

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday, June 19, 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 (absent), Monte Knudsen (present), Gary Lane (present), Eric Peterson (absent), Darrel Rogers (present)

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

Public Comments

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of May 15, 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Knudsen 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 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

- Discussion of Claim Against the City of Westwood** It was moved by Councilman Rogers to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation with the City Attorney. This was seconded by Councilman Lane and the Council went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. At 7:13 p.m. Councilman Lane moved to adjourn the Executive Session. This was seconded by Councilman Knudsen. The Executive Session adjourned. The City Attorney has a recording of this Session.
The Council agreed to request the City Attorney to write a letter and make an offer regarding this claim.
- Mail Box Repair Update** Additional work on the mailboxes has made them stable for the time being. When the weather is cooler in the fall, mailboxes will be removed so that the framework can be properly stabilized. The Council might seek the help of Boy Scouts or Building Trades at the H.S. It was agreed to try to get the mailboxes done before the picnic. At the same time the Council will consider building steps to the shed. Councilman Rogers suggested considering aluminum steps that would be cheaper and easier to install.

New Business

- Westwood City Picnic is September 17th** The picnic will be at the Log Cabin at Saunders Park. At the suggestion of some residents the Council is considering going back to having this be a Potluck.
- Public Hearing on Westwood Utilities Budget Amendment** The Mayor called the Hearing to order. As there were no residents present the Hearing was closed.
- Approval of Resolution 6-2023** This Amendment increases the Utilities Budget from \$58,000 to \$68,000; this being necessary because of unexpected water leaks. It was moved by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Knudsen to approve this Amendment. The Amendment was approved by Roll Call vote: Elijah Gnann (), Monte Knudsen (aye), Gary Lane (aye), Eric Peterson (), Darrel Rogers (aye).

Mayor / Council Member Comments

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Lane and was seconded by Councilman Rogers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. p.m.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Home of Mayor Brant Knudsen at 3005 Hickory Lane.

Respectfully submitted

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk