

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
June 17, 2019, 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), Toby Jacks (present), Gary Lane (present), Carl McRoy (present) and Haven Noble (present).

Welcome

Public

Agenda Approval A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of the playground was made by Councilman Noble and seconded by Councilman Lane. The agenda was approved.

Minutes for the Council Meeting held May 20, 2019 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Beavers and was seconded by Councilman McRoy. 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 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

- Street Maintenance** The Council reviewed quotes from Bates and Norris. Because these quotes were not comparing the same amount of work and because there are no specifications on the content of materials used, the Mayor will contact them again in order to get comparable information. Councilman Noble noted that the rain drain on Sycamore between the Rogers and Thomsons needs repair before any asphalt can be put down. It was the consensus of the Council to have C & M bring in a camera, at the cost of \$90, to look into the drain to determine where the wood ends and the plastic piping begins. This information is needed before any decisions on repairs can be made.
- Natural Gas Discussion** There were a number of questions regarding the installation of natural gas in the City. Research shows that there is not much, if any, difference in cost between propane and natural gas and there would be a fairly high cost up front. It is questionable whether enough residents would want to make the transition to make this viable. This will require further discussion with representatives of Alliant Energy.
- Tree Trimming and Tree Removal** The Mayor will continue to try to get Bill Maddy to do the necessary work on trees in the City.

New Business

- Iowa DOT Car Count on Street.** The Mayor informed the Council that they could request a car count to determine how many vehicles are using the streets in Westwood.
- Westwood Picnic** The picnic will be on September 8. It was the consensus of the Council to use a different vendor for the meat.
- Playground** The wood on the playground equipment has deteriorated to the point where a number of boards need to be replaced. The boards holding the swings has rotted and must be replaced immediately. Councilman Lane has gotten boards to make this repair. It is estimated that about twenty boards will need to be replaced in the main structure.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Beavers and was seconded by Councilman Jacks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 15, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

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