



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 20, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in special session on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, Kansas.

Members Present: Mayor Robert Tietze
Council Member Darrell Franklin
Council Member Amy McAnarney
Council Member Bill Dunn

Members Absent: Council Member Joan Ruff
Council Member Cory Fisher

Visitors Present: Jessica James, City Attorney
John Martin, City Treasurer

I. Call to Order

Mayor Tietze called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present. The Mayor stated that three Council members requested this special meeting in order to conduct the regular business of the City as a quorum was not present on the originally scheduled Council meeting date.

II. Minutes of Prior Meeting

The Council took up the January City Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Tietze first asked for corrections or additions. There were none. Council Member Franklin moved to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Dunn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Mayor then noted that the City Attorney had drafted a memorandum of the February Council meeting, at which no business was conducted due to the lack of a quorum. The Mayor and City Attorney clarified that the memorandum did not need to be approved.

III. Warrants

The Council next turned its attention to approval of the January and February warrants. After a review of the warrants, a motion was made by Council Member McAnarney to approve the warrants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dunn, which passed unanimously.

IV. Police Report

The Council then reviewed the police report. Mayor Tietze mentioned he has noticed a stronger police presence, to which Council Member McAnarney agreed. Mayor Tietze stated he believed this is because the Westwood Police Department is fully staffed for the first time in a while. With no further discussion, the Mayor closed the review of the police report.

V. Noise Ordinance Amendment

The next item on the agenda was approval of amendments to the City's noise ordinance. The City Attorney explained that the amendments include a "reasonable person standard," which is necessary after recent court rulings. The Council reviewed the amendments and a motion was made by Council Member Dunn to approve the amended noise ordinance. Council Member McAnarney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. Johnson County Appraiser Handout

The Mayor then introduced the next item on the agenda, a handout provided by the Johnson County Appraiser. Mayor Tietze noted the substantial increase in appraised values of properties within the City. Several Council Members stated they were aware of the increase. Mayor Tietze also drew the Council's attention to the fact that the Karbank properties were third on a list of properties in Johnson County that were returned to the tax rolls, a majority being the Karbank properties in Mission Woods.

VII. Update on Sinkhole Project

The next item on the agenda was an update on the sinkhole project. Mayor Tietze stated the City is ready to move forward on the project, but is waiting on the certificate of tax exemption for the contractor. Council Member Dunn asked if the repairs would also include relining the sewer across from his home. Mayor Tietze stated that the relining will be completed after the sinkhole repairs because the sinkhole repairs will require a one lane closure on Shawnee Mission Parkway. Mayor Tietze added that the sinkhole repairs had damaged two trees, which must now be removed. Mayor Tietze acknowledged the City will replace these trees at the City's cost as long as the selected trees are hardwood. He also stated repairs to a resident's driveway could be necessary as a result of the sinkhole repairs, but such costs were built into the bid.

VIII. Charitable Organizations Request

Mayor Tietze inquired about an email he circulated from John Blessing at Deffenbaugh requesting ideas for charitable organizations within the City's boundaries. After some

discussion, it was decided that Mayor Tietze would discuss the City's Oktoberfest celebration with Mr. Blessing.

IX. Approval of contribution to annual fireworks display

Mayor Tietze reminded the Council that surrounding cities have contributed to the annual firework display at Bishop Miege High School. Last year, the City contributed \$500. Council member McAnarney moved to make the same contribution this year. Council member Dunn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

X. General Comments

The Mayor then opened the agenda for general comments. Mayor Tietze stated there was some concern over whether enough people would run for office to fill the Mayor and Council positions. The Mayor asked the City Attorney what would happen if these positions were not filled. The City Attorney stated if no new individuals ran, the current Council Members would retain their positions until they resigned. Then, if no one accepted the open positions, the City could ultimately be dissolved. There was a discussion regarding which Council Members would run in the next election. Mayor Tietze stated there would likely be three open Council positions and he will circulate an email to notify residents.

Council Member Franklin mentioned he received a complaint from a resident who believed a screw in his tire had come from the new home construction. Mayor Tietze stated the streets had been swept just before Christmas, but the City could do so again after the new home construction is complete.

Council Member McAnarney asked for an update on the potential ownership of the City's light poles. Mayor Tietze stated that Council decided against purchasing the poles after the City's accountant analyzed the cost.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.