



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in special session on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, Kansas.

Members Present: Mayor Robert Tietze  
Council Member Darrell Franklin  
Council Member Bill Dunn  
Council Member Joan Ruff  
Council Member Cory Fisher

Members Absent: Council Member Amy McAnarney

Visitors Present: Jessica James, City Attorney

**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**

The Council took up the minutes of the March City Council Meeting. Mayor Tietze asked for corrections or additions. There were none. Council Member Ruff moved to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Dunn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**III. Warrants**

The Council next turned its attention to approval of the March warrants. Council member Franklin asked about the charge from KCP&L. Mayor Tietze confirmed that it was a quarterly charge. After a review of the warrants, a motion was made by Council Member Franklin to approve the warrants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ruff, which passed unanimously.

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

The Council then reviewed the police report. Mayor Tietze pointed out a reported larceny and theft within the City. According to the Mayor, this was case of stolen identity where a credit card was fraudulently opened in a resident's name. With no further discussion, the Mayor closed the police report review.

#### **V. Landscaping Within the City**

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on City maintained landscaping. The Mayor explained that certain portions of landscaping have traditionally been maintained by the City where a portion of the property is owned by the City, yet it abuts private property. In some cases, the City has maintained the landscaping on both the public and private areas. This issue was raised to determine whether or not the City wanted to continue maintenance of these areas. Council Member Ruff asked if agreements to maintain the landscaping had been made with the property owners. Mayor Tietze stated he believed verbal agreements had been made in certain cases. Council Member Fisher stated that he believes the areas in question are viewed as entrances to the City and should be maintained. Council Member Dunn added that he believes the landscaping in these areas add to the aesthetic of the City. The Mayor stated that Edward Cantu had elected to maintain the area in question on his property, but the Mayor would reach out again to confirm.

#### **VI. November Election Filings**

The Mayor then introduced the next item on the agenda, the November election for City Council and Mayoral positions. Mayor Tietze stated that he has agreed to run for Mayor again. Council Members Ruff and McAnarney will also run for reelection. Greg Young, Tommy Clemente, and Don Greenwell also agreed to run for Council positions. Mayor Tietze reported that the paperwork for candidacy must be filed no later than June 1, 2017. Mayor Tietze also offered to provide the necessary paperwork to those who needed it.

#### **VII. Restrictions of Property Sales in Mission Woods**

The next item on the agenda was restrictions on property sales within the City. Mayor Tietze stated that an issue was raised at a recent Northeast Johnson County Mayors' Meeting where at least one other city discovered restrictions placed on properties within a city preventing property from being transferred to people with certain religious backgrounds. The Mayor reported that he had inquired about this issue with the City attorney, who reviewed the City Code and found no such restrictions. However, it was determined that the best way to discover if similar restrictions existed in Mission Woods was for the City to simply review a title report from a recently purchased property. The Mayor received and reviewed a recent title report, which did not reveal any restrictions regarding property transfers to any minorities.

#### **VIII. Survey to Determine Ownership of Property**

Mayor Tietze then updated the Council on the maintenance of a fence along the property owned by Jay and Ingrid Sidie and Shawnee Mission Parkway. The Mayor reported that the City has ordered a survey to determine who actually owns the fence. Mr. Sidie informed the Mayor that he was told the fence was owned and maintained by the City. In response, the City agreed to request a survey to determine ownership of the fence.

## **IX. General Comments**

The Mayor then opened the agenda for general comments. Mayor Tietze stated the warrants and police report would be provided electronically prior to the next meeting, and from then on, for the Council's convenience. There were no more comments.

At 7:25 p.m., Council Member Fisher moved to recess into executive session in order to consult with the City's legal counsel on matters related to litigation involving property located at 2216 West 51st Street, Mission Woods, KS. This discussion was deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Council Member Dunn seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The City Council convened with legal counsel, Jessica B. James, in Executive Session.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:55 p.m.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Franklin. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ruff and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.