



Mission Woods City Council
September 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Westwood City Hall

Members present: Mayor Tietze
Council member Darrell Franklin
Council member Joan Ruff
Council member Cory Fisher
Council member Amy McAnarney

Others present: Heather S. Esau Zerger, City Attorney; Chuck Haviland, City Treasurer

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mayor Tietze called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. First on the agenda is approval of the August Council meeting minutes. Council member Ruff moved to approve the minutes and Council member McAnarney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

II. Approval of Warrants

The Council turned its attention to approval of the warrants. Council member Fisher asked about the charge for tree care. There was a City tree that died on 51st street that needed to be removed. In addition, there was a branch that was hanging over a street that also needed to be removed. Council member Fisher moved to approve the warrants and Council member Franklin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

III. Approval of Police Report

The Council turned its attention to a review of the police report. Council member Ruff asked about the "suspicious subject" notes. Council member McArney commented that it may be the report her husband made regarding the person taking photographs; Mayor Tietze will follow up with Chief O'Halloren.

IV. Bid from A-1 Sewer and Septic

Next on the agenda was review of a proposal from A-1 Sewer and Septic to video the storm sewer lines. The bid came in around \$4100 and there will be additional expense related to traffic control, which Mr. Sullivan expects to be around \$500. Mr. Sullivan agreed to help and assist with the review, if approved, largely to make sure the video-taping will be done slowly enough to be usable. Mayor Tietze recalled that the other bids received were \$13,000 and \$8,000. Council member McAnarney asked if the work will be as thorough as it needs to be; Council member Fischer noted the same scope of work was given to this company as to the others. Council member Fisher noted the need for this work in order to complete our Capital Improvement Plan. Council member McAnarney moved and Council member Franklin seconded acceptance of the bid and approval of the work. All voted in favor. Council member Fisher will notify his contact at A-1 to proceed.

V. 5306 MW Road

Next on the agenda was discussion of the condition of the property at 5306 Mission Woods Road. Mayor Tietze and Council member Franklin met with City Attorney last week to understand the options. Nothing has been done in response to the City's letters to the property owner to address the internal concerns regarding the home, though some modest improvements were made to the exterior. Discussion ensued on the proper course of action, including criminal citations, performing the work ourselves and placing a lien on the property or even condemnation. The City Attorney will work with the City prosecutor to obtain entry into the interior of the home so that a complete and comprehensive list of all code violations can be gathered. Assuming entry can be obtained before then, Mayor Tietze will invite the Code Enforcement office to attend our October meeting.

VI. Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Mayor Tietze moved to the next item on the agenda—fall leaf pick-ups. The same company the City has used in the past, Heinen, is offering their services again. The cost is about \$1800 per leaf pick up. There will be three dates and there have been requests for this to occur on a Monday rather than a Saturday morning to give those who work during the week a chance to prepare over the weekend. However, this can be a challenge given the service trucks that are also out on Mondays. The Council agreed that Saturday may work if they pick up time is delayed to around 1:00 p.m. instead of at 7:00 a.m. Mayor Tietze said they do come through twice, once on Saturday morning and once on Saturday afternoon. Council member Fischer moved to approve the engagement of Heinen for three leaf pick up services and Council member would be prudent to obtain information and a recommendation from Police Chief O'Halloren. This issue was tabled.

VII. Mayor/Council Member Comments

Mayor Tietze noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a request by the property owner at 1900 SMP for special use permits in the space, which will include a catering kitchen, performance and event space, a café, and a private club.

Mayor Tietze also noted he received the annual request from United Community Services of Johnson County for a \$250 contribution to its human services fund. This provides educational resources for those at the poverty line. This is an annual request which the City has historically declined but he brings it to the Council's attention. Mission Hills does not participate but Westwood, Fairway and Roeland Park are participants. The Council acknowledged that this is a worthy service and it is not a great amount of money, but that it is the Council's preference to leave the decision to support charities to individual residents. Council member McAnarney moved to decline the invitation to participate and Council member Franklin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Council member Ruff suggested the Council spend some time thinking about developing a charitable giving policy to guide it with future requests of this nature.

Council member Fischer left meeting.

Mayor Tietze also noted a request from a resident regarding city-wide tree trimming. It has been four years since the City has had this done. Mayor Tietze recalled that the last time this was put out to bid, the bids ranged from \$5,000 up to \$13,000. Mayor Tietze inquired about the Council's desire to investigate this service. He noted that last time, the trees within the City right-of-way were pruned/trimmed and as a result, we've experienced less damage as a result of diseased and dead limbs. The Council agreed that bids should be obtained for review at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.