



**MINUTES OF MISSION WOODS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**  
**7:30 p.m.**

The City Council of Mission Woods, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Carrol Thomas  
Council Member Keith Mays

Others Present: Alex Felzien, City Attorney  
John Martin, City Treasurer  
Shelley Floyd, City Clerk  
Mike Henley, Resident  
Cathy Henley, Resident

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES**

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

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

Mayor Franklin noted there was nothing out of the ordinary in the June warrants, and there was no further discussion by the Council. Council Member Greenwell moved to approve the

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

#### **IV. REVIEW OF POLICE REPORT**

Mayor Franklin noted the police fines through June 2022 were almost identical to the fines issued last year between January 2021 and June 2021. There was no further discussion by the Council.

#### **V. FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON THE LIGHTWORKS PRESENTATION**

Council Member Tietze advised the Council that he had contact Everyg with three questions in mind. 1) If the “acorn” style lights were still available, Everyg confirmed that those lights are available. 2) What the monthly lease charge would be per light, Everyg stated the monthly lease for each street light is \$60.91. 3) What the construction cost would be to install the additional 17 lights proposed by Lighworks. To this last question Everyg stated it was preparing the total expenses and should have those ready by the Council’s August meeting.

There was then a general discussion regarding the project. Council Member Brent stated he did not see the need for additional streetlights. Mayor Franklin asked City Clerk Shelley Floyd how the new lights in the City of Mission were received, to which Floyd stated that the lights are bright and predictably some residents like them while others do not. The discussion turned to putting lights on other streets in the City. Council Member Thomas asked how much the shades for the street lights were, Franklin noted that the shields costed \$1,000 in the past. The Council resolved to further discuss this project once Everyg got back with the final numbers.

#### **VI. DISCUSSION OF CITY BUDGET**

City Treasurer John Martin addressed the Council and gave an overview of the City’s finances. Martin advised that the City’s assessed value is \$11 million, up from \$10.7 million last year. Martin then advised the Council on the mill levy rate, and if the City wished to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Martin explained that the different between exceeding and not would amount to a total of \$6,500.00 this year. Martin explained that the City remains in a strong financial position, and would not need to exceed the revenue rate to remain in this position.

The question of exceeding the revenue rate was then put to the Council. Council Member Tietze asked if any other cities have exceeded the neutral rate. City Attorney Felzien advised that Roeland Park plans to exceed the revenue neutral rate, among others. Council Member Mays mentioned that exceeding the neutral rate hardly seemed worth it, given it would only amount to \$6,500. After further discussion, Council Member Mays made a motion to use the revenue neutral rate, which Council Member Tietze seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes – V, Nays – 0).

City Treasurer Martin advised that next month’s meeting will include the public hearing on the budget, where citizens can come and voice support or concerns regarding next year’s budget.

## **VII. CONNECTED COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROJECT**

Mayor Franklin presented the current state of the Connected Community Sidewalk Project to the Council, including a handout passed to the Council Members. The cost of this project is now projected to be between \$2.1 million and \$2.4 million. This is up from the 2021 proposed cost of \$1.2 million. Including contributions by MARC and CARS, the total net cost to the City is between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million. Mayor Franklin advised the Council there are two viable options: tabling the project or hiring a consulting engineer with expertise in this area and a funding consultant.

The Council then discussed the project. Council Member Greenwell advised the Council that material costs will increase 20% year over year, and that labor costs are expected to increase 5%-6% next year. Council Member Tietze began a discussion of looking at other sidewalks in the City, and ultimately recommended tabling the project for now. The Council was in agreement on tabling the project for the time being.

## **VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

City Attorney Felzien advised the Council on a memorandum he sent to the Council this week. Felzien advised that even if the City undertook the large task of amending the single family zoning districts' uses, homes could still be used by a church. Council Member Tietze stated that he believed the church would continue buying homes as they become available. Felzien recommended that City not incur the large expense in amending the single family residential zoning district, and avoiding any potential litigation in the future.

## **X. Adjourn**

Hearing no further discussion, Council Member Tietze made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Council Member Greenwell seconded. All Council Members were in favor (Ayes – V; Nays – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.