

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday, February 19, 2018, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Welcome

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

Public Comments

Minutes for the Council Meeting held January 15, 2018 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lane and was seconded by Councilman Noble. 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 Beavers and seconded by Councilman Lane. The motion was approved.

Public Hearing FY19 Budget Mayor Knudsen opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Having no city residents present the hearing was closed at 6:47.

Report of Standing Committees

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

Unfinished Business

- a. **A Third Reading: FY19 Budget** Approval of the third reading of **Resolution 2-2018 FY19 Budget** was moved by Councilman Hudson and seconded by Councilman Noble. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote: Tim Beavers (aye), Eric Hudson (aye), Toby Jacks (aye), Gary Lane (aye), and Haven Noble (aye).

New Business

- a. **Westwood Sign Damage** The Mayor reported that the Westwood sign is in county right of way. The sign, recently hit by a car, will be replaced by the county.
- b. **Trail Maintenance** Tom and Betty Lowe were recognized to present suggestions regarding maintenance of the Westwood Trail. They circulated a map of Westwood with the trail marked and a list of things they would like to see done. They are interested in having residents know about the trail and make the trail a part of Westwood cleanup in the spring. They would like the trail mowed more often and would like to have the area where leach beds are draining over the trail improved. They also suggested adding benches along the trail and a picnic table by the river. The bottom area still needs to be cleaned of honeysuckle, dead trees and brush. They would like to be able to use Utility vehicles for maintenance of the trail and accessibility of residents to the bottom land.

The Council will be considering all of these requests. There was lengthy discussion regarding the operation of motorized vehicles on the trail. Councilman Noble moved and Councilman Jacks seconded a motion that would provide for the following process to occur before any decision would be made on this issue: 1) Chapter 75 of the Ordinances will be reviewed; 2) the Council will consult with the City Lawyer; 3) the Council will consult with the IAMU Insurance advisor; 4) there will be a process developed to get input from all residents in Westwood regarding this issue.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

Councilman Noble suggested that a packet of information be assembled to be given to new residents. This would provide information to assist residents in learning of the various expectations and regulations of the city. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed and no issues noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hudson and was seconded by Councilman Noble. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

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