



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 2, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2020 virtually, via Zoom.

Members Present: Mayor Darrell Franklin
Council Member Christopher Brent
Council Member Selina Zapata Bur
Council Member Carrol Thomas
Council Member Lauren Aleshire
Council Member Thomas Clemente

Others Present: Alex Felzien, City Attorney
Police Chief Greg O'Halloran
City Treasurer John Martin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

There were no comments or changes to the January minutes from the Council. Council Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes and Council Member Brent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Ayes – V, Nays – 0).

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY WARRANTS

There were no comments or questions. Council Member Brent moved to approve the warrants as submitted, Council Member Aleshire seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Ayes – V; Nays – 0).

IV. Review of Police Report

Mayor Franklin noted there was not much activity on the report. Chief O'Halloran explained a burglary at a residence under construction and reminded the Council that if they know anyone remodeling their home to advise them that those homes are at an elevated risk of burglary.

V. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER UPDATE

City Attorney Felzien advised the Council that Sprint had made contact with KU Medical Center, and that the City will be involved in negotiations moving forward.

VI. PRESENTATION OF 2020 MISSION WOODS FINANCIALS

Mayor then invited City Treasurer to explain the City's finances. Treasurer Martin explained the state of the financials, noting that revenue exceed budget by \$4,500, sales tax revenue exceeded budget by \$12,800 and utility and franchise taxes exceeded budget by \$7,000. Treasurer Martin explained this helped offset the reduction in court fines and other revenue items that were affected by the pandemic. Overall, Treasurer Martin explained, the City finished the pandemic year in a good position with a healthy general revenue to carry over into 2021. Treasurer Martin explained the City's cash carryover in the general fund is in excess of \$100,000. Mayor Franklin inquired about several items on the statement, including street light fees, and the stormwater project. Treasurer Martin explained the City is in good financial shape for the 2021 budget. Mayor Franklin agreed with Treasurer Martin that it was a surprisingly good year, given the extenuating circumstances caused by the pandemic.

VII. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO WESTWOOD PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE AGREEMENT

City Attorney Felzien explained the minimal increases in hourly wages paid to the City of Westwood for public works services. Attorney Felzien explained that the total increase in wages amounts to \$22 dollars per hour more than 2019. There were no comments or discussion from the Council. Council Member Thomas made a motion to authorize Mayor Franklin's signature, which Council Member Bur seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. (Ayes – V; Nays – 0).

VIII. CONNECTED COMMUNITY SIDEWALKS

Mayor Franklin notified the Council that he and Council Member Bur had a meeting with Mid America Regional Council (MARC). MARC could offer up to \$400,000, but the City cannot apply until 2022 and the funds would not be available until 2024. MARC explained it only accepts applications every two years, and 2022 is the earliest the City could apply. If the City's application is approved, the funds would be available October 1, 2024. Mayor had a follow up meeting with KU Medical Center regarding the wider easement sought by the City to avoid utility poles, and KU Medical is studying the plan and will be in contact with the City. KU Medical went to the trouble of staking out the wider easement so the parties could see how wide the easement would be.

Council Member Bur added that MARC mentioned it would like more involvement from Mission Woods in regional planning. Council Member Bur stated she plans to attend transportation committee meetings in the future.

IX. BIKE WALK KC

Council Member Aleshire mentioned there have been no updates since the January Council meeting.

X. Miscellaneous

Chief O'Halloran mentioned his department needed to correct the police report to state 51st Street, instead of 50th Street.

Council Member Bur mentioned updating a comprehensive plan as it may be over a decade old at this point. Mayor Franklin explained he would search for the previous comprehensive plan at City Hall. Council Member Bur explained that comprehensive plans are frequently updated every 7 years. Mayor Franklin stated that discussion of a comprehensive plan will be on the agenda for the March Council meeting.

Mayor Franklin mentioned he would like to improve the City's website this year, making it more user friendly and attractive. Council Member Aleshire mentioned she has noticed emails from the company that may have originally built the site, and that a new website could be built for a few thousand dollars. Council Member Aleshire offered to reach out to the company and see if they could make a recommendation on updating the City website, and it was agreed by the Council. Council Member Brent offered to assist Council Member Aleshire in this project.

Council Member Brent mentioned the speed bumps on Belinder and his desire to see them on his street.

Council Member Brent made motion to adjourn, which Council Member Thomas seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.