

**CITY OF WESTWOOD
Council Meeting Minutes**

**The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
April 17, 2023, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen**

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

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

Welcome Mayor Knudsen welcomed Serenity Hudson and Brandon Burtlow, Mt. Pleasant High School government students who asked to sit in on the meeting.

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

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of March 20, 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilman Gnann. The minutes were approved.

Authorization of Claims and Financial Report The financial report was reviewed and the Clerk noted that there was a shortfall in funds in the utility account and the Council might want to approve moving more funds into that account before the next meeting. Councilman Knudsen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rogers, to approve Resolution 4-2023 Approval of Moving Funds from the City Fund to the Utility Fund. *Due to a shortfall of funds in the City of Westwood Utility account, it is passed and approved by the City Council of Westwood, to move \$10,000 from the Wayland State Bank, City account to the Utility account at Pilot Grove Savings Bank.* The motion was approved by Roll Call vote: Elijah Gnann (aye), Gary Lane (aye), Monte Knudsen (aye), Eric Peterson (aye), Darrel Rogers (aye).

A motion to authorize the claims and accept the financial report was made by Councilman Lane and seconded by Councilman Gnann. 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. **Date for Westwood Cleanup** The date for Westwood clean-up is May 6. Mulch will be brought in prior to that day. Additionally, the gravel to place under the shed will be purchased prior to clean-up day. Appropriate equipment will be acquired to get the gravel under the shed and level it off.
- b. **Review of Water Leak on Westwood Drive** There were two water leaks in the *cul de sac* on Westwood Drive. No road was torn up to repair the leaks. However, there needs to be some additional mulch put down in that area to level it off.

New Business

- a. **New London Playground Equipment** Councilman Lane has been repairing and replacing rotten wood on the playground for several years. He had noticed that New London was taking bids on their playground equipment as they are putting in a new playground. The equipment is not in great shape and it would be very costly to move it. Upon considerable reflection it was decided not to bid on this equipment. However, the Council will continue to look at both new and used equipment as the current playground needs to be replaced.
- b. **Pond Treatment.** Councilman Gnann made a motion to have the pond treated for vegetation control. The motion was seconded by Councilman Knudsen and the motion passed.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

- a. The Mayor said that the home at 3007 Hickory Lane has been sold.
- b. Councilman Knudsen raised the question about resupplying the pond with fish. That is no longer free so the fish would have to be paid for. Councilman Peterson noted that the pond needed to be dredged and that we might look at this another year.
- c. It was agreed that the Council would take some time to pick up the tar along the streets that was scraped up by the snow plow. In places where they widened the road there is no base underneath so when the trucks go off the edge it breaks the pavement. There is a place on Bittersweet Circle that needs repair. It was originally suggested that we have cracks filled every three or four years rather than doing a few at a time.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilman Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

Respectfully submitted

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk