

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023
Meeting #880**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on January 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, Karen Sexton, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were present. Chief Mansell was also present.

No citizens were in attendance.

Mayor Podrebarac requested to add agenda item 10h - Submitting an application for funding to the Kansas Forest Service.

Councilwoman Sexton asked to add item 10i - Rainbow Boulevard Traffic Study and Informational item C - Go Green! Committee Meeting

Gogol requested to add informational item D - 2023 Landscape Contract

Motion by Anfang to approve the agenda as modified. Second by Sexton. All aye. Motion approved.

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

No Old Business:

New Business:

2023 Council Appointments

Mayor Podrebarac requested that the Council approve the following city official appointments for 2023:

City Clerk: Beth O'Bryan

City Treasurer: John Martin

City Attorney: James Orr

Chief of Police: Curtis Mansell

Municipal Judge: Tim Turner

Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to reaffirm the above appointments. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works 2023 Addendum

Westwood has presented an addendum to the Public Works contract between the cities of Westwood and Westwood Hills to adjust the service rates and fees for 2023.

Schmitz moved and Gogol seconded to adopt the 2023 Public Works Addendum (setting forth the fee schedule for services from Westwood) to the Public Works contract with the City of Westwood. All in favor. Motion carried.

State of the Cities

The State of the Cities annual meeting and luncheon hosted by the Northeast Johnson County Chamber is set for January 18, 2023. Podrebarac and O'Bryan will attend. Councilpersons Gogol may attend. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to encumber up to \$105.00 (at \$35 per person) for City representatives to attend the NEJC State of the Cities luncheon. All in favor. Motion carried.** Funds will come out of the Governmental Relations line item.

National League of Cities (NLC) Membership

All U.S. cities are eligible to participate as National League of Cities members. As a member, the City will have access to NLC's resources without limitation. Based on city size, the cost for Westwood Hills to join for 2023 is \$292.00. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to renew the NLC membership for 2023. Anfang, Gogol, and Sexton aye. Schmitz nay. Motion passed.** Funds will come out of the dues and subscriptions line item.

2023 Green Lawn Contract Renewal

Green Lawn has submitted a proposed agreement for providing sprinkler services to the City during 2023.

Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to approve the 2023 agreement with Green Lawn for sprinkler services and to encumber the amount of \$970.00 for those services. The funds for the Green Lawn contract will come from the project line item. **All in favor. Motion passed.**

Codes Enforcement Contract with Roeland Park

There is a slight increase of .59 per hour for the 2023 hourly rate for code enforcement services. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to reaffirm the contract with Roeland Park at the new rate. All in favor. Motion passed.**

General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) Waiver

The GAAP waiver allows small municipalities to handle financial reports on a cash basis. The waiver allows the city to prepare budget based financial statements. **Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to approve the GAAP Waiver Resolution 2023-1. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Kansas Forest Service Funding

The Kansas Forest Service has advised that \$1.5 billion will be available from the Infrastructure Act for community forestry projects. The Kansas Forest Service has requested the submission of applications to it, and then the Forest Service will combine these applications to submit one statewide application to the Federal Government. The applications should provide a 50/50 match from city funds. The application is due to the Kansas Forest Service on January 27, 2023.

Funding Ideas:

Tree Replacement

Tree Removal

Canopy Pruning

Trimming Street Trees

\$10k a year for 4 or 5 years

Sexton moved and Anfang seconded to authorize the mayor to submit an application for the Forestry Grant for no more than \$10,000 per year. All aye.

Rainbow Boulevard Traffic Study

A discussion was held regarding the complete streets study. Any new information received will be passed along to the council.

Informational items – no action to be taken

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Gogol spoke with Brian Ritter regarding the 2023 Contract. Gogol requested a 5-6% increase for the 2023 agreement with Brian. The agreement will be on the February agenda.

Go Green! event is scheduled for September 23, 2023, at Sylvester Powell Community Center in Mission, Kansas.

Motion to adjourn by Anfang. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.