

City of Westwood, Kansas
City Council Meeting
4700 Rainbow Boulevard
September 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Held Remotely Via Zoom

Council Present: David E. Waters, Mayor
Jeff Harris, Council President
Lisa Cummins, Councilmember
Jason Hannaman, Councilmember
Laura Steele, Councilmember
Holly Wimer, Councilmember

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Leslie Herring, CAO/City Clerk
Greg O'Halloran, Chief of Police
John Sullivan, Director of Public Works
Ryan Denk, City Attorney

Call to Order

Mayor David E. Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2020. The City Clerk called the roll. A quorum was present.

Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments were made

Approval of August 13, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the August 13, 2020 Council Meeting were included in the agenda packet. Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes documents a submitted. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

The City has been in the process of implementing a new accounting system and is working with representatives from Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball to process and produce financial reports. With the City in transition, no financial report for August 2020 was available for the agenda packet. It will be included and presented during the October 8, 2020 City Council meeting.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Denk had nothing to report.

Administrative Report

Mrs. Herring had nothing to report.

Public Safety Report

Chief O'Halloran referred to the August 2020 Public Safety report and offered to answer any questions.

Chief O'Halloran noted that the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the Johnson County District Attorney's Office announced charges against a suspect in Westwood's only homicide case, which occurred in 2003.

Chief O'Halloran noted that the Public Safety Department applied for a grant for the radios and it was a lengthy, detailed process. The department is going to get over \$75,000 for the radio project.

Public Works Report

Mr. Sullivan referred to the August 2020 Public Works report and offered to answer any questions.

Committee Reports

a. Administration & Compensation Committee

Councilmember Hannaman noted that the sales tax receipts were higher than expected, and the city is currently 3% ahead of 2019 sales tax receipts.

b. Business & Community Affairs Committee

Councilmember Cummins had nothing to report.

c. Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Harris had nothing to report from Public Safety.

Councilmember Harris recommended reading the Governing Body Handbook from the League of Kansas Municipalities that the Governing Body all received in the mail. Councilmember Harris noted he'd been in elected office barely three years. It was tremendously helpful.

d. Public Works Committee

Councilmember Steele noted she went out to meet with businesses on the 47th Street Corridor to discuss the 47th striping project with them.

e. Parks & Recreation Committee

Councilmember Wimer noted the Kansas City Symphony will be performing in the parking lot at City Hall on Sunday, October 11th at 6pm.

Councilmember Wimer noted that Oktoberfest has been canceled for 2020.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Waters noted that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission and the City has advertised for interested parties in the City's weekly email listserv.

Mayor Waters noted that Mrs. Herring has expressed interest in participating in the 2021 class of Leadership Northeast, a program orchestrated by the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED: _____
David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Herring, City Clerk