

**CITY OF WESTWOOD**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,  
March 15, 2021, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen**

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

**Roll Call** Scott Augsburger (absent), Elijah Gnann (present), Monte Knudsen (absent), Gary Lane (present), Harlan Smith (present)

**Welcome**

**Public Comments**

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

**Minutes for the Council Meeting** held February 15, 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilman Lane. 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 Knudsen. 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. **Westwood Utilities Discussion** City Attorney John Vance joined the meeting by phone to discuss Westwood utilities. The Council has been concerned about what might be done to make penalties more robust. John reviewed all of the ramifications of imposing stronger penalties and noted that utilities are under certain restrictions in this regard. The Council is reviewing all of the changes in the charges various utilities are imposing on the City in the next year and, in consideration of the infrastructure maintenance cost, will determine appropriate rates for residents beginning with the new fiscal year.

**New Business**

- a. **Third Reading Resolution 5-2021 Budget FY22** Councilman Gnann made a motion to approve the Budget for the FY22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and the Budget was approved by roll call vote: Scott Augsburger ( ), Elijah Gnann (aye), Monte Knudsen (aye), Gary Lane (aye), Harlan Smith (aye).
- b. **Westwood Spring Cleanup** The cleanup will be on May 1. Work includes spreading mulch, removing dead tree branch from pond, and putting the fountain back in the pond. The Council again discussed the area along the edge between the park and Westwood Drive where the soil is eroding. The Council members may repair this area themselves or they may hire it done. Respective costs are being considered. There was concern expressed that experts should be consulted about when and how trees should be cut so that damage to adjacent trees does not result. This can be a particular problem with oak trees.

**Mayor / Council Member Comments**

Councilman Lane reviewed areas in the playground that need attention. There are some boards that have rotted and need to be replaced.

**City Utilities Comments** The summary was reviewed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilman Lane. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: April 19, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.**

Respectfully submitted by:



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Nancy Erickson, Clerk