



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 in person at Westwood City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Darrell Franklin  
Council Member Don Greenwell  
Council Member Robert Tietze  
Council Member Carrol Thomas  
Council Member Christopher Brent

Members Absent: Council Member Keith Mays

Others Present: Steve Mauer, City Attorney  
John Martin, City Treasurer  
Rick Ralls, resident  
Brian Hill, Electronic Technology Inc.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Greenwell moved to approve the minutes and Council Member Tietze seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Ayes – IV, Nays – 0).

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY WARRANTS**

Next was review of the February warrants. Mayor Franklin noted that the Mauer Law Firm bill appeared larger than normal because it was for two months rather than the normal one month. There were no other questions or comments Council Member Tietze moved to approve

the warrants as submitted, Council Member Brent seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Ayes – IV; Nays – 0).

**IV. REVIEW OF POLICE REPORT**

The next item was review of the police report. There were no questions or comments.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. LICENSE PLATE READERS**

Mayor Franklin introduced Brian Hill from Electronic Technology, Inc. of Merriam, Kansas. Mr. Hill gave a presentation on a proposed license plate reader system for Mission Woods. The readers would use solar technology and be stationed on the island medians in roadways. The proposal was for five readers located in the City. Mr. Hill provided a cost proposal, which was reviewed by the Council. Questions were raised about how the solar panels would work, how the reports on the readers would be utilized by law enforcement, the placement in the medians, and the appearance of the solar panels. After some discussion, Mr. Hill left the meeting. Subsequently, the Council further discussed the proposal. It was determined that this option was expensive, its appearance would be negatively received by citizens, and there might be better options for the City. No motion was made to approve the proposal from ETI. Rather, Mayor Franklin agreed to explore other options and potentially set up a demonstration for citizens to see. The Council also discussed having an open house to allow citizens to provide input on the operation of the license plate readers and the need for them in Mission Woods.

**B. ZONING**

The next item was zoning. Attorney Steve Mauer presented a packet of information regarding the Karbank restaurant at 1900 Shawnee Mission Parkway. He reviewed the lengthy process and multiple steps utilized in order to get to the restaurant as it currently exists today. Mr. Mauer briefly outlined the proposal Karbank would like to make for their next phase and asked the Council for direction on whether they wanted a zoning change, proposed ordinance, or some other presentation. After some discussion, the Council directed Mr. Mauer to advise Karbank to come to a Council meeting and present its next phase. After seeing the proposal, the Council Members will decide how to proceed and give direction to the City Attorney.

**C. STREETLIGHTS**

The Council then discussed streetlights. Mayor Franklin called on Council Member Tietze to discuss the status of streetlights. Council Member Tietze talked about purchasing two or four streetlights. There was discussion about the brightness and placement of the lights. Ultimately, Council Member Tietze was given authority to purchase four lights for placement in the City. There was discussion of once the lights are up seeking input from citizens on the efficacy of the lights and potential for replacement of other lights in the City.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

The first item of new business was a discussion on the vacant Council seat. Mayor Franklin noted there were three applicants. City Attorney Mauer explained that the Mayor would make the appointment, which would then be approved by the Council. Council Member Tietze presented the nomination of Ramsey Mohsen. Council Member Tietze noted his long service to the community and service on other boards for the City. Council Member Thomas supported the nomination of Erica Hartley. Council Member Thomas explained that Ms. Hartley lives on 51<sup>st</sup> Street, is young, and relatively new to the community. She is very excited about working within the City. She has worked on other city planning issues, including the Troost Project for Kansas City, Missouri. Finally, Council Member Thomas discussed Ross VanEaton as a candidate. She noted he works for Blue Cross Blue Shield and is new to the community, but is excited to get involved and would be willing to volunteer in a variety of different capacities. After further discussion, Mayor Franklin made his nomination of Erica Hartley to fill the vacant Council seat. A motion was made by Council Member Thomas to approve the nomination. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brent and passed unanimously. (Ayes – IV; Nays – 0).

B. **ARB CHAIR**

Next, Mayor Franklin noted Ryan Bowden’s resignation as Chair of the Architectural Review Board (“ARB”). He noted that no current members of the ARB offered to take the position of Chair. Therefore, Mayor Franklin appointed Ross VanEaton to the position of ARB Chair. A motion to approve was made by Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Brent, and passed unanimously. (Ayes – IV; Nays – 0).

C. **RAINBOW BOULEVARD PROJECT**

The next item was discussion of the Rainbow Boulevard Project. Mayor Franklin explained that the Project would require \$1,500 from the City of Mission Woods as its share of the total cost of the project. Other cities including Kansas City, Kansas, Westwood, and Westwood Hills are sharing in the total project cost. There were no further questions.

D. **CONTAIN THE RAIN**

Mayor Franklin then brought up the Johnson County Contain the Rain contract. He explained that it was a grant program from Johnson County, which would award the City \$3,000 to be distributed to citizens who implemented specified storm water detention or preservation methods. After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Tietze to allow the Mayor to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Greenwell and passed unanimously. (Ayes – IV; Nays – 0).

e. **MENTAL HEALTH CORRESPONDER CONTRACT**

The next item was the Johnson County Mental Health Corresponder contract. City Attorney Mauer explained that this cooperative agreement was amongst all Northeast Johnson County communities. The City's share was very small compared to other larger communities. John Martin noted that it was already in the budget for the City to participate. Mayor Franklin noted that this was simply a renewal, as the City had participated in the contract in the past. After more discussion, Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve execution of the contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brant and passed unanimously. (Ayes – IV; Nays – 0).

**XI. OPEN TO DISCUSSION**

Mayor Franklin then opened the meeting for discussion by Council Members. Council Member Thomas raised the issue of McAnany Construction's UBASS work on the 51<sup>st</sup> Street cul-de-sac. City Attorney Mauer distributed correspondence between the City and McAnany. There was discussion about potential solutions of redoing the cul-de-sac with mill and overlay or waiting for the next time the City redoes all its streets. Through discussion, it was determined the next time all the streets would be done would most likely be in 10 to 12 years. There was no further discussion or motion made regarding the 51<sup>st</sup> Street cul-de-sac.

Council Member Brent then asked about pending legislation regarding racial covenants. City Attorney Mauer explained the origin of the bills and efforts in Roeland Park. He explained the status of the bills in the Kansas State Legislature. Council Member Brent commented that Mission Woods should stay on top of it and support the bills when necessary. Council Member Tietze asked if there were such racial covenants and restrictions in Mission Woods, but no one was aware of any such restrictions at this time.

Having no further business, Council Member Greenwell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Council Member Tietze. The motion to adjourn was unanimously passed. (Ayes – IV; Nays – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.