



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in person at Westwood City Hall.

Call to Order

Mayor Mays called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Councilmember Roll Call

Present:	Don Greenwell	Absent:	None
	Carol Thomas		
	Robert Tietze		
	Erica Hartley		
	Ramsay Mohsen (arr. 7:11 p.m.)		
	Keith Mays, Mayor		

Quorum was established.

Others present: John Martin (Treasurer), Jeff Deane (City Attorney), Mike and Kathy Henley, Leslie Carto, Michael Knierim, and Chief Curt Mansell

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting was made by Councilmember Greenwell and seconded by Councilmember Tietze. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 4-0, Councilmember Mohsen did not vote.

Review and Approval of Warrants

Mayor Mays started the discussion on the warrants and noted his expenses (Mayor's lunch and google) Mayor Mays commented that that he should not sign a check to himself. The City Attorney, stated that as long as he was authorized by vote to do it there should not be a problem, but anyone that is authorized on the account could sign. After additional discussion on the warrants, a motion to approve Warrants was made by Councilmember Hartley and seconded by Councilmember Greenwell. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 4-0, Councilmember Mohsen did not vote.

Review of Police Report

Chief Mansell provided a report to the Council on the police activities in the preceding month.

Unfinished Business

- **Resident Michael Knierim's lighting complaint**

Mayor Mays inquired if there were any updates regarding this matter. The City Attorney responded that a request for an update to the attorney for the Archdiocese was sent, but has

not yet been answered. He went on to explain that the last information received was they were waiting on Evergy and he would follow up.

- **Streetlight Project**

This matter has been completed.

- **Construction Projects**

The City Attorney advised that Ms. Touchstone of his office has a request in to discuss the list of suggestions with a concerned resident and we hope to have something of substance by the next meeting.

- **Update to Ordinance on trash receptacles**

Mayor Mays requested the City Attorney present the proposed changes to the City Code. Discussion was had regarding the wording of the ordinance and changes to reflect the discussion were requested. Additional discussion was had regarding code enforcement and how and when to notify residents of code requirements.

There was discussion on the monitoring of the compliance of the codes.

Discussion on the lighting complaint resumed regarding the code violation. Mr. Deane stated if Council wanted, he would write a demand letter to get this matter handled. He also stated that he emailed the Archdiocese's counsel and inquired about his contact with Evergy. Mr. Knierim, the resident involved in this matter, asked that when the lighting is being fixed, he would like to be present.

- **Pembroke Hill Tennis Court use, noise**

The City Attorney advised that Pembroke's representatives did not show for the meeting scheduled for December 1. Pembroke's attorney advised his deposition in Pennsylvania ran late and he missed his return flight but does want to meet.

- **Mission Woods Terrace entrance safety**

Mayor Mays stated a meeting was scheduled tomorrow regarding this matter and would hopefully have something to report at next meeting.

New Business

- **Official City Newspaper**

The City Attorney advised that §1-201 of the City Code names the City's official newspaper is the Johnson County Sun, which stopped printing in August of 2011, so an amendment to the ordinance needs to be made changing the official newspaper. Councilmember Tietze made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment to change the official newspaper to the Legal Record and Councilmember Greenwell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Greenwell, Hartley, Mohsen, Thomas, and Tietze. Noes – None. Absent – None. This item was approved.

- **Crossing guard at Shawnee Mission Parkway**

Mayor Mays requested Councilmember Tietze to report on this matter. Councilmember Tietze on the proposal received for crossing guard services at Rainbow and Shawnee Mission Parkway, and that \$35 an hour seemed to be an acceptable rate. The council discussed the amount of time a day which the crossing guard was needed. Councilmember Thomas shared that this intersection is dangerous and that the Crossing Guard is needed. More discussion was had on this matter. Councilmember Hartley made a motion to approve the budget expenditure for a crossing guard and the adoption of the quote received, not to exceed \$12,949.00 and Councilmember Mohsen seconded. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 5-0.

- **Mission Woods 75th anniversary / original signs**

Councilmember Tietze stated he had sent the council pictures of the original City boundary signs put in place when Mission Woods was incorporated that had been stored by Michael Ludwig. It was decided more discussion needed to be had on this matter at a later date.

- **Mayor / Council transition**

Mayor Mays reported on the transition of the Council at the first of the year. January 9, 2024, was selected to be the first City Council meeting of the year.

Other Business

- **Open To Discussion By Council And Guests**

Councilmember Greenwell was thanked for his service and congratulated on his retirement.

- **Motion to Adjourn**

Having no further business, Councilmember Tietze made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Hartley seconded and was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.