

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023
Meeting #881**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on February 13, 2023, in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall.

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Rosemary Podrebarac at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, Karen Sexton, John Weedman, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr was present.

Chief Mansell and citizens Jeff and Heather Renzelman were also in attendance.

Motion by Gogol to approve the agenda. Second by Sexton. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Sexton to approve the Consent Agenda Second by Gogol. All aye. Motion approved.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

KC Metropolitan Crime Commission (Crime Stoppers - TIPS Hotline) Agreement

The 2023 Crime Stoppers Agreement renewal includes a slight increase in price from past years. The annual fee is now \$165.00 versus \$150.00 from the previous year. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to encumber \$165.00 and enter into the agreement with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission. All aye. Motion passed.**

Jeff Renzelman Detached Garage Application Appeal – 2209 West 50th Street

Jeff Renzelman appeared before the City Council to appeal the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) decision to deny his application for a new two car detached garage. Sexton asked if the Renzelmans had a professional engineering assessment to determine if the garage is not repairable. They have not, but Mr. Renzelman offered he has an engineering degree and owns a construction company. Anfang felt the application should be approved and that the current garage is unsightly and does not represent our historic neighborhood well. Mr. Renzelman offered that the walls of his garage are not stable, and the garage may also have termite damage. He will follow up with SHPO regarding evidence of these issues on the condition of the garage. **Sexton moved to continue the matter until additional information is presented and additional action from SHPO is received. Gogol seconded. Anfang Nay. All others aye.**

NEJC Mayor's Luncheon Encumbrance – March 17, 2023

Westwood Hills is scheduled to host the March NEJC Mayor's luncheon in March. **Sexton moved and Schmitz seconded to encumber \$200.00 for the cost of the March NEJC Mayor's luncheon. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Brian Ritter Contract

The 2023 contract scope of work remains the same as last year. The new contract reflects a 5% increase over the 2022 contract amount. **Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to enter into the contract with Brian Ritter for landscape services, in the amount of \$18,055.80, for services in 2023. All aye. Motion carried.**

Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter

At 7:55 pm, Anfang moved, and Gogol seconded, that the governing body recess for an executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The justification for the executive session is to protect the privacy of the personnel record and is provided by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting is to resume in this room at 8:05 pm. All aye. Motion carried.

At 8:05 pm, a motion was made by Anfang, seconded by Sexton, for the governing body to exit the Executive Session and resume the regular Council meeting session. All aye. Motion approved.

Upon return to regular session, the Council addressed the issue of compensation for the City Clerk. **Sexton moved and Schmitz seconded to increase the clerk's current salary by 5%, effective January 1, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.**

Informational items – no action to be taken

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Weedman. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.