

**City of Westwood Hills  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2023  
Meeting #882**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on March 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 7:03 p.m.

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

Citizen Steven Platt was in attendance.

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**Request by Sexton to amend the agenda to add item 10g dog waste collection. Gogol asked to add agenda item 10h- rain garden ratification. Motion by Sexton to approve agenda as modified. Second by Gogol. All aye. Motion approved.**

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

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**No Old Business**

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**New Business:**

Contain the Rain Agreement

BMP Cost share program with Johnson County is being presented again for 2023, with the same terms as last year. Residents are eligible to submit an application to request reimbursement of a portion of the costs of certain native plantings and rain gardens.

**Sexton moved and Schmitz seconded to enter into the "Contain the Rain" BMP Cost-Share agreement with Johnson County for 2023. All aye. Motion approved, and contract executed.**

Money Market Account

Martin reported that he is still researching rates and options available to the City for certificates of deposits, money markets, and sweep accounts.

State of the County RSVP and Encumbrance

The 2023 State of the County Address will be held on April 4, 2023. The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Sexton would like to attend. Schmitz and O'Bryan may be able to attend. **Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to encumber \$150.00 for city representatives to attend the State of the County Address. All aye. Motion approved.**

### 2023 Building Official Addendum

The 2023 Building Official Addendum with the City of Westwood changes the hourly rate for the building inspector to \$46.00 an hour. **Anfang moved and Weedman seconded to enter into the 2023 Addendum to the agreement with Westwood for building official services. All aye. Motion approved.**

### Shredding & Recycling Event

Merriam and Prairie Village have joined the event for 2023, and the event has moved to a new location.

- WWH had 10 cars participate each year in the last two years. In 2022, our average participation was 2.5% of all the cities' population, and the percentage of our population that attended the event was 3%. Paying 14% of the costs (divided by 7 cities) results in a cost of \$36.43 per participating person.
- This year will have more options for drop-offs (eyeglasses, maybe paint and jeans), however, the location is farther for our residents. The new location is Nations Holding - 9001 West 67th Street in Merriam - about 5.7 miles (13 minutes versus 1.5 miles and 4 minutes).
- According to calculations by the City Clerk, the city will pay approximately \$0.89 cents per household to participate this year. To compare the highest to the lowest, Prairie Village will pay \$0.02 per household, and Mission Woods will pay \$1.75. The average cost is \$0.37 per household.
- The City Clerk also calculated the estimated cost of the event (\$3,900.00) and divided it by the total population of the 9 cities. That amount comes to \$0.06 per household.

The event will ask for donations, but it will not be mandatory (a volunteer will ask when items are dropped off). Any money collected will offset the cost of the event.

Based on this information, **Weedman moved and Gogol seconded to decline participation. All aye.**

### Mental Health Co-Responder Agreement

A new agreement among several Northeast Johnson County cities for mental health co-responder services has been presented by Johnson County Mental Health.

**Sexton moved and Schmitz seconded to approve the Mental Health Co-Responder agreement subject to the insurance language being in alignment with the City's insurance coverage. All aye. Motion approved.**

### Dog Waste Disposal

Jolitta Woolwine has graciously collected and disposed of the dog waste from the trash can located on The Green since the receptacles have been in place. John Weedman said the City may be able to use the dumpster at Annedore's to dispose of the trash as long as it's only put in the night before trash collection, so it doesn't sit in the dumpster more than overnight. Schmitz volunteered to dispose of the waste from the trash receptacle on The Green on a weekly basis. Sexton will purchase the garbage bags and be reimbursed by the City.

### Rain Garden Ratification

Gogol reported that he and Nancy Ralston have been working together to create a rain garden on the south side of The Green. Ed Gogol paid a \$125.00 fee for a consultation from Oak & Lo. **Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to ratify the expenditure of the \$125.00 consultation fee to reimburse Ed Gogol. All aye. Motion approved. Funds will come from the beautification line item.**

Items from Citizens in attendance

Steven Platt at 4910 Glendale asked about Johnson County revaluation and property value increases.

There was a discussion regarding the appraisals for all of Johnson County. The City will publish an article regarding the countywide revaluation process.

**Informational items – no action to be taken**

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**Tree Board Meeting**

Gogol moved and Sexton seconded at 8:18 p.m. to temporarily suspend the council meeting and start the Tree Board Meeting. All aye. John Martin left the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The regular Council meeting resumed at 8:26 p.m.

Council Action on the Tree Board Meeting

Gogol moved and Anfang seconded to adopt the proclamation marking April 8, 2023, as Arbor Day in Westwood Hills. All in favor. Proclamation adopted.

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**Motion to adjourn by Gogol. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**