

CITY OF WESTWOOD
Council Meeting Minutes
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
March 18, 2024, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Lane and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of February 19, 2023, 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

A motion to authorize the claims and accept the financial report was made by Councilman Lane and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Council Vote on Proposed Council Member** Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment of Zach Moehle to fill the position vacated by Darrel Rogers. Councilman Lane seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- b. **Swearing in of New Councilman** Zach Moehle was sworn in as a member of Council.
- c. **Playground** The old playground has been removed so the new one can be installed. It is not known when the installation will take place. Councilman Peterson talked with the City Lawyer regarding ADA compliance of the playground. He will prepare some guidance regarding this issue. The new playground has a larger footprint than the old one and there was discussion regarding the placement of the play area. This led to a discussion of property lines and the possible need to resurvey the City.
- d. **FY25 Budget** The clerk reviewed the process for completing and submitting the FY25 budget. Council Members will review the budget and any questions will be addressed at the next meeting.
- e. **Tax Levy Hearing** A hearing on the proposed tax levy will be held on April 1, at 6:30 p.m. at 3005 Hickory Lane.

New Business

- a. **Approve Westwood Mowing Quotes for 2024 Season** The Mayor circulated quotes from TopNotch Lawn Service and Flint River Lawn Care. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Moehle to accept the quote from TopNotch Lawn Service. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- a. The Mayor has spoken to the new CFO at Mt. Pleasant Utilities regarding the April water payment that makes up the difference between the water used and that contracted for. He proposed that Westwood just pay for water used. This will be discussed at the next Utilities Board meeting and a response will be forthcoming.
- b. Councilwoman Johnson mentioned the difficulty in accessing the posting board on the shed. Possible solutions were discussed.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Moehle and was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next Meetings: April 1, at 6:30 p.m. (Tax Levy Hearing) Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane. Next regular Council Meeting on April 15, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane

Respectfully submitted,

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk