

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024
Meeting #892**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on January 8, 2024, 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 7:08 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Adam England, Ed Gogol, Karen Sexton, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr was present. Chief Curtis Mansell was present.

Citizens Stephen Platt and Martha Lally Platt were in attendance.

A request was made to add the Google Fiber Franchise Agreement to Old Business. Motion by Gogol 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.

Old Business

Google Fiber Franchise Agreement

The Council discussed the Google Franchise Agreement at the November Council meeting. The final Franchise Agreement is presented as an Ordinance that needs to be adopted. The final Franchise Agreement reflects the terms and conditions previously approved by the Council. **England moved and Gogol seconded to adopt Ordinance #299, the new Google Franchise Agreement. All aye. Motion passed.**

New Business:

2024 Green Lawn Contract

Green Lawn has submitted a proposed agreement for providing sprinkler services to the City during 2024, at a contract amount of \$1021.00.

The maintenance rates in the agreement are the same for 2024 as in 2023. The overall rate increase from 2023 to 2024 is approximately 5.5%.

2023 rates were as follows:

Start up/shut down - \$295.00

Monthly check up - \$95.00

2023 contract total - \$970.00

If the City were to elect a multi-year proposal, we would be agreeing to a 3% increase each year. That increase would result in an increase of \$30.63 for 2025 and an increase of \$31.55 for 2026. The total contract price for 2025 would be no more than \$1051.63 and for 2026 would be no more than \$1083.18.

Gogol moved and England seconded to approve the 2024 agreement with Green Lawn for sprinkler services for 2024 and to encumber the amount of \$1021.00 for those services. The funds for the Green Lawn contract will come from the project line item on the budget. **All in favor. Motion passed.**

GAAP Waiver Resolution 2024-1

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. If the city did not waive GAAP requirements, compliance with GAAP would increase the cost of financial statement preparation. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to approve the GAAP Waiver Resolution 2024-1. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Westwood Public Works 2024 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 2024.

The equipment rates are the same as in 2023.

The 2024 rate increases are as follows:

Director of Public Works: \$82.68 per hour (5.43% increase)

Superintendent of Public Works: \$43.57 per hour (2.4% increase)

Maintenance Worker III: \$38.87 per hour (1.91% increase)

Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to adopt the 2024 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.

Review Encumbrances:

Encumbrance	Amount	Keep/Remove/Notes
Street. Lights & Traffic Signals	541.86	Keep
UHL Pedestrian Barrier	1,770.00	Keep
State of the Cities	175.00	Keep
Leaf Pick up	350.00	Remove
Parsons	169.74	Remove
Computer	291.57	Remove
Mayor's Holiday Social	800.00	Keep
Stormwater Cleanout	1,535.00	Remove

Gogol moved and England seconded to remove the above encumbrances marked “removed”. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEJC Mayor’s Lunch Encumbrance

Westwood Hills will host the Northeast Johnson County Mayors on February 16, 2024. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to encumber \$300.00 for the NEJC Mayor’s luncheon. All aye. Motion carried.**

Brian Ritter Landscape Contract

The 2024 contract scope of work remains the same as last year. The new contract reflects a 4% increase over the 2023 contract amount. **Gogol moved and England seconded to enter into the contract with Brian Ritter for landscape services, in the amount of \$18,778.00, for services in 2024. All aye. Motion carried.**

Scott Jones, Chuck Tuttle, Donnie Miles, and Doug Lehman, Evergy representatives, joined the meeting at 7:39 pm. The group presented information on how Evergy works to continue and improve the delivery of electrical services to residents. Evergy completed their presentation at 8:26 pm.

Informational items – no action to be taken

Stephen Platt - The HOA has increased the dues to \$325.00 annually.

State of the Cities Reminder - January 11, 2024, 11:00 AM.

Rainbow Blvd. Complete Streets Open House, January 27, 2024, 2-4 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.