



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in person at Westwood City Hall.

Call to Order

Councilmember Hartley called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Deane, City Attorney, swore Erica Hartley in as Mayor.

Councilmember Roll Call

Present: Keith Mays
Ramsey Mohsen (7:03 pm)
Leslie Carto
Carrol Thomas
Erica Hartley, Mayor

Absent: None

Quorum was established.

Others present: Jeff Deane (City Attorney), Chief Curt Mansel, John Martin (Treasurer), Mike and Kathy Henley (Mission Woods), Erin Lowry, (Mission Woods), Ann Henry Ralls (Mission Woods), John Sullivan (Westwood Public Works Director), Shelly Floyd (City Clerk), Steve and Martha Platt (Westwood Hills) and Tammy Carter (Westwood).

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the May 6, 2025, meeting was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Carto. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 3-0, Councilmember Mohsen was absent.

Review and Approval of Warrants

Mayor Hartley asked for a Motion to approve the warrants. Councilmember Thomas asked about the glass recycling. Mayor Hartley stated that Crush Glass had not picked up in the month of April and Councilmember Thomas asked Mayor Hartley to inquire if there was a reason or if they could request a refund for those missed pickups. Mayor Hartley stated she would contact Crush Glass. There were other questions regarding the May warrants. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Carto and seconded by Councilmember Mohsen. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Review of Police Report

Council reviewed and discussed the distributed report.

Unfinished Business

- **Review of proposed amendment to our noise ordinance.**

Mayor Hartley shared her and Councilmember Mohsen met with Steve Karbank regarding the noise ordinance. Mayor Hartley stated that Mr. Karbank was open to discussion regarding this matter. Mr. Karbank suggested having quiet construction from 7-7:30 and starting heavy construction at 7:30. Mr. Karbank also stated that a start time of 8 would interfere with school drop-offs. Mayor Hartley stated she prepared a memo of their meeting setting out the agreement and would send a copy to Mr. Karbank. Councilmember Mohsen shared this was what he was hoping for. He also stated that amending the noise ordinance would not only costs the City, but also cause implications for lawn maintenance, residential construction, etc. It was decided that as long as Karbank lived up to this agreement, no amendments to the noise ordinance needed to be made. If not, then the noise ordinance amendment would be revisited.

New Business

- **Friends of Westwood Parkland Presentation**

Tammy Carter with Friends of Westwood Parkland started her presentation regarding the Joe Dennis Park. She stated she felt that even though Mission Woods, Fairway, Westwood and Westwood Hills were separate cities, they were actually one big community and all use the park. The committee is looking for support from these four cities for maintenance. They are also looking to renovate and possibly expand the park by purchasing the school property. They are looking for grants, private donations, foundations, etc. to accomplish this. The committee was hoping the City of Mission Woods would help with the maintenance of this park. Councilmember Mohsen asked what they were specifically asking the City. Ms. Carter did not have that answer at the moment. Steve Platt, also a member of Friends of Westwood Parkland, stated that at this time all they were asking for was support of the cities. Councilmember Carto shared that she has volunteered with this committee and still does. She stated that the Fairway and Westwood Hills does not want to do anything until Westwood does, and Westwood does not want to do anything until they have support. She stated that the City of Westwood Mayor reached out to the surrounding governments, including past Mayor Tietze, and none were interested in participating. Councilmember Carto also stated that she is passionate about expanding the property and making it a park for all to use. She does not believe it was not fair to ask Westwood to fund this and all residents from surrounding cities use it. She believes it would benefit the City.

Resident Erin Lowry spoke in favor of the City's support of this park. Resident Ann Ralls also spoke in favor the City's support, stating that she believes the City should make a financial contribution. She stated she would be happy to talk to neighbors about this. Councilmember Mays stated that past Mayor Tietze did receive a letter from Mayor of Westwood, but it was regarding financial help for the purchase of the school property.

Martha Platt thanked the Council for hearing the committee. Ms. Platt stated that she believes the council would like to know what exactly the committee is asking for. She

stated that they are asking for a member of the City Council to join the task force for the exploration of what is needed and possible for this park.

Councilmember Mohsen stated that he believes the role of Council is to protect the City. He believes that it would be a disservice to have someone serve on the committee and then back out of support later. He stated that he believes more information is needed before a Council decision can be made. At this moment there is no comprehensive plan and questions regarding maintenance, legal and tax implications, etc. Mayor Hartley agreed with Councilmember Mohsen, and it was decided that additional information is needed and more exploration by the Council is needed before a formal position can be made.

- **MW Investment account balance updates (John Martin, CPA)**

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the investment accounts and answered all inquiries from the Council. Mr. Martin also stated that they needed to work on next year's budget projections, i.e. any major projects outside normal expenses. Mr. Martin stated the City was financially stable.

- **Update: Meeting with KDOT regarding traffic and pedestrian safety concerns at intersections of SMP + Rainbow Blvd & State Line Rd (Council Member Mohsen)**

Mayor Hartley and Councilmember Mohsen had a conversation with KDOT. Councilmember Mohsen recapped the discussion. There were questions regarding the crossing going north from Shawnee Mission Parkway to Rainbow. He stated that they all thought it was dangerous and looking at police records, traffic studies, etc. it shows a number of incidents at or around that intersection. Councilmember Mohsen shared that the member of KDOT was very receptive to the idea of conducting a traffic study and that KDOT would recommend the idea of a traffic study before they decide to get involved. Mayor Hartley stated that they brought up the problem of their Rainbow Boulevard project stops where Shawnee Mission Parkway starts and it does not help with that intersection. Mayor Hartley advised that the traffic study will take time to coordinate so results will not be immediate, but it is in the works.

- **Appointment to fill vacant Council Member seat. The mayor appoints Dan Sweeney, subject to Council consent**

Mayor Hartley read a bio of and recommended resident Dan Sweeney for the the balance of the unexpired term. Motion to approve the appointment Dan Sweeney for the vacant council spot was made by Councilmember Mays and seconded by Councilmember Carto. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 4-0.

- **Comments from Council Members and Guests**

Councilmember Carto stated she was happy for a woman to hold the position as Mayor. It was stated that Mayor Hartley was the first female mayor of Mission Woods.

Mayor Hartley stated that she made a joke with Councilmember Mays that her goal as Mayor was to remove Mr. Knierim's lighting issue off the agenda. She received an email from Evergy stating the arms would be installed tomorrow or Thursday.

Councilmember Mays stated the filing deadline for City Council is June 2 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Hartley shared she would send out an email with this information.

Motion to Adjourn

Having no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Carto. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.