

CITY OF WESTWOOD

Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Westwood City Council was held on Monday, October 17, 2022, 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 (present), Darrel Rogers (present)

Welcome

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

Minutes for the Council Meeting held September 19, 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Lane 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 Peterson and seconded by Councilman Lane. 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

- Westwood Picnic** The picnic was reviewed. It was generally agreed to continue to have Hy-Vee cater the event and ask residents to bring desserts. There were approximately 35 people in attendance.
- Honeysuckle Grant** The honeysuckle grant has been submitted. We will not hear the results until January. If we get the grant we can decide whether or not to proceed based on the amount per acre received.
- Clean Up Day** Clean-up day has been moved to October 22, 2022, as the weather will be favorable on Saturday.
- Grass Seed** The area in the park that has had soil added to bring it up to the road surface has not yet been seeded. Because the weather will improve again over the next weekend it is important to get this done as soon as possible. Tim Bolen, who works for Mt. Pleasant Utilities has a hydro-seeder. Ryan Barton will contact him to get him to seed this area.
- Shed** There was discussion about whether to build up the area around the shed. It was decided not to do this at this time because the shed will sink and that probably won't happen until spring. When things are put into the shed it will probably sink toward the back and need leveling. It was also decided to put some steps by the porch so that children can more easily access that area and to put shelving in the shed. Mayor Knudsen will go to Menards to pick up the shelves.

New Business

- Take Fountain Out of Pond** Councilman Gnann and Mayor Knudsen will remove the fountain from the pond.
- Road Crack Filling Review** Norris paid Pro-Line \$7,000 to fill the cracks in the roads throughout the city. Some cracks were deep and didn't fill completely. This is true of 5-10% of the areas filled. Norris has requested that the city pay some of the cost for this. As it is still not satisfactory, Pro-Line will have to come back to finish the job. The Council feels that this is Norris's responsibility to get it right. Councilman Knudsen made a motion that the city not pay Norris anything additional for filling the cracks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson and it was approved.
- Resolution 8 Annual Financial Report (AFR)** The Annual Financial Report for Westwood was presented to the Council. It was moved by Councilman Peterson that Resolution 8 Annual Financial Report be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Knudsen and was approved by Roll Call vote: Elijah Gnann (), Monte Knudsen (aye), Gary Lane (aye), Eric Peterson (aye), and Darrel Rogers (aye).
- Trail** Councilman Peterson said that he has walked the trail recently and finds it in good condition. There is some question as to why it stops so far from the river. He did note that there are wet spots and areas that are very steep. There was discussion of city liability if someone is hurt on the trail. It was decided to put up access signs at both ends of the trail as well as signs indicating the nature of the terrain and that hikers are responsible for their own safety.

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 Peterson and was seconded by Councilman Knudsen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted

Brant Knudsen, Mayor

Nancy Erickson, Clerk