

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
August 20, 2018, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call Tim Beavers (present), Toby Jacks (present), Gary Lane (present), Carl McRoy (present) and Haven Noble (present).

Welcome The Mayor welcomed residents Linda Coats, Marcia Holsinger and Jean Thomson.

Public Comments 1) **Linda Coats** was recognized and she requested Council support for a planning session to discuss Christmas decorations, luminaries, a community walk with cookies at the homes of some residents and perhaps a visit from Santa. Councilman Lane made a motion to support this effort. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacks. The motion was approved.

2) **Marcia Holsinger** reported that she has been continuing with her inventory of trees on city property and has identified 160 trees. She has met with the District Forester. Of particular concern are the ash trees that have been infested by the ash borer. Several ash trees need to be taken down. The Mayor indicated that Bill Maddy is aware of this and these trees will be included among those that he will take down.

3) **Jean Thomson** was present representing Kent who has expressed concern regarding the amount of water accumulating at some points on the trail. This boggy problem is growing. It makes access to the trail difficult and it interferes with mowing. The Council has been discussing this issue at several meetings and will continue to try to come up with a solution. They have been waiting for the weather to cool off before working in this area.

Agenda Approval A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Beavers and seconded by Councilman McRoy. The agenda was approved.

Minutes for the Council Meeting held July 16, 2018 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lane and was seconded by Councilman Jacks. 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 Noble and seconded by Councilman Beavers. The motion was approved.

Report of Standing Committees

- **Budget & Finance** No meeting was held.
- **Grounds & Roads** No meeting was held.
- **Building & Ordinance** No meeting was held.

Unfinished Business

It was reported that Councilmen McRoy and Lane, along with several other residents, have cleaned up and repaired the playground equipment and added mulch to the area.

New Business

Resolution 4-2018 Annual Financial Report The Clerk presented the AFR for FY18. It was moved by Councilman Jacks and seconded by Councilman Lane to accept this report.. The motion was approved by Roll Call vote: Tim Beavers (aye), Tobin Jacks (aye), Gary Lane (aye), Carl McRoy (aye), Haven Noble (aye).

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- 1) The Mayor provided information regarding the cost of new speed limit and load limit signs for the City. It was the consensus of the Council that these signs be purchased.
- 2) It was agreed to place some large rocks along the road on the west side of the entrance to Westwood.
- 3) Councilman Lane noted that there is an area on Westwood Drive where there is a significant drop-off going toward the park. Meinen Construction Co. will be contacted to get this area filled and seeded.
- 4) The dumpster will be placed at the entrance to Westwood on October 5.
- 5) Councilman Noble noted that it would cost \$175 to have the playground equipment power washed.
- 6) Councilman Noble said that he had been to Missouri recently and checked at a fireworks store to identify a piece of cement that had landed in his yard on July 4. This was a mortar rocket and is the largest firework that is legal in Iowa. The Council agreed that residents would be asked not to use this type of firework because of the potential danger to residents and property.
- 7) The Mayor noted that John Roederer had commented on how good the City is looking this year.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed. Residents will be able to pay by credit card in the near future.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Noble and was seconded by Councilman McRoy. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Nancy Erickson, Clerk, City of Westwood