



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in person at Westwood City Hall.

Call to Order

Mayor Tietze called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Roll Call

Present:	Keith Mays	Absent:	None
	Erica Hartley		
	Leslie Carto (arrived 7:18 pm)		
	Ramsey Mohsen (arrived 7:06 pm)		
	Carrol Thomas		
	Robert Tietze, Mayor		

Quorum was established.

Others present: Jeff Deane (City Attorney), Chief Curt Mansel, John Martin (Treasurer), Mike and Kathy Henley and Raghu and Geetha Raghuveer.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mayor Tietze asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Councilmember Mays and seconded by Councilmember Hartley. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 3-0, Councilmembers Mohsen and Carto were absent.

Review and Approval of Warrants

Mayor Tietze asked for a Motion to approve the October warrants. Councilmember Mays inquired about the Evergy amount. John Martin, Treasurer, responded it was for lighting, traffic lights, etc. Motion was made by Councilmember Hartley and seconded by Councilmember Mays. A voice vote was had, and the motion was approved, 3-0, Councilmembers Mohsen and Carto were absent.

Review of Police Report

Chief Mansel shared that the traffic cam had been set up and it would be moved to another location in a week. Council reviewed and discussed the report distributed.

Unfinished Business

- **Update on St. Rose Church parking lot lighting.**

Mayor Tietze, City Attorney and the two affected residents met with Evergy representatives. Their plan is to adjust the two lights without the minimum lumen, put 14 feet arms on the lights that do not already have them with shields on the back, which Evergy believes will throw the light down onto the parking lot and not out. Councilmember Thomas asked what Evergy's timeframe was, and City Attorney responded that the arms were being ordered.

- **Status of Noise Abatement on Pembroke Hill Tennis Courts.**

Mayor Tietze shared that he had received confirmation from the school that all of the abatement materials, including the gate, had been installed. He stated that Councilmember Thomas did not believe that was the case so he would reach out to the school. He also stated that he had received a report from resident Kathy Henley that it was better. Ms. Henley, who was in attendance, responded that she believed the tennis was better, but there was still noise. Councilmember Thomas stated that there were still areas with no abatement material and hoped that once they installed the gates it would be better. Mayor Tietze stated the confirmation from the school was all abatement material had been installed, including gates. Mayor stated he would follow up.

New Business

- **Fall Leaf Pickup Dates.**

Mayor Tietze stated he would be sending out notice regarding leaf pickup dates (11/09, 11/23 and 12/07) and the leaf pickup guidelines that the company requested.

- **Residents Request for Consideration to Allow Solar Panels.**

Mayor Tietze shared there were two residents interested in installing solar panels. He stated that the current ordinances did not allow for solar panels. He introduced Raghu and Geetha Raghuvver and asked them to discuss with the Council what they are interested in pursuing. Mrs. Raghuvver stated that the contractor they consulted could not be at the meeting due to a conflict. She stated they wanted to bring this to the council to see what was allowed and if the ordinance could be changed. She shared that the panels would need to be installed on the part of the roof that catches the most sun and would involve the installation of the panels with black hardware. Mr. Raghuvver asked why solar panels were not allowed and shared his reasons for wanting to install the panels. City attorney stated this would have to go first to planning and zoning so it was not necessary. Mayor Tietze asked how it was determined if the panels go in front of back of the house and was informed it depended on which side had the most sun. Councilmember Mays stated that they were allowed as long as followed certain exceptions/conditions. City Attorney read the exceptions/conditions. City Attorney stated that they needed Planning and Zoning to look at it. Mrs. Raghuvver stated they would have their contractor write up a plan on how and what he would like to install on their home. Councilmember Thomas stated about three years ago this subject had come up and they looked at other cities ordinances. Council at that time denied the request. Councilmember Mohsen recommended to investigate what other cities are doing. Council continued to discuss this matter. Mayor Tietze asked City Attorney if he believed the

ordinance should be amended and City Attorney stated that it has not gone through ARB or Planning and Zoning so they do not know if what they are proposing complies with the current ordinance. It was decided it be brought up to the Planning and Zoning Commission and see if they want to tweak the ordinance or not. Councilmember Carto asked if the ordinance as it stands now allows for solar panels and City Attorney responded that the ordinance stated you can only have solar panels if they met certain guidelines. It was decided that Mr. and Mrs. Raghuveer have their contractor work up something to present to the Planning and Zoning Commission and let them make a recommendation.

- **Comments from Council Members and Guests**

Mayor Tietze stated that the next meeting was scheduled on election day. It was decided to move the meeting to November 12.

Councilmember Hartley asked the date for the 75th Celebration and Mayor Tietze responded that it will be held on November 2 and the invites would be sent out soon.

Councilmember Mays asked about trees that need to be removed behind the school and church. Mayor Tietze stated that he would see what he could find out.

Motion to Adjourn

Having no further business, Councilmember Hartley made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Mohsen seconded, on a unanimous affirmative vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.