

CITY OF WESTWOOD
Council Meeting Minutes
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Tuesday,
February 16, 2026, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

Roll Call Dee Bumgardner (absent), LuAnn Johnson (present), Monte Knudsen (absent), Gary Lane (present), Zach Moehle (present),

Agenda Approval Councilman Lane made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a budget amendment. Councilman Moehle seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of the Council Meeting on January 19, 2025, were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Johnson and was seconded by Councilman Lane. The minutes were approved.

Authorization of Claims and Financial Report Councilman Lane made a motion to authorize the claims and accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moehle. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Park Fountain.** Councilman Lane gave an update regarding the fountain. He took the fountain to Des Moines to get an estimate on repairs. He went through the list of repairs that are needed. If we have the fountain repaired with new parts to replace those that are not functioning the cost will be \$2,611.25. There might be an additional cost of \$1,700 if the cable needs to be replaced. The current fountain is 3 hp and has an oil bath motor which allows it to sit outside over the winter. A new fountain of this quality will exceed \$6,000. The Council is leaning toward making the necessary repairs. This will be decided at the March meeting.
- b. **FY27 Budget** The clerk circulated a copy of the budget sheets for FY27 and discussed those areas that need to be reconsidered. A proposed budget for FY27 will be completed at the March meeting.
- c. **Amendment to the FY26 Budget** The \$25,582 that is paid annually on the road paving loan was omitted in one place in the FY26 budget form. It was included under long-term debt but was not included under road maintenance. This amendment corrects the error in the FY26 budget. Councilman Moehle moved that this amendment be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and the motion passed. There will be a public hearing on this amendment on March 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at 3005 Hickory Lane.

New Business

- d. **Tax Rate Public Hearing** A public hearing on the proposed maximum tax levy will be on April 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at 3005 Hickory Lane..
- e. **USDA Brush Management Work** Much of the honeysuckle has been removed from city property. They still have to do the areas that must be done by hand. Then the areas will be sprayed to keep the honeysuckle from coming back. The Mayor does not know any schedule for the additional work. Work will be done at the request of individual residents after the rest of the city work is completed.
- f. **New Westwood E-mail** A new e-mail account has been set up for city officials to use so that city communications can be separated from personal e-mails. This is done to be prepared for the unlikely event that city e-mails are required to be disclosed under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Mayor/ Councilmember Comments

City Utilities

- a. **Review A/R Aging Summary** The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment Councilman Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Moehle. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday March 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane

Respectfully submitted,

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk