

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

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

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

Agenda Approval A motion was made by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Rogers to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of the erosion along the road in the park and a water runoff concern on Westwood Drive. The agenda was approved.

Minutes for the Council Meeting held May 16, 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Peterson and was seconded by Councilman Knudsen. 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 Gnann 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 Street Project Review** The street paving went well. Norris Asphalt workers appreciated the cooperation of city residents in working with them through this inconvenient process. Mayor Knudsen said that NAP told him that in about five years they should be called to come and fix any cracks in the roads. This is not a difficult or expensive project but it is important to fill any cracks that appear. The roadways have been crowned and the site manager said that we have a good base. The Council expressed some concern about the edges of the roadway deteriorating where there is a drop-off to the shoulder.
- b. **New Shed** The new shed will be delivered this week or early next week. The Mayor held off on delivery until the roads were finished.
- c. **Wemiga Waste Update** Currently we do not have a contract with Wemiga Waste and are going on a month to month basis. There has been concern with the size of the truck being used because of its impact on the roads. By the end of the year Wemiga may buy a smaller truck that is necessary for another client and at that time we can decide whether to sign a contract and go with the smaller truck. There would probably be no cost savings except in its impact on roads.
- d. **Westwood Pond** The pond has been treated by Land and Water Vegetation Control.

New Business

- a. **Set Date for Annual Picnic** The annual picnic will be held on September 25.
- b. **Date for Hearing** The date of July 18, was set for the Hearing on the Amendment to the FY23 Budget to include cost of the road paving. The City will have Mayor Knudsen and Councilman Lane, Mayor Pro Tem, go to Pilot Grove Savings Bank on June 30, 2022, to close on the street loan.
- c. **Park Erosion** An area along the road by the park has eroded enough that a car could be seriously damaged if it went off the edge. The Mayor has not had any luck in finding someone to repair this. It was last repaired by Dan Meinen several years ago. The Council discussed various ways that they might fix this themselves. The Mayor will call Four Seasons and Barton to see if they might be willing to do this. It affects about 100 feet of the roadway. Meanwhile reflectors will be placed along the road at this spot.
- d. **Water Run-Off on Westwood Drive** Some residents indicated concern about water run-off at the west end of Westwood Drive as a result of the new paving. There was lengthy discussion of this issue and the consensus was that the City has never dealt with water mitigation. That has always been left up to residents. The Council does understand the concern and will be in contact with those affected.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

Councilman Lane said that the men mowing the park pointed out six dead trees that should be taken out. It was agreed to get some paint and mark these trees and then contact Bill Maddy to see if he would do this sometime in the fall.

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 Gnann. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 18, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

Respectfully submitted

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk