

**CITY OF WESTWOOD  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,  
January 17, 2022, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen**

**Mayor Brant Knudsen** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Swearing in of New Officers:** The following individuals who were elected in November were sworn in: Brant Knudsen, Mayor; Gary Lane, Council; Eric Peterson, Council; Darrel Rogers, Council.

**Roll Call** Elijah Gnann (present), Monte Knudsen (absent); Gary Lane (present), Eric Peterson (present), Darrel Rogers, (present)

**Welcome/Public Comments**

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

**Minutes for the Council Meeting** held December 20, 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lane and was seconded by Councilman Rogers. 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 Rogers. 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 Shed Update** A decision was made at the December 2021 meeting to purchase the shed. The Mayor will be overseeing this purchase.
- b. **Westwood Landscaping** New members were brought up-to-date on discussion surrounding landscaping. It was suggested that there might be clean-ups in the summer and fall in addition to the spring. Preparations for clean-ups might begin in advance to make the most of the hours where city residents are available to assist. In the spring of 2022 approximately 400 bags of mulch will be needed and beds should be sprayed prior to putting down the mulch.

**New Business**

- a. **Wemiga Waste Contract** Lynn Whaley planned to attend the meeting to discuss the new contract and the size of trucks used in the city. As he was unable to be present the discussion has been postponed.
- b. **Public Hearing on Maximum Tax Levy** The Mayor called the Hearing on the Maximum Tax Levy to order. As no residents were present the Hearing was closed.
- c. **Resolution 1-2022 Maximum Property Tax Levy** The proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy for 2023 is set at \$45,500 (0.0% increase) with a tax rate at 7.381 compared to the prior tax rate of 7.07517. Councilman Gnann moved the adoption of Resolution 1-2022 and the motion was seconded by Councilman Lane. The motion was approved by roll call vote: Elijah Gnann (Aye), Gary Lane (Aye), Monte Knudsen ( ), Eric Peterson (Aye), Darrel Rogers (Aye)
- d. **First Reading of the FY23 Budget (Resolution 2-2022)** The Council reviewed the budget for FY23 and the need for revisions in the FY22 budget. It was moved by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Lane to accept the first reading of the FY23 Budget. The motion was approved by roll call vote: Elijah Gnann (Aye), Gary Lane (Aye), Monte Knudsen ( ), Eric Peterson (Aye), Darrel Rogers (Aye)
- e. **Water Meters in Westwood** The Mayor noted that there are six water meters that are currently not functioning properly. He has three replacements. There was some discussion of moving away from meters and having a flat rate for everyone. This needs more investigation before making any decisions.

**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 Lane and was seconded by Councilman Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**Next Meeting: February 21, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.**

Respectfully submitted

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Brant Knudsen, Mayor

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Nancy Erickson, Clerk