

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023
Meeting #890**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on November 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, Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, John Weedman, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were present. Chief Curtis Mansell was present. Fire Chief Steve Chick was present.

Citizens Martha and Stephen Platt, Mark Vranicar, and Trevor Hansen were in attendance.

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

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

Consolidated Fire District #2 (CFD2) Fire Chief Steve Chick

Chief Chick gave an overview of the health of the CFD2.

CFD2 is funded through its mill levy and the cell phone tower lease on property CFD2 owns at 63rd & Mission.

Advance Life Support operates out of each station. Paramedics are delivered to residents' doorsteps in less than 5 minutes.

No Old Business

New Business:

Go Green! Environmental Fair Representative Appointment

Gogol moved, and Schmitz seconded to appoint Councilwoman Sexton to represent the City as the Westwood Hills planning committee member. All aye. Motion passed.

Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors Holiday Social RSVP

The Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors Holiday Social (Holiday Social) will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$80.00 per person.

Clerk O'Bryan and her spouse will attend.

Mayor Podrebarac will attend.

Gogol: TBD

Schmitz and spouse will attend.

Sexton: nay

Weedman will attend and will check with Sheri.

Schmitz moved, and Gogol seconded to encumber \$800.00 for attendance at the COM Holiday Social. All aye. Motion carried.

Stormwater Cleanout

O'Bryan received a proposal from A-1 Sewer and Septic to clean out the stormwater inlets. The proposed cost is \$525.00 an hour and .35 per gallon of debris. Based on last year, it is estimated that it will take between 7-9 hours to clean out the inlets and to remove 300-700 gallons of debris. Based on nine hours and 700 gallons of debris, the cost will be \$4,970.00. The City has \$5,000.00 earmarked for stormwater cleaning per our agreement with KDHE. **Gogol moved and Weedman seconded to enter into an agreement with A-1 Sewer and Septic for the stormwater cleanout services. All aye. Motion carried.**

Google Fiber Franchise Agreement

Since discontinuing linear television service, Google Fiber has been entering into new license agreements with Johnson County municipalities to structure an updated model to compensate them for access to the right of way.

ROW access fees were initially governed by state statute based upon television service, which is a product they no longer offer. They proposed the new agreement, which is based on broadband revenue and was approved by nine other Kansas municipalities.

With the new agreement, Google Fiber will pay the City two percent 2% of gross revenues from the provision of Google services within Westwood Hills, each calendar quarter. City Attorney Orr's only concern is the 20-year agreement length of term.

Weedman moved and Schmitz seconded to approve the franchise agreement. All aye. Motion passed.

Informational items – no action to be taken

Citizen Mark Vranicar, 2213 West 49th Terrace, spoke about the Rainbow Blvd. study. He was concerned with pedestrian safety and was in favor of a possible reduction in lanes on Rainbow.

Trevor Hansen, 2216 West 49th Terrace, was also in favor of a possible lane reduction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.