

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
March 26, 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 The Mayor welcomed Mike Vance.

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

Public Comments

Minutes for the Council Meeting held February 19, 2018 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lane and was seconded by Councilman Beavers. 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 Noble. 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

- Trail Maintenance** The Council will continue to address the issue of trail maintenance and is considering placing benches at appropriate places along the trail. Gravel will be put over the areas where leach beds are draining across the trail. The trail will be mowed monthly.
- Recommendation of Mike Vance** Mike Vance met with the Council to provide legal advice regarding allowing motorized vehicles on the trail. He indicated that there were two issues: 1) The political issue. Residents must be informed and be allowed to express their views prior to changing this Ordinance. 2) The liability issue. In order to open the trail to motorized vehicles the Council must be sure that the trail is well maintained for this purpose. It needs to be properly engineered to insure there is no danger. It has to be regularly inspected, and there needs to be policing of the area. Following lengthy consideration it was the consensus of the Council to maintain the trail for walking only.
- Cost of Insurance** Information on cost of insurance if motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail has not yet been received.

New Business

- Date for Spring Cleanup** Spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m. Rain date is May 5.
- Information for New Residents** Glenda Campbell has gone over the ordinances to determine information that should be given to new residents. Work on this project will continue. It was noted that there are still errors in the Ordinances and that the Ordinances that appear online do not match the recently revised version.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- Mayor Knudsen informed the Council that he had received a quote from TopNotch Lawn Care regarding mowing and weed control for the current year. It was moved by Councilman Lane and seconded by Councilman Nobel to accept the quote for mowing and weed control but not include fertilizer this year. The motion was approved
- Dan Meinen will be contacted to bring more fill dirt for the side of Westwood Drive along the park and seed this area. He will also be asked to seed and/or reseed those areas that were repaired in 2017.
- At the April meeting a list of members of committees for 2018 will be developed.
- At the April meeting the Council will review the Ordinances through Chapter 20. Council members are asked to read this material before the 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 Lane and was seconded by Councilman Noble. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Nancy Erickson, Clerk, City of Westwood