

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
May 20, 2019, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Welcome Residents present: Glenda Campbell, Linda Coats, John and Jan Roederer

Public The representatives from Alliant Energy were moved from “unfinished business” to this point on the agenda. Matthew Zurmuehlen and another representative from Alliant Energy made a presentation to the Council regarding the possibility of making natural gas available in Westwood. There are 70 homes that could be included, 48 in Westwood. They usually get about 70% of owners to sign on. Cost per housing unit would depend on the number of individuals deciding to convert to natural gas. This would provide considerable savings over other forms of energy but there is an initial outlay for conversion. The Mayor will be contacting the Iowa League of Cities and other sources to see what grants might be available to assist with the process. There will be further information coming to residents and additional meetings will be held as needed.

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

Minutes for the Council Meeting held April 15, 2019 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman McRoy 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.

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. **Alliant Energy Representative** (moved to public comments)
- b. **Street Repair Update** Mayor Knudsen reported that he has not heard from Norris Asphalt Paving regarding cost of an overlay on all the streets. Their estimate for patching the streets throughout the city is \$12,559. This would be \$113 per square yard. Bates Sanitation & Asphalt, Inc. has estimated \$6.50 per square foot. Haven Noble will meet with someone from Bates to go over the streets to determine the areas that need repair and then there could be an estimate for the total project. This would provide comparable quotes for consideration.

New Business

- a. **Placement of Benches on Trail** It was not possible to work on the trail during the workday on May 4. The trail is very wet. As soon as conditions permit the two benches purchased by the city will be placed at appropriate spots on the trail.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- a. It has been too wet for Bill Maddy to get in and work on trees in the part,.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Noble and was seconded by Councilman Lane. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

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