



## MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in special session called on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in person at Westwood City Hall.

### Call to Order

Mayor Mays called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### Councilmember Roll Call

Present:	Don Greenwell	Absent:	None
	Ramsay Mohsen		
	Carol Thomas		
	Robert Tietze		
	Erica Hartley		
	Keith Mays, Mayor		

Quorum was established.

Others present: John Martin (Treasurer), Jeff Deane (City Attorney), Mike Henley, Lee Baer (Merge Midwest Eng.) and Chief Curt Mansell

### Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the October 3, 2023, meeting was made by Councilmember Tietze and seconded by Councilmember Mohsen. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 5-0.

### Review and Approval of Warrants

Mayor Mays noted on the Warrants it was labeled Mauer Law Firm but should have been labeled Lauber Municipal Law Firm. The City Attorney stated that he had a paralegal at his office that would be able to prepare the minutes at a lower cost. Mr. Deane also shared that this was legal fees for two months. More discussion was had on the City's warrants. A motion was made to approve the warrants by Councilmember Tietze and seconded by Councilmember Hartley. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 5-0.

### Review of Police Report

Chief Mansell provided a report to the Council on the police activities in the preceding months.

### Unfinished Business

Mayor Mays asked to move Mission Woods terrace up in the Agenda.

#### **a. Mission Woods terrace entrance safety**

Lee Baer, Senior Engineer at Merge Midwest Engineering, LLC was asked to and provided a report on the problems and suggestions to improve this roadway section. He shared long and short-term solutions for improving this section of roadway. The Council

discussed what was believed to be needed and what could be done long and short term to slow people down, have drivers pay more attention, etc. to reduce the problems happening on this section of the roadway.

It was discussed to set up a meeting with John Sullivan to discuss possible solutions.

- Retaining Wall

Mr. Tietze shared that a resident suggested raising the height of the stone wall in an effort to try and keep the cars out of his yard. The Council discussed this possibility. Mayor Mays asked Councilmember Tietze if they should get a bid for Council to consider before this is decided.

**b. Streetlight Project**

Mayor Mays asked The City Attorney if there was an update on the streetlight complaint. Mr. Deane responded that the most recent update from Mr. Arth, the General Counsel for the Archdiocese was on October 18 where he indicated that Evergy gave them a work order, which they returned and are waiting for the work to be done. Mr. Deane stated he would follow up with Mr. Arth before the next meeting.

Mayor Mays asked Councilmember Tietze if there was an update on the streetlights. Councilmember Tietze responded that it was basically completed. Due to supply issues temporary heads have to be used so they have light. Councilmember Tietze also shared there have been no complaints.

**c. Rainbow Boulevard Traffic Plan**

Mayor Mays asked Councilmember Hartley for an update on this matter. Councilmember Hartley responded that the steering committee is meeting in early December. She shared that at the October meeting there were able to play around with a program where they could see different styles and see what they might want, such as crosswalks, etc. Councilmember Hartley shared that a second survey was available and if people want to participate it goes until November 30.

**d. Construction Projects**

An update of this project was given by the City Attorney. Mr. Deane stated he needed the input from the resident. Mr. Deane reached out to this resident but is waiting to hear back. Mr. Deane also stated he will try and get with the resident after the Thanksgiving holiday. If Mr. Deane has not heard from the resident, he will send what he has and inform the resident that he will present it to council unless he hears back.

**e. Update to Ordinance on trash receptacles**

The City Attorney gave an update on this matter where an ordinance change was proposed for Section 10-206 for trash. Mr. Deane shared, if he understood correctly, the Council wanted residents to have the trash out the night before and back end by the end of day of trash pickup. He also stated that from what he understood, the Council wanted all trash containers otherwise inside at all times except for the short window where they are out the night before and picked up the next day. There was discussion on how this ordinance should be written. Mr. Deane stated he would bring options on wording for them to review and revise.

**f. Pembroke Hill Tennis Court use, noise**

City Attorney stated he received an email from Mr. Hallquist, attorney for Pembroke Hill, referencing the week after Thanksgiving. Mr. Hallquist is going to check with the headmaster and see if available the afternoon of December 1 and asked if that day and time would work. It was decided to meet December 1.

**New Business**

**a. 51<sup>st</sup> Street Tree removal**

Councilmember Tietze shared that he spoke to a resident where a tree needs to be removed. He stated that Kansas City Tree, who did citywide tree trim, would not touch this tree due to electrical lines running through it. Councilmember Tietze stated that Everyg would trim it back to the point where it could be removed, and the resident was receptive this this. Councilmember Tietze also shared that there a second tree behind the stone wall at the entrance of 51<sup>st</sup>, where a resident has complained needed to be removed. This tree is not in the city right of way. The resident complained it was shading and killing the evergreens. Councilmember Tietze shared that the homeowner was receptive to having this tree removed. Councilmember Thomas was asked if the City was responsible for the second tree. Mayor Mays asked if a vote was required to remove this tree. Discussion was had on this matter. Councilmember Tietze made a motion to remove the tree from the property at 5123 Rainbow and Councilmember Hartley seconded. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved.

**b. Budget Update**

John Martin, treasurer, shared the financial report with Council.

**c. SMP/Rainbow Accident Claim**

Mayor Mays reported that there was a claim submitted from a woman on her scooter, who hit a pothole, and lost control. The City was contacted by the law firm of DiPasquale Moore. It has been turned over to the insurance company. Status at this time is unknown.

**d. Election Results**

Mayor Mays traded messages with the election office and stated that he thought by tomorrow afternoon they should have gone through all provisional and write in ballots so by the afternoon should have a better idea of who might fill the council seats for next year.

**Other Business**

**a. Open To Discussion By Council And Guests**

Councilmember Tietze shared that he was approved by a resident asking if the council would consider putting a crossing guard on Shawnee Mission Parkway. There was a brief discussion on this matter. Councilmember Tietze was asked to look into this matter and bring it back for discussion at next meeting.

The City Attorney shared he was contacted by the attorneys of Google regarding lowering the franchise fees since they no longer offer cable. Mr. Deane stated they were sending him documentation and wanted to give the Council the heads up it was coming.

Councilmember Tietze shared that Michael Ludwig was storing a Mission Woods sign on his property for a long time and was wondering if the City would do something about it. It is an original sign. There was discussion on what to do with this sign. Councilmember Tietze stated he will email Council pictures of the sign.

**b. Motion to Adjourn**

Having no further business, Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Tietze seconded was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.