

**City of Westwood Hills  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2019  
Meeting #841**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were present.

Stuart Little & Malory Lutz, with Stuart Little Government Relations, and Darrell Franklin, MW Mayor elect were in attendance.

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**City Clerk O'Bryan swore in Mayor Schwach for the term 2020-2022.**

**Mayor Schwach swore in the following council members:**

Michael Anfang  
Ed Gogol  
Rosemary Podrebarac  
Karen Shelor Sexton  
Ludwig Villasi

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**Shelor Sexton asked to amend the agenda to add item 14c, a discussion on rental licenses and contract for deeds, specifically regarding 4937 Glendale Rd. Villasi seconded. All in favor.**

**Motion by Podrebarac to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Gogol. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Motion by Shelor Second to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Podrebarac. All aye. Motion approved.**

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Stuart Little, Government Relations - Mr. Little and Ms. Lutz introduced themselves. Mr. Little's firm provides information on legislative issues in Topeka, KS. He said there may be a group of cities coming together to create a coalition of the NEJC cities. Little Government Relations' goal is to provide an opportunity for the cities to come together to provide information to our Kansas legislators and keep current on legislative actions impacting NEJC. Shelor Sexton asked which cities were in the coalition. Little replied that the cities of Mission and Fairway will decide this week, and Prairie Village will discuss in January.

**Old Business:**

Kansas Gas Service (KGS) Franchise Extension Agreement

Podrebarac reported the Original KGS Franchise Agreement expired at least two years ago. KGS has agreed to continue the agreement until they have made changes to the agreement which are acceptable to the City. Ordinance #280 extends the ordinance until June 30, 2020. Podrebarac moved and Shelor Sexton seconded to approve ordinance. All in favor. Motion approved.

Encumbrance Review

Council reviewed the encumbrances and determined to remove the following:

- Tree Work \$2,423.00
- Boxwoods \$25.00
- Mayor's Lunch \$200.00
- Green Lawn \$555.00
- Recycling Event \$7.14
- Tree Clean up \$790.00
- Green Architectural Report
- Stonewall Repair \$250.00
- Tree Clean up \$1,500.00
- Storm inlet cleaning \$512.50
- Council of Mayors remove \$15.24
- MARC Project \$400.00

The following encumbrances will remain:

- Streetlights & Traffic Signals
- Merge Midwest - needs to remain, and more money may be necessary as more work than in the original contract has been completed.
- UCS
- Halloween Barricades
- Public Safety Meal
- Leaf Pick up
- State Line Road resurfacing and design

City Officials Training Seminar Encumbrance

O'Bryan reported there is a City Officials Training Seminar on Friday, December 13, 2019. Ed Gogol and Beth O'Bryan will attend. Shelor Sexton moved and Podrebarac seconded to encumber up to \$60.00 for the training seminar. All in favor. Motion passed.

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**New Business:**

2020 Asset Management

Schwach explained that the 2020 Asset Management Program for the Johnson County Stormwater Management Program consists of three parts:

- Asset Management
- Water quality
- Flooding

At this point in time, the City is still receiving and inputting final rating data on all of its stormwater assets. With a February 2020 application deadline, the City will not plan to file an application for funding of stormwater improvements with Johnson County this round.

Little Government Relations, LLC.

Schwach reported that Little agreed to a per capita fee of \$1 per person for small cities, which is \$395.00 per year for Westwood Hills. Mayor Schwach would like to wait to learn whether the other cities will participate before bringing to council for a decision.

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

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Johnson County Public Transportation - Micro Transit - It costs approximately \$22 per ride to provide service, and the fare is \$2.50 per ride, leaving the County to make up the deficit.

Shelor Sexton wants a transportation program for aging citizens.

Commissioner Fast is asking for feedback on micro-transit and fixed-route transit.

Rental Licensing - Podrebarac reported that the City has an ordinance that any homeowner must obtain a rental license prior to renting their home.

Shelor asked if an exterior inspection is required when the property is relet. Podrebarac responded that an exterior inspection is only required annually.

O'Bryan will send an EPA Press Release to SM Post identifying the Westwood Hills Stormwater Project completed in the fall of 2018 as an EPA award winning project.

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**Motion to adjourn by Anfang. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**