

CITY OF WESTWOOD
Council Meeting Minutes
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday,
March 20, 2023, at the home of Mayor Brant Knudsen

Mayor Brant Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

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

Minutes of Previous Council Meeting The minutes of February 20, 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Gnann 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 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. **Lawn Mowing Quotes for Summer 2023** The Mayor received a quote on lawn mowing from Flint River prior to the last meeting but had not received a quote from TopNotch. As TopNotch still has not given a quote, it was considered to table the issue until the next meeting. However, because TopNotch has done a good job and includes fertilizer, weed control and grub control, Councilman Rogers moved that we accept a quote from TopNotch if it is no more than 10% higher than last year. Councilman Knudsen seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- b. **City Beautification Projects for 2023** The City clean-up is set for May 6. The Council discussed getting mulch for the gardens and it was thought this was a good idea. They will be leveling the ground around the shed and putting in more gravel. The Mayor said that we are in the second round of the grant review we had submitted for the removal of honeysuckle. All the money has been distributed this year. We will be reconsidered next year.

New Business

- a. **Adoption of FY2024 City Budget** At 7:05 p.m. the Mayor called the Hearing on the FY24 Budget to order. Seeing no residents in attendance he closed the Hearing. Councilman Lane made a motion to approve the FY24 Budget as presented. Councilman Knudsen seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Elijah Gnann (aye), Gary Lane (aye), Monte Knudsen (aye), Eric Peterson (), Darrel Rogers (aye). The budget will now be sent to the state and county auditors.

Mayor / Council Member Comments

The Mayor said that there is currently one house for sale in the city.

City Utilities Comments The summary was reviewed.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Knudsen and was seconded by Councilman Gnann. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk