Scaglia, Chief Curt Mansell, Mari Brecheisen, Jason Fieser, John Sullivan (Public Works).

Review and Approval Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023, City Council Meeting and the September 21, 2023, Special Meeting of the City Council, made by Councilmember Tietze, seconded by Councilmember Greenwell. Motion carried by voice vote (4-0).

Review and Approval of Warrants

Motion to approve the warrants as submitted, made by Councilmember Tietze, seconded by Councilmember Greenwell. Motion carried by voice vote (4-0).

Review of Police Report

Chief Mansell provided a report to the Council on the police activity in the preceding month.

Unfinished Business

a. Resident Michael Knierim's lighting complaint

Remains unfinished. To seek update from Evergy on the project as the Streetlight project, below, is completed..

b. Streetlight Project

Councilmember Tietze advised that this project has started, and should be completed in the next several weeks, but at least one light pole remains to be installed.

c. Rainbow Boulevard Traffic Plan

Councilmember Hartly provided a report on the activities associated with the Rainbow Boulevard traffic study and next steps. She encouraged citizens to participate in a survey offered by the to gather ideas and opinion

d. Resolution on definition of antisemitism

Requested Resolution on Antisemitism was considered by the Council. Councilmember Teitze moved for passage and Councilmember Hartley seconded the motion. The Resolution passed on a unanimous vote (4-0)

e. Pembroke Hill Tennis Court use, noise

Councilmember Thomas and Mr. Deane provided update that the city and school representative are arranging a meeting to discuss the issues at play.

f. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Martin advised the Council that the transfer of idle funds to the previously approved investment accounts at Country Club Bank is ongoing and should be complete shortly.

g. Leaf Collection

Mayor reports that that Heinen Landscaping's leaf pickup dates have been adjusted this year to provide a better coverage and more complete collection of fallen leaves. This year the pickups will be on 10/27 – 10/30, 11/17 – 11/20, and 12/8 – 12/11.

h. Police Extra Patrols

Chief Mansell provided a detailed report to the Council on the current coverage plan for police services including the upcoming holiday coverage. The prior policy of offering extra patrol opportunities for Westwood PD officers to work at their option was discussed. Mr. Martin advised that the prior payments were up to approximately \$1,000 per month (\$12,000 per year). Chief Mansell advised that, if authorized, he would develop a plan and make the extra patrols available to his officers. The average hourly rate of the Westwood PD officers was \$45. He would invoice the City monthly and report back on progress.

Councilmember Teitze moved that the City authorize the payment of extra patrols at the rate of up to \$1,000 per month (\$12,000 per year). Councilmember Greenwood provided the second. On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

i. Construction Projects

There was a brief report on the status of construction projects. These were postponed to the next month.

New Business

a. Mission Woods Terrace entrance safety

Chief Mansell provided accident statistics at this location showing 3 accidents in the last 90 days. Discussion ensued with Public Works Director Sullivan, Dan Miller (Lamp Rynearson), Traffic Engineer Lee Baer, councilmembers and public of options and possible changes to address issues. Most suggested changes would require KDOT approval. Dan Miller of Lamp Rynearson advised that they would put together a list of options based on an analysis of the traffic issues and conditions for the Council to consider at a later meeting. In the meantime, Director Sullivan will look at extending no parking zone markings to modify the parking near the intersection

b. Trash Receptacle Ordinance.

Discussion of citizen complaint on trash receptacle use and storage. City Attorney was directed to bring back a proposed Code Change for consideration.

c. Clarification on roles and duties of city staff, elected officials, and committee members; training

Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of City personnel. City Attorney asked to plan to provide training for City tentatively for a February date on a Saturday morning.

d. Zoning Regulation and use districts

City Attorney was asked to work with Mr. Ralls, Planning Commission Chair, to undertake the review of the City's comprehensive plan and the various Code provisions that the Commission is charged with review of.

Meeting Open to Discussion

There was a brief discussion, on the suggestion of the public, of investigating a possible crosswalk between Mission Woods and KCMO on State Line Road near the Pembroke School. On the suggestion of Councilmember Thomas this issue will be raised when the City and School representatives meet.

Adjourn

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.