



MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 6, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2022, at the Westwood City Hall.

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

Others Present: Debbie Moeller, City Attorney
John Martin, City Treasurer
Shelley Floyd, City Clerk
Michael Knierim

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 AUGUST MINUTES

There were no comments or changes to the August minutes from the Council. Council Member Tietze moved to approve the minutes and Council Member Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Ayes – V, Nays – 0).

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST WARRANTS

Mayor Franklin noted higher charges for Mauer Law Firm due to rezoning work it had been asked to undertake. He also noted reimbursement for the street lights study. There was no further discussion by the Council: Council Member Greenwell moved to approve the warrants,

and Council Member Tietze seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Ayes – V; Nays – 0).

IV. REVIEW OF POLICE REPORT

Mayor Franklin noted the addresses for the auto theft and larceny cases on the police report had been reversed. Council Member Tietze noted two additional cases of attempted auto theft on August 23 that had not been reported. He has contacted the City of Mission Hills to get background information on its license plate camera and will have further information for the October meeting. Mayor Franklin discussed the effectiveness of license plate readers with Chief Mansell. Mayor Franklin will invite him to the October meeting to provide more information. There was no further discussion regarding the police report.

V. DISCUSSION OF PEMBROKE PRACTICE FIELDS

Council Member Brent noted the increased usage of the Pembroke practice fields. He noted that it extended to evening hours. He suggests a meeting with new leadership at Pembroke to discuss the agreements the City has with Pembroke. Mayor Franklin noted Ordinance 191 allowed use of fields between 8 am and 8 pm. Ordinance 159 limits the use of the fields to exclusively school purposes. Council Member Thomas noted that Pembroke is not maintaining the yews or the general area behind the tennis courts as promised. In addition, the tennis courts were only to be used by the school and limited tournaments to two a year. She also noted that the school was blowing the courts as early as 8 am on Saturday morning. Council Member Brent summarized that the two issues to be addressed are the upkeep and usage of the facilities. Attorney Felzien will review prior meeting minutes and ordinances to see what the discussion with Pembroke should be. The Council agreed the current administration should know what prior agreements have been made.

Council Member Tietze asked about the status of getting the Code online. Council Member Brent stated he would like the meeting minutes to be available and searchable for purposes such as this discussion. Council Member Tietze asked about the directory being added to the website.

VI. SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Mayor Franklin circulated a draft ordinance regarding short term rentals. Counsel Member Thomas questioned whether the duration should be six months. Council Member Brent suggested increasing the fines and moved to amend the Ordinance to double the fines. Council Member Tietze seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Ayes – V, Nays – 0). With no additional discussion needed, Council Member Greenwell motioned to approve the newly amended Ordinance. Counsel Member Tietze seconded the motion, which also passed unanimously. (Ayes – V, Nays – 0). Council Member Tietze raised the issue of who enforces this Ordinance. Mayor Franklin stated that the Roeland Park Code Enforcer, who is also under contract to the City of Mission Woods, will enforce the Ordinance.

Council Member Tietze raised the issue of having the Ordinance address the short-term rental of swimming pools. Mayor Franklin stated that he had previously discussed this issue with Attorney Felzien and a separate Ordinance would be required. Attorney Felzien was tasked with

preparing a similar pool Ordinance for discussion at the October meeting. New Ordinance 8:312 addressing the short-term rental of houses is attached to these Minutes.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Resident Michael Knierim addressed the light pollution in his yard caused by the Church. Attorney Moeller reported that Attorney Felzien was aware of the issue and has been in contact to resolve the issue with the Church's attorney. The light pollution at this address is in violation of existing Ordinances. The Church has also added a video camera that was directed to Mr. Knierim yard, but it has subsequently been redirected.

Council Member Thomas was upset the Church has posted "No Trespassing Signs" on its fence as she does not think this is in keeping with the tone the City wants to set for itself. Attorney Moeller does not think there is any prohibition on the signs but will have Attorney Felzien doublecheck to City Code.

Finally, Mayer Franklin reminded the Council Members that they need to provide their names, birth date and license numbers for insurance purposes. Nationwide no longer writes policies for small municipalities and the new insurer, EMC, needs it as Council Members and their cars are insured if driving for City business

VIII. Adjourn

Hearing no further discussion, Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Council Member Tietze seconded. All Council Members were in favor (Ayes - 5; Nays - 0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.