



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

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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

Members Absent: Council Member Thomas Clemente

Others Present: Alex Felzien, City Attorney
John Martin, City Treasurer
Stuart Little, with Little Government Relations

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

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

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY WARRANTS

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

IV. Review of Police Report

Chief O'Halloran was not present, and therefore there was no discussion on the police report.

V. PRESENTATION BY LITTLE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Stuart Little explained his firm's background and the other Northeast Johnson County communities that employ his firm's services. Mr. Little explained his company charges each City a dollar per citizen to do advocacy work on behalf of the communities. Mr. Little explained the reports his company provides including policy updates from the Kansas Legislature. Mr. Little then explained the various changes to Kansas law that are anticipated in 2021 and beyond. Mayor Franklin asked about the benefit the City would receive from the firm's services, and Mr. Little explained his firm would present information specific to Mission Woods on a frequent basis. Mr. Little stated he would send a proposal for the Council to consider. Mayor Franklin explained the cost would be roughly \$185 per year for Mission Woods.

VI. DISCUSSION ON SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

Mayor Franklin explained a recent article in the Wall Street Journal regarding other municipalities nationwide legislating the short-term rentals. Council Member Brent stated the thirty-day rental requirement, as discussed in the article, seemed reasonable. Council Member Aleshire conducted a search on AirBnb and found local rentals surrounding the Mission Woods area. The Council directed City Attorney Felzien to draft an ordinance for further consideration at the April Council meeting. City Attorney Felzien advised his office would assess the legality of the proposed ordinance and would have something to present to the Council at its April meeting.

VII. MISSION WOODS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Franklin stated that the last Mission Woods Comprehensive Plan was drafted in 2007. Council Member Bur stated that she has examined the 2007 Plan and researched other communities local to Mission Woods, and found that the time between updates is, on average, 14 years. Council Member Bur mentioned that the current Comprehensive Plan is likely based on census data two decades old. Council Member Bur suggested reengaging the Planning Commission to review the Comprehensive Plan every year, per statute. Mayor Franklin suggested reaching out to Gould Evans to see if they still provide Comprehensive Plan services, what the process would be, and possible expenses, as Gould Evans helped prepare the 2007 Plan. The Council discussed that other companies would be contacted. Council Member Bur stated that this process is a one-to-two-year process.

VIII. MISSION WOODS WEBSITE

Mayor Franklin spoke with the Mayor of Fairway, Kansas and found a GovOffice.com was a cost-effective builder of websites, and that it was possible to rebuild the website virtually.

Council Member Aleshire mentioned that she and Council Member Brent have tried to contact GovOffice.com, but have not made contact. Council Member Aleshire explained that hopefully they will have a meeting this month with GovOffice and provide an update to the Council in April.

IX. UPDATE ON CONNECTED COMMUNITY SIDEWALKS PROJECT

Mayor Franklin explained the City is waiting to hear if KU Medical Center is willing to grant a permanent sidewalk easement on its land. The purpose of the permanent sidewalk easement is to avoid the utilities poles currently within City right-of-way. Mayor Franklin explained that he or Council Member Bur will update the Council when they hear back from KU Medical Center.

X. STATUS OF NEW MISSION WOODS LIGHT POLES

Mayor Franklin explained that Council Member Clemente has followed up with Evergy and hope to have an update in the next 4-6 weeks regarding the light poles. These were new lights poles that the City Council approved in 2019.

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION

City Treasurer John Martin explained that there was nothing of note, financially, to report on.

Council Member Thomas made motion to adjourn, which Council Member Brent seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.