



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 1, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow, Westwood, Kansas.

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

Visitors Present: Jessica James, City Attorney  
John Martin, City Treasurer  
Mike and Kathy Henley  
Ron Shaffer  
Chief Lopez

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Presentation by Ron Shaffer**

Mayor Tietze introduced County Commissioner Ron Shaffer, who represents the First District in Johnson County, Kansas. Mr. Shaffer stated that he was presenting to the Council as part of an attempt to meet with all the City Councils in his district to update them on what issues are pending at the County level.

Mr. Shaffer started off by giving an overview of the budget history. Mr. Shaffer stated that there had been a flat mill levy in Johnson County since 2006 that ended this year when the mill levy was increased 3.3. The breakdown of this increase is 1.8 for countywide fund (including

transportation), .75 for JCPRD, and .75 for Johnson County Library. Mr. Shaffer also presented the mill levies for the other four (4) largest counties in Kansas. The Johnson County mill levy is below all these other counties. Council member Ruff asked if the low mill levy was due to the fact the value of property in Johnson County typically exceeds the value of property in the other counties. Mr. Shaffer stated that this was a partial explanation and that the tax income generated from businesses in Johnson County was also a factor.

The overall 2016 County budget is \$928.7. This includes 743.2 million in total expenditures and \$185.5 million in reserves. The reason for the large amount of reserves, other than to pay for unforeseen costs, is to maintain the County's AAA rating. Council member Ruff asked if the reserves were cumulative. Mr. Shaffer stated that he believed it was but after some discussion stated he would look into the issue and let Mayor Tietze know.

Mr. Shaffer then went into detail regarding the 1.8 mill levy increase, including the expansion of the transit service. Johnson County recently joined KCATA rather than having its own service. The expansion includes the Metcalf corridor, 75<sup>th</sup> Street, and access to the Legends.

The .75 mill levy increase will help the four (4) libraries in District 1 of Johnson County remain open. These libraries are Corinth, Antioch, Leawood, and Cedar Roe.

The .75 mill levy increase for the Parks Department will include planned improvements to the Antioch Park. There is also a proposal to open Meadow Brook Park where the old Meadow Brook Golf Course is located.

Mr. Shaffer also addressed the proposed changes to the old King Louie building. This building will be converted into the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center. This will include performing arts venues as well as the Johnson County Museum.

In closing Mr. Shaffer identified the County Commissioners strategic priorities: 1) Promote the self-sufficiency of the County's vulnerable populations; 2) Develop a strategic transportation plan for all modes of transportation; 3) Conduct a comprehensive review of the sewer development policy; and 4) Reach and implement a decision about the County Courthouse.

### **III. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The Council then turned its attention to the November City Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Tietze first asked for corrections or additions to the November Council meeting minutes. There were none. Council member McAnarney moved to approve the minutes and Council member Dunn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **IV. Special Meeting Minutes**

The Council then addressed the minutes of the special meeting. Mayor Tietze first asked for corrections or additions to the special meeting minutes. There were none. Council member Fisher moved to approve the minutes and Council member McAnarney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **V. Warrants**

The Council next turned to approval of the warrants. Council member Ruff asked if the landscaping charge was for the services identified in the special meeting. Mayor Tietze stated that these charges were just for the normal landscaping services incurred by the City and that thus far the City had not received a bill for the landscaping services associated with the KU parking lot. Council member McAnarney stated that she noticed the charge for the glass recycling service and noted that she really appreciated the reminder email sent out about this service. Council member Ruff moved to approve the warrants and Council member Franklin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **IV. Police Report**

The Council then reviewed the police report. There were no questions.

## **V. City Treasurer**

Mayor Tietze next introduced the City's new treasurer and budget official, John Martin. Mr. Martin stated that he was excited to work with the City. Mayor Tietze explained the Mr. Martin would need to be added to the City's bank accounts to transfer City funds when necessary. Mayor Tietze asked for a resolution to accomplish this. Council member Dunn moved to add Mr. Martin to the City's bank accounts. Council member McAnarney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The City Attorney will prepare the appropriate form resolution for signature by the Mayor.

## **VI. Discussion of Tree Planting**

Mayor Tietze then gave an update on some trees located in the City right-of-way which have been affected by the emerald ash borer. There are 16 ash trees in the public right of way in the City. Twelve are reportedly affected by the infestation and will need to be replaced. Mayor Tietze stated that he contacted Barb Haviland with the Homeowner's Association ("HOA"), Ms. Haviland proposed that the HOA pay 1/3 of the cost of replacing these trees, the homeowner pay 1/3 of the cost, and the City pay 1/3 of the cost up to \$200. Council member Franklin stated that \$200 was not a large investment for a tree and asked what kind of trees the City was envisioning. Mayor Tietze stated they had not gotten that far in their discussions. Mayor Tietze stated he would check on the cost of replacing the trees. Council member Fisher asked if the City had a list of the property owner's with affected trees, which Mayor Tietze confirmed. Council member Fisher then suggested that the City send a letter notifying the homeowners of the issue. Mayor Tietze agreed and stated that he would send the correspondence.

## **VIII. General Comments**

Mayor Tietze reported that the sewer taping was supposed to occur on December 1, 2015 but had been postponed due to weather concerns. The taping was rescheduled and should occur within the next couple of days. Mayor Tietze also reported that he had been in contact with John Sullivan and that he planned to review the streets after the first of the year.

Council member Franklin asked if there was an update on the KU parking lot expansion and proposed landscaping. Council member Fisher reported that he heard from Jay Sidie that the KU architect told Mr. Sidie that the ARB had approved the revised landscaping plan. Council member Fisher stated that if true this is an issue because to his knowledge the landscaping architect hired by the City, Mr. Bingham, has not addressed the revised landscaping plan. Council member Fisher reminded the Council that a conditional permit had been issued to KU pending the approval of the landscaping plan and that maybe the City needed to remind Westwood that the permit was conditional and that the City hasn't approved the revised plan. Mayor Tietze stated that to his knowledge the ARB had not approved the revised landscaping plan. Council member Fisher stated that he would reach out to Mr. Bingham to obtain an update on the revised landscaping plan.

Council member Fisher stated he was concerned about the bill for Michael's Landscaping, which he believed was high. Council member Franklin agreed that it seemed to be a lot of money. The Council then reviewed the line item bill for this charge stating that most was for the hanging of Christmas lights. Mayor Tietze stated that one of the benefits of using this company is that the proprietor is close by and can assist in case of an emergency. Council member Fisher stated that the City had put this item out for bid some time ago, but believes the Council should keep an eye on these charges.

Council member McAnarney inquired about the Entercom property but Mayor Tietze stated that he had not received an update.

Council member Dunn stated that he did not believe the KU parking lot lights were being shut off per the City's Code. Mayor stated that he also did not believe the Karbank lights were turned off per the Code but that there were safety concerns in turning the lights off.

Mayor Tietze informed the Council that there is a BZA meeting on December 14, 2015 regarding a requested variance at 1968 Shawnee Mission Parkway.

Council member Franklin asked if any students were crossing at Shawnee Mission Parkway now that there is a crossing guard there. Council member Fisher reported that one student is crossing in the morning and a second in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.