SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

September 22, 2025

George Davis, SWHNA president welcomed eighty-seven residents to the meeting. He thanked Wakonda Church for hosting the event with the use of their great meeting room. He reported that financial balances and expenditures are addressed at monthly board meetings which are open to all members. Speaking guests were welcomed and introduced including Councilman Carl Voss, Councilman Mike Simonson, Neighborhood Services Director Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Inspection Administrator Dalton Jacobus and Zoning Enforcement Officer Chris Heilskov. SWHNA Board members included Nick VanPatten, Steve Sarcone, Jon Shelness, Steve Utterson, Penny Harrison, Pete Conrad, Joe Harrison and George Davis.

 Councilman Simonson addressed communication between the City and neighborhoods. He addressed that as an area of improvement along with city departments addressing neighborhood concerns. He gave his cell number (515-238-0874) and encouraged any neighbor to reach out with concerns.

Councilman Voss addressed street improvements involving cars and bicycles, budget cuts and areas impacted. He addressed businesses coming into our area and meeting requirements.

Chris Johansen gave an overview of his department and areas they are responsible for. He introduced Dalton Jacobus and Chris Heilskov. The three worked to address questions regarding violations and defining violations. They also inspect several thousand rentals each year. Neighborhood violations range from weeds/grass, cars on street and on property, business equipment on property, unsafe situations and homeless enforcement. Code enforcement number is 515-283-4046. The email is NID@dmgov.org Zoning enforcement is DZ@dmgov.org. They answered several questions and gave directions for neighbors to follow up. A good job by all.

Davis gave a quick overview of Brody tennis courts and public use. Courts will be open to the residents by Friday (9-26).

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. Minutes summited by George Davis for Ginny Renda, Board Secretary.