

**CITY OF WESTWOOD
Council Meeting Minutes**

**The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
June 17, 2024, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen**

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call LuAnn Johnson (present), Monte Knudsen (absent), Gary Lane (present), Zach Moehle (present), Eric Peterson (present)

Agenda Approval A motion was made by Councilman Moehle and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

Public Comments

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of the meeting on May 20, 2024, were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lane and was seconded by Councilman Peterson. The minutes were approved.

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

Unfinished Business

- a. **City Picnic is September 15, 2024** The City will provide meat, potato, and drink. Residents should bring a side dish or dessert.
- b. **Update of Honeysuckle Removal Grant** The Mayor has not heard from Caleb. He may begin work at any time. This is a three year project.
- c. **City Water Charges** The City has a contract with Mt. Pleasant Utilities through 2030. This requires a minimum amount of water usage. Usually this means the City has to pay around \$5,000 for the billable difference between the year's actual water usage and the amount specified in the contract between the City and Mt. Pleasant Utilities. The Mayor continues to be in contact with the Utilities Board to determine if a new contract might be negotiated with a lower minimum of water usage. The Council will review the contract at the next meeting.

New Business

- a. **Septic Tank Cleaning Schedule** Leison will begin cleaning septic tanks this month. Residents are on a schedule to have tanks cleaned every four years. If a residence is sold the tank must be cleaned at the owner's expense, unless cleaning is scheduled for that year.
- b. **Tree Removal in Park** There are three dead trees in the park. The Council will consider removal at the next meeting.
- c. **New Signs** There used to be two signs in the park indicating that there is no swimming or ice skating allowed on the pond. Both signs have now either disappeared or deteriorated to the point where they are of no use. Councilman Moehle made a motion to replace these signs. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Mayor will look into getting metal signs and posts that will hold up longer. Signs will say: "NO SWIMMING OR ICE SKATEING ALLOWED BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL."

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- a. Mayor Knudsen thanked all of those who have helped with the installation of the new playground. Gary Lane is especially noted for the amount of time and effort he has put into the project.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Peterson and was seconded by Councilman Lane. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meetings: Next regular Council Meeting on July 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane

Respectfully submitted,

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk