

**City of Westwood Hills  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2018  
Meeting #825**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:22 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Mary Becker, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, John Weedman and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were also present.

Citizens Pauline Freeman and Jon Braatz were in attendance. Mike Coffman joined at 7:47 p.m.

**Motion by Becker to adopt the Consent Agenda. Second by Shelor Sexton. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Motion by Podrebarac to approve the agenda. Second by Becker. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

2019 Budget adoption - **Weedman moved to adopt the budget as recommended in the budget hearing. Villasi seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.** Mill levy will be set at 29.321 mills.

49<sup>th</sup> Street Barrier – The Westwood Hills Historic Foundation Treasurer, Jon Braatz, discussed the proposals for installation of a barrier, noting that the work will need to be rebid. The cost to install the stone pillars is around \$12,000-\$13,000. The cost for the fencing is not included in the bid. Braatz reported that the big concern from the contractors is uncertainty about what lies underneath the area they need to dig. Schwach reported that the Foundation can call and ask for locates for all the utilities. Schwach suggested the Foundation may need to add a little more money to the overall proposal cost for the Right-of-Way and building permit costs and inspection and oversight by John Sullivan, the City's public works director, or Eddie McNeil, the City's building official. Jon will work with Councilwoman Becker and Councilman Villasi on the project.

STO & UPOC Ordinances – Podrebarac reported that it is time to adopt the 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC). There are minor changes in the STO ordinance to comply with Kansas Code. There are also minor UPOC changes, again to comply with changes in Kansas law. The length of the UPOC ordinance is due to Tobacco 21 provisions which

the city adopted a few years ago. Because Kansas law allows 18 years old to purchase and use tobacco, the City has to amend the UPOC. The City also tweaked the ordinance to prohibit smoking on The Green, and increased the no smoking area around the shops' entry doors.

City Clerk O'Bryan will put an article in the newsletter to notify citizens of the ordinance that prohibits smoking on The Green.

**Podrebarac moved to adopt ordinance #273, adopting the 2018 edition of the STO prepared by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Becker seconded. All in favor. Ordinance adopted.**

**Podrebarac moved to adopt ordinance #274, adopting the 2018 edition of the UPOC prepared by the League of Kansas Municipalities, with specific Westwood Hills modifications. Weedman seconded. All in favor. Ordinance adopted.**

Constant Contact Program – O'Bryan reported that it is time to renew Constant Contact, the service which the City utilizes to send email communication to all residents. The annual cost is \$168.00 (30% saving by paying annually). **Shelor Sexton moved and Villasi seconded to renew the contract with Constant Contact and encumber \$168.00 for the annual cost. All in favor. Ordinance adopted.**

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

Trans Systems contacted Mayor Schwach regarding a transportation planning grant from KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) for which she applied to receive funds for a traffic study at 50th & State Line Road. Trans Systems (a third party vendor) contacted Schwach to advise that KDOT has enough money to fund our study. The City should receive formal notice from KDOT soon regarding this grant award. If the City receives the grant funding and they are selected, Trans Systems indicated that they would start the traffic study in October. They will count the traffic at the intersection and look at a 3 year history of accidents at the location. The City hopes they will look at traffic tickets as well. Shelor Sexton will ask Chief O'Halloran for traffic ticket numbers at that intersection.

Mike Coffman expressed concern for the traffic at 50th & Rainbow, which is the intersection with the light and crosswalk where kids cross to access Westwood View Elementary. He said vehicles run that light frequently. He asked if there is a delay on the stop light so that kids don't step out before the light turns red for cross traffic (so that all directions have a red for a few seconds before one way turns green). Council will follow up with Public Works Director John Sullivan for this information.

**Motion to adjourn by Weedman. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**