



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, Kansas.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Amy McAnarney
Council Member Bill Dunn

Visitors Present: Steve Mauer, City Attorney
John Martin, City Treasurer
Dan Miller, Engineer – Lamp Larkin Rynearson

I. Call to Order

Mayor Tietze called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of Prior Meeting

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

III. Warrants

The Council next turned its attention to approval of the warrants. Mayor Tietze commented that some water had been left draining at the 1968 Shawnee Mission Parkway building, which

created issues with water flowing onto the roadway and caused ice to form. The condition was dealt with by Westwood Public Works. Having no further discussion, 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 asked for discussion and again commented on the 1968 Shawnee Mission Parkway building and the water shutoff issue. With no further discussion, the Mayor closed the review of the police report.

V. Karbank Holdings

The next item was approval of the Settlement Agreement with Karbank Holdings. Mayor Tietze explained this agreement was to resolve the potential litigation between Karbank Properties and the City. Having no further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Fisher to approve the Settlement Agreement. Council Member Franklin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. Sinkholes

Next on the agenda was the approval of submitted bids for the sinkhole. The Mayor called on Dan Miller, Engineer from Lamp Larkin Rynearson. Mr. Miller explained the condition of the sinkhole and the likely proposal to fix it. He submitted an estimate of \$20,000.00 in engineering costs. He estimated the likely scenario for actual repair of the underground drainage structure to fix the sinkhole could exceed \$124,000.00. Council Member Franklin asked about KDOT and its work on the adjacent sinkhole by the sidewalk. He also asked about having KDOT put a fence or blockage on the sidewalk. Mr. Miller said he would talk with KDOT's regional engineer and request KDOT expedite this project. Council Member Ruff also expressed concerns about the sidewalk and the speed with which KDOT might address this issue. Council Member Fisher commented that the work needed to be done and any additional time would only make the situation worse. Mr. Miller explained that the repairs needed to be engineered and that ideally, if the work could be done in the winter, it would be better to effectuate the repairs. Mayor Tietze agreed that there was no additional time to waste in beginning the repair work. Mr. Miller also explained that the estimate included funds to create easements for the storm drainage from the abutting property owners. Mayor Tietze explained he had already spoken with the property owners and believed that they would consent to the easements. Having no further discussion, a motion to approve the engineering bid for repair of the sinkhole was made by Council Member Franklin. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

VII. Ordinance 211

The next item was approval of Ordinance 211 for construction and tear downs. Council Member Ruff asked about the proposed language. Council Member Fisher explained that the purpose of the change was to allow a home or property that had been torn down, but exceeded the City Code's 20% limit, would be able to rebuild to the same size as prior to the tear down. In other words, the existing structure or 20% of the lot size, whichever ever was greater. With that

explanation, Council Member Ruff had no further questions. Mayor Tietze called for a motion. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Franklin and passed unanimously.

VIII. Ordinance 213

Next on the agenda was the approval of Ordinance 213. Mayor Tietze explained that the Kansas Legislature had adopted a new Wireless Deployment Act, which severely limited the ability of municipalities to control location of cell towers. He explained that various cities in northeast Johnson County had prepared a similar ordinance. Council Member Ruff asked the origin of this ordinance. Mayor Tietze explained that it came from Mission Hills and Prairie Village. With no further discussion, Council Member Franklin made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ruff and passed unanimously.

IX. Leaf Pickup

The next item was regarding an additional Citywide leaf pickup. Mayor Tietze explained that after the last leaf pickup, several trees had shed their leaves. The City received an estimate of \$1,989.00 for one final leaf pickup. If approved by the City Council, the pickup will occur on January 9, 2017. Mayor Tietze asked for a motion to approve this final leaf pickup. The motion was made by Council Member Fisher and seconded by Council Member Ruff, so long as it was the "FINAL" leaf pickup. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Operation Green Light

Mayor Tietze then moved to amend the agenda to add Operation Green Light, which is an annual agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council for Traffic Lights. The City of Westwood pays approximately 75% and the City of Mission Woods pays approximately 25%. The annual cost is \$600.00 per year. Council Member Fisher made a motion to approve the agreement. Council Member Franklin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XI. Street Lights

The next item of discussion was the purchase of street lights from KCP&L. Mayor Tietze explained that this request came from some ARB Board Members regarding the lack of uniformity of the street lights and the fact that the light poles had not been painted for quite some time. Mayor Tietze also explained that Black & MacDonald had performed a survey and calculated twenty-eight lights. Mr. Martin calculated the price of purchasing those lights from KCP&L at approximately \$2,500.00 per light. There was much discussion about the potential cost of purchasing the lights and then replacing the light poles so they are "uniform." There was also discussion regarding the City's financial wherewithal to purchase the lights as compared to simply paying the ongoing expense to KCP&L. Mayor Tietze commented that the proposed cost from KCP&L to the City was significantly more per pole than the cost paid by other northeast Johnson County cities that had similarly purchased their light poles from KCP&L. In the end, there was no motion made to move forward with purchasing the lights from KCP&L. Therefore, the discussion was ended.

XII. General Comments

The Mayor then opened up the agenda for general comments. Council Member Fisher asked about a succession plan. He expressed concern that there was not a lot of public involvement in the City meetings or public interest in serving as Mayor or on the City Council. After much discussion, Mayor Tietze agreed to send a newsletter throughout the City to highlight the achievements of 2016 and to discuss the timeline of filing for public office.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.