



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 5, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Tietze, Cory Fisher, Mary Hunkeler, Bill Sanders, Charles Bachand  
Others Present: Heather S. Esau Zerger, Jim Sherman, Charles S. Haviland  
Members Absent: Bill Dunn

Mayor Tietze called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tietze first introduced Jim Sherman, the new, full-time building and codes official for the City of Westwood, who will also be providing services to Mission Woods. Mayor Tietze expressed excitement that this full-time position has been approved. Mr. Sherman will be involved in many of the current projects occurring within Mission Woods. Mr. Sherman provided a brief introduction and shared his background with the Council. Mr. Sherman will be providing services for Westwood Hills and Mission Woods, in addition to Westwood. Mr. Sherman then excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Next on the agenda was approval of the January Council meeting minutes. Council member Bachand made the motion to approve and Council member Hunkeler seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Mayor then directed the Council members to a memo prepared by the City Attorney regarding the existing City Ordinances related to noise. Mayor Tietze stated he intends to provide copies of the memo and a copy of the existing noise ordinances to attendees at a meeting between certain residents and two council members, which is scheduled for February 6, 2013. The Mayor also provided members with a copy of the noise ordinances.

The Council then turned to approval of the warrants. The Mayor noted that Westwood did sweep the streets without request from Mission Woods. Council member Bachand moved to approve the warrants and Council member Sanders seconded the motion. Following a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the police reports. Council member Sanders noted with appreciation the memo sent by the Mayor to residents concerning recent break-ins in Westwood. No incidents had been reported in Mission Woods yet. The Council noted sightings of the unmarked police cars in the area.

The Mayor then provided update on the review of the pedestrian cross-walk on State Line Road. A review will be done by someone from KCMO and this individual may come to a Council meeting to make any necessary recommendations regarding improvements in this area. A traffic study may need to be performed to further analyze this area.

The Mayor then referenced the upcoming Google Informational Presentation on Feb. 27 from 5:00 – Google will provide a tour of the facility and a conduct a question and answer session. This will be a chance for residents to get information about the forthcoming services that will be offered by Google. A Google representative has told Mayor Tietze, Mayor Ye and Mayor Heeney that it does not want to make Westwood View the “model” facility, though services will certainly be offered to the school just as to any other property in the area. There is still no established time-frame for when Google will actually begin offering services in NE Johnson County.

The Council then turned to Comments.

The Mayor indicated a need to re-visit the plan that had been started for a multi-year capital improvement fund. Terry Yule, an engineer for the City of Mission Woods at one time, provided some information for use by the Council but did not provide a prioritization or any understanding for the Council regarding the urgency of action with respect to the items identified in his analysis. One issue that was identified was storm sewers. At the time of the review, a necessary curbing project was completed but other projects were supposed to be lined up in the queue following this and these projects have not followed as discussed. Council member Sanders indicated that we have an ageing infrastructure and we need to determine how to care for it before it falls apart. After discussion, the Council suggested Jim Sherman be consulted regarding these issues and the Mayor will take it to him for discussion.

The Mayor reported that questions were raised regarding the packet that everyone received regarding the election material. They seem to be duplicates.

The City has been solicited again for a contribution to the Roeland Park, Fairway and Westwood fireworks display. Last year, Mission Woods donated \$250.00 toward this display. Council member Sanders made the motion that we contribute the same amount this year and Council member Fisher seconded the motion. Following a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Council member Bachand asked about requests for notification of meetings that have been submitted by residents. The City Attorney provided an explanation.

Council member Sanders asked about any current issues before the Architectural Review Board and Mayor Tietze provided an explanation about current renovation projects. Council member Sanders also asked how we will be paying Jim Sherman, who will be assisting with these projects. Mayor Tietze indicated that Mr. Sherman is paid hourly and the rate is in line with what Mission Woods paid to his predecessor, though the precise figure was not at hand.

The Mayor also noted the Apple Market in Westwood will be closed and a Walmart grocery store will take its place.

Council member Sanders inquired about social events the Home Owners' Association is organizing. One is a Spring Fling and they are looking for locations, perhaps to be held in April. Another event is being planned for the summer.

The Mayor has not heard any report on the status of the Historic District status for Westwood Hills. Mayor Tietze may follow up with the Mayor of Westwood Hills for a current status report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.