

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023
Meeting #885**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on June 12, 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 7:06 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Michael Anfang, Dave Schmitz, Karen Sexton, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were present. Chief Curtis Mansell was present. John Weedman joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

No citizens were in attendance.

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

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

No Old Business

New Business:

Ratification for Tree Trimming on Flag Island

Councilman Schmitz hired a tree service (Jennings Tree) that was performing work at his property to trim the trees on Flag Island. The cost for the trimming was \$130.00. Councilman Schmitz requested reimbursement for the expense, explaining that he requested the trimming on Flag Island to be done at the same time to save money for the City. **Sexton moved and Anfang seconded to ratify the expense and reimburse Councilman Schmitz. Councilman Schmitz abstained; all others voted aye. Motion passed.** The reimbursement will come from budget line item 8055.

4th of July Celebration

The 4th of July parade will start at the corner of 49th Street and Rainbow at 11 am on July 4. After the parade reaches the 50th Street and Glendale destination, residents will be treated to gelato from Flying Cow Gelato provided by the Community Association. Ludwig and Klara Villasi will be the Grand Marshalls of the parade.

NEJC Fireworks Display

Fairway requested a \$500.00 contribution from Westwood Hills for the fireworks display to be held at dusk on Monday, July 3, 2023. **Sexton moved and Weedman seconded**

to contribute \$500.00 to the fireworks display. All aye. Motion passed. The money will come out of budget line item 8062.

Country Club Interest Rates

Martin presented options for moving money from both the City's checking and money market accounts to a securities backed interest bearing account option at Country Club Bank. Martin will also check on money market account rates. **Sexton moved and Weedman seconded to authorize Mayor Podrebarac to work with John Martin and Country Club Bank to set up a new account for the City and move the City's funds. The results will be presented at the July meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Budget Discussion

Johnson County will release the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) this week. Once the RNR is set, the city can determine whether or not a revenue neutral rate hearing is needed and then set the budget timeline. Councilmembers Schmitz and Sexton noted they will not be at the August 14, 2023, meeting.

Executive Session

Anfang moved and Schmitz seconded that the governing body recess at 7:48 p.m. to go into executive session, for 20 minutes, to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b). All aye.

The open meeting will resume at 8:18 pm. At 8:18 pm, Schmitz moved and Weedman seconded to extend the Executive Session for an additional 20 minutes. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Anfang and second by Weedman to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular Council meeting. All aye. Motion approved. The meeting resumed at 8:33 pm. In regular session, Anfang then moved, and Schmitz seconded to increase the City Clerk's salary by 2%, effective July 1, 2023. The clerk's 2024 salary will be discussed at a later date. All aye. Motion carried.

Informational items – no action to be taken

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Schmitz. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.