



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 23, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, Kansas.

Members Present: Mayor Robert Tietze
Council Member Darrell Franklin
Council Member Bill Dunn
Council Member Joan Ruff

Members Absent: Council Member Amy McAnarney
Council Member Cory Fisher

Others Present: Steven E. Mauer, City Attorney

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes of Prior Meeting

The Council took up the minutes of the April City Council Meeting. There was an update regarding landscaping costs for landscaping along a wall and a fence. Mayor Tietze explained that the wall is on private property and no further landscaping will be paid for by the City. Mayor Tietze asked for corrections or additions. There were none. Council Member Ruff moved to approve the Minutes as written. Council Member Dunn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Warrants

The Council next turned its attention to the April warrants. Council Member Ruff moved 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. There were no questions from the Mayor or the Council Members.

V. First Quarter Financials

Mayor Tietze explained that according to John Martin, the City's financials were in good shape for the first quarter and assets are growing. Mayor Tietze inquired about the City's "share" of the new tax to fund the new courthouse. It is his understanding that the City's annual share should be approximately \$75,000.00. The Mayor said he would ask Mr. Martin for additional information about the payment of that tax to the City.

Council Member Ruff inquired about the City's investments in CDs. Mayor Tietze explained the City's investment options are very limited. The City, in effect, puts its money into Certificates of Deposit.

The Council also discussed the potential of a sales tax for the City of Mission Woods. Currently, the City does not have a sales tax, but could put one in place particularly because a restaurant will soon be open within the City at 1900 Shawnee Mission Parkway, as part of the Karbank project. Mayor Tietze explained that other surrounding cities have a 1% sales tax and suggested the City consider the same. There was much discussion about the wisdom of a sales tax. After conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Ruff made a motion for the City to implement a 1% sales tax citywide. Council Member Franklin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mayor Tietze said he would inquire of Mr. Martin to begin implementation of the sales tax and whatever steps are needed in order to put the sales tax in place.

The Council then reviewed the expenses for the repair of the storm sewer lines. Mayor Tietze provided information about the current cost and anticipated additional costs. There was also a discussion regarding the portion of the project to be paid by KDOT. Council Member Franklin asked if there were cost estimates or if there were going to be completion dates. The discussion reflected that the final costs were still "up in the air" but hopefully the City's portion of the project would be completed soon.

VII. Closed Session

Council Member Dunn moved to recess into executive session in order to consult with the City's legal counsel on matters related to litigation by the Archdiocese of Kansas City on behalf of St. Philippine Duchesne Catholic Church. This discussion was deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Council Member Franklin seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The City Council convened with legal counsel, Steven E. Mauer, in Executive Session.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m.

VIII. General Comments

Council Member Ruff asked about the upcoming City election filings. Mayor Tietze explained that he believes there will be candidates filing for each spot before June 1st and therefore, there should be no vacancies due to insufficient candidates seeking election.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.