

CITY OF WESTWOOD
Council Meeting Minutes
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
May 20, 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 (present), 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.

Public Comments

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of the meeting on April 15, 2024, and of the Hearing on the FY25 Budget, on April 15, were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. The minutes were approved.

Authorization of Claims and Financial Report

The City received the bill from Mt. Pleasant Utilities 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. This amounted to 1,900,500 gallons calculated at \$5,662.23. The Mayor has been in contact with the utility officials on numerous occasions over the past few months in an attempt to have the contract renegotiated. So far there has been no positive response from Mt. Pleasant Utilities. He will continue to investigate other options.

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

Unfinished Business

- a. **Spring Cleanup Review** It was agreed that the Spring Clean-up went well and was completed quickly. Thank you to all Council members and residents who helped. The Council will look into restoring the lights on the fountain.
- b. **Playground Update** The playground has been installed and Council members have been working on the area under and around the playground. Mulch and railroad ties are in place but work is continuing to get the area level

New Business

- a. **City Ordinances Review** Unless changes have been made in the Ordinances in the intervening period, Ordinances must be reviewed, updated, and recertified every five years. There has been an Ordinance change recently so no review is required at this time.
- b. **City Picnic Date** A tentative date for the picnic has been set for September 15.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- a. Mayor Knudsen said that the City is doing well. He noted that the City has been approved for a Federal Grant that is to be used to remove the honeysuckle from City property. Caleb Ebeling, of Four Seasons Conservation, will be doing the work. This will be at no cost to the City. Residents who want honeysuckle removed from their property may pay to have this done. This is a 2-3 year project.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilwoman Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meetings: Next regular Council Meeting on June 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane

Respectfully submitted,

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk