



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 7, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow, Westwood, Kansas.

Members Present: Mayor Tietze  
Council member Joan Ruff  
Council member Cory Fisher  
Council member Darrell Franklin  
Council member John Baenisch  
Council member Bill Dunn, Jr.

Visitors present: City Attorney Heather Zerger  
John Sullivan  
Chief O'Halloren  
Mike and Kathy Henley

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Tietze called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Mayor Tietze first asked for corrections or additions to the March Council meeting minutes. Council member Franklin moved to approve the minutes and Council member Baenisch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**III. Warrants**

The Council next turned to approval of the warrants. Council member Fisher asked about whether there was clarification of the landscaping charges. Mr. Haviland was unable to attend the meeting and those questions had not been answered yet. Mayor Tietze will follow up.

Council member Fisher asked about the KCP&L charge. Mayor Tietze noted that the charge is our quarterly charge from KCP&L. Council member Ruff moved to approve the warrants and Council member Fisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Police Report**

The Council turned its attention to the police report. Chief O'Halloren indicated the department had obtained its second Ford Explorer, which is a great benefit, especially in winter. There is also going to be a new court software system installation starting tomorrow. The software will be used for all three cities served by the department. Council member Ruff inquired about the note of "hazards," which Chief O'Halloren explained. He also indicated that there may be some publicity about a recent bill that came before the state legislature regarding "debtor's prisons." There are times when, due to socio-economic concerns, bond amounts are reduced. The department tries to balance the pragmatic and the compassionate sides of the issue and feels they are on the right side of this issue. Chief O'Halloren also shared a story of a woman who was recently arrested and who had a warrant outstanding from another state. Our officer did a good job of digging into the details of the situation and found out that the outstanding warrant had actually been resolved. The woman was very grateful. The department also quickly identified a suspect in the Walmart burglary and individuals of interest in some car burglaries also. There was some discussion about new security cameras being installed on some of the new facilities in the area. Mayor Tietze asked about the collection on outstanding warrants and the partnership that was developed with a third-party to aid in the collection. Chief O'Halloren indicated that the agreement has not really been implemented yet, as they are awaiting the roll-out of the new software. Council members expressed appreciation for the good work of the department.

#### **V. Approval of Revised Operation Green Light Agreement**

The next item on the agenda relates to the approval of a Revised Operation Green Light Agreement, prepared by MARC. This agreement involves traffic lights. The Kansas Attorney General had some issues with the original agreement and MARC has worked to rectify the AG's concerns. Council member Fisher moved and Council member Ruff seconded the motion to approve the amended agreement.

#### **VI. Amendment to Parking Lot Ordinances**

The Council next turned to amendment of the parking lot lighting ordinances. Mayor Tietze reminded the Council of past amendments to this ordinance and outlined the changes to the new ordinance, which further bring the city in line with more modern language for ordinances related to lighting of parking lots for commercially-zoned properties. The changes do not affect residentially-zoned properties, so the St. Rose church is not affected. Council member Baenisch inquired of the Henleys whether they had any issues related to the lights from the Karbank lot. They indicated they personally did not.

Council member Dunn joined the meeting.

Council member Fisher moved and Council member Baenisch seconded approval of Ordinance 199. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

## **VII. Pedestrian Safety**

The Council next turned to pedestrian safety at SMP and MW Terrace. Mayor Tietze asked John Sullivan to join the meeting to help guide the discussion and the next steps related to this issue. Council member Fisher noted that cars are looking east to see if they can turn right on red. Council member Fisher was in the cross-walk at the time but the vehicle was not watching for pedestrians. There is no push to walk button and Council member Fisher is interested in finding ways to improve safety for pedestrians trying to cross SMP at this intersection. Mr. Sullivan noted that he started by checking the time allowed for crossing to be sure it is in compliance under the Uniform traffic control devices. We are within the time allotment. There are some signs that are permissible that we could add to facing southbound Rainbow traffic that could require drivers to give some consideration to pedestrians. A sign can be erected without a traffic study but anything of more import will require some sort of a traffic study. Council member inquired about a flashing light of some sort that could be installed to activate when someone is in the cross-walk. There was some discussion about causing driver confusion with flashing lights. Council member Fisher noted that more people are crossing at the intersection in recent years. Another option is for the City to hire a crossing guard for the hours when children are going to school or coming home. Private security firms would cost around \$5600 per year, unless there is a volunteer who is willing to serve, but volunteers present certain issues as well. Mr. Sullivan also noted that the green arrow allowing right turns could be studied to find whether it adds to the problem. A study could also be done to see whether, if a button is pressed for someone to cross, a no-turn on red arrow or sign is activated. KDOT would still need to be involved in signing off. Council member Franklin inquired about the cost of a traffic study. Mr. Sherman suggested the Council write a scope of services and obtain some bids to determine what the cost of a traffic study might be. Council member Fisher suggested installing the static sign and going forward with obtaining bids. Council member Franklin agreed and Mayor Tietze will work with Mr. Sullivan to prepare the scope and in order to obtain bids.

## **VIII. Storm Sewer Video**

The next item relates to review of the storm sewer video. Council member Fisher had been visiting with A-1 and asked for a bid. The A1 rep wanted to know the type of material, the diameter and the lineal feet for the project. This information is still being gathered. This person has done large amounts of work like this for Shawnee. Council member Dunn received an hourly rate from his contact and will work to get a more formal bid from this contact. Mr. Sullivan also noted to be sure that when obtaining bids, interpretation and analysis from the engineering firms are also included, in addition to the video tape itself.

## **IX. Potential Need for Replatting**

The next item on the agenda involves the potential need for replatting the KU Hospital Association property. Mayor Tietze indicated the state of the plat of the KU property came to the City's attention in light of permits being sought by AT&T. The issue is whether we should ask KU to replat the property in order to clean up some existing issues. Fred Sherman printed some maps and provided an overview of platting and the process. Most of the plats in Mission Woods were filed before the City was incorporated. There are streets that were put on paper but were never built, and Mission Woods has some responsibility with respect to these paper streets. Technically, there is 19 ft. of right of way on the north side of the KU property. It has really never been an issue until now. The KU storm water improvement area that will be installed as part of KU's new parking lot improvements will be in part of the Mission Woods right of way. By requiring KU to re-plat, the paper streets could be vacated and appropriate easements could be granted. Platting is not free – it will require an engineer and survey work, but it is a reasonable expense in light of the improvements. Council member Fisher inquired about what we would need to ask for if we wanted to extend the street all the way through. Mr. Sherman indicated that there are standards to which it would all need to be done. Council member Baenisch noted that he expects there are a lot of residents on 51<sup>st</sup> street who would prefer not to have a street extended behind their back yards. Council member Franklin noted that KU's future plans for the property make some difference in terms of whether the City would want a street through the property. Additional discussion occurred regarding decisions related to this issue. Mr. Sherman wanted to bring this issue to the Council's attention for discussion and analysis. Council discussed how to proceed with this new information. The Council determined the need to make the KU people aware of the issue coming onto the Council's radar and the fact that the Council will need to address this issue as part of the permitting process. A letter will be sent to KU and the Council will take this up again in May.

## **X. Financial Review**

Chuck is unable to attend so year-end financials will take place next month.

## **XI. General Comments**

Mr. Sullivan noted a call from Karbank's contractor about relocation of driveways that will impact the streetlights. The streetlights will need to be moved at Karbank's expense. Mr. Sullivan wondered whether we should approach Mr. Karbank about whether he wants to take on those streetlights and replace with ones that match his lighting scheme on his property. Mayor Tietze will visit with Mr. Karbank about this.

Mayor Tietze reminded Council members that he had sent to them the County reevaluation for the City and that commercial valuations went up rather substantially.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.