

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 8, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Leland Hain, Roger E. Nelson, Bob Petrich, Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll and Honorary Council Person Jim Von Holtum.

City Staff present: Bill Bassett, Interim City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Ec. Development; Mike Cumiskey, Director of Public Safety; Kevin Flynn, Police Detective; Jim Laffrenzen, Supt. of Public Works; and Karen Buchman, City Clerk.

Others present: Darrell Stitt, KWOA Radio; Doug Woltjers, Daily Globe; and Jan Voit, Heron Lake Watershed District.

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY COUNCIL PERSON

Mayor Oberloh introduced Jim Von Holtum as the Honorary Council Person for the months of May and June.

AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of G.2 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Problem-Solving Partnership Project, and H.3a Additional Dock Permit. It was also noted a couple of items to be moved up front in the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to approve the regular City Council minutes of April 24 and the special City Council minutes of April 28, 2006 as previously distributed.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to accept for review the Water and Light Commission minutes of May 1, 2006 and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau minutes of March 27, 2006

RESOLUTION ADOPTED, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SAFE AND SOBER AGREEMENT

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety has opened the grant process to

participate Safe and Sober Communities Grant from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. This grant pays for officers' overtime during the operational waves that focus on enforcement of traffic safety and drunk driving violations. Authorizing this resolution allows the Public Safety Director, Michael J. Cumiskey, to execute this agreement with the State of Minnesota if the City is awarded the grant. The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

Be it resolved that the Worthington Police Department enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled SAFE AND SOBER COMMUNITIES during the period from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

Public Safety Director, Michael J. Cumiskey, of Worthington is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Worthington Police Department and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROBLEM SOLVING PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs has awarded the Worthington Police Department \$28,300 for a two-year project that expands our Citizens Academy in the minority community by partnering with Community Education. The grant allows us to purchase equipment for simultaneous interpreting, reimburse for staff time, and pay for the program evaluation. The grant period runs from April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008. Authorizing this resolution allows the Public Safety Director, Michael J. Cumiskey to execute this agreement with the State of Minnesota. The motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

Be it resolved that the Worthington Police Department will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Michael J. Cumiskey is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments, as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Worthington Police Department.

PRESENTATION ON HERON LAKE WATERSHED

Jan Voit, Heron Lake Watershed District Administrator made a presentation explaining watersheds, watershed districts, and HLWD. In 1955 the State of Minnesota authorized Watershed Districts to be governed by a board of managers appointed by the County Commissioners. There are 46 districts in Minnesota. Middle Des Moines Watershed District was formed in 1970 and named changed in 1990 to Heron Lake Watershed. The HLWD encompasses 472 square miles in the district. In the early stages flood control was the major emphasis with the new focus on clean water. She discussed grants they are work with, partnerships they work with, MEI Environmental Education Award that they just received.

PAYMENT FOR SITE PREPARATION WORK APPROVED

On August 8, (December 11), 2005, Council considered (revisited) and approved an application for Site Preparation Assistance for a commercial development located at 1321 Oxford Street (Walgreen's). Approval of the application allocated a maximum of \$80,000 to offset the costs affiliated with the relocation of public utilities and soil corrections recommended in the applicant's soil boring report. The Faigus Group, LTD, has completed all of the obligations necessary to obtain the Site Preparation funds allocated for this development as of April 12, 2006. This includes obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy, providing documentation of quantities, competitive bidding and satisfaction of all financial obligations for the above mentioned work. The total cost of the affiliated work was \$167,835. The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to authorize payment in the amount of \$80,000 to the Faigus Group, LTD as they have fulfilled all of the obligations set forth in the application guidelines.

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PLATTED ALLEY

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to give a second reading of the proposed ordinance to vacate a public right-of-way (alley) located directly south of property at 511 Tenth Street to allow for the expansion and remodel of the existing facility to accommodate a retail store.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to approve the following appointment:

Planning Commission

Mike Parks appointed to a three-year term expiring April 2009

DOCK PERMITS APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to approve the following applications for permits to install docks on public property in accordance with

requirements:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>
Evelyn Lambert	Across the street from 610 West Lake Avenue
Dale Ryen	Across the street from 920 West Lake Avenue
Dave Holinka	Across the street from 200 Lake Street

APPROVED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE WORTHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the bylaws of the Worthington Fire Department Relief Association as follows:

The lump sum pension amount that a member is entitled to receive shall be fixed at that amount which is in effect on the date that the member becomes “first eligible” to receive their pension. For a deferred member, the date first eligible is the date that the member turns fifty (50) year of age. For an active member, the date first eligible is the date upon which the member completes twenty (20) years of service AND has attained fifty (50) years of age.

APPOINTMENTS TO UPCOMING COMMITTEES APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to select members for the following committees as discussed at the City Council/staff worksession on April 28, 2006:

Joint City/Council/Township Territorial Jurisdiction - Alderman Hain and Alderman Ten Haken

Worthington Rediscovered Committee - Alderman Woll, Alderman Petrich, and Gary Hoffman as a member of the community.

FREEDOM VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK DONATION APPROVED

Following the presentation made by the Freedom Veterans Memorial Park Committee at the March 13, 2006 Council meeting, Council members discussed ways of contributing to this project. At the Council/staff worksession on April 28, 2006, Alderman Ten Haken discussed this project and it was the consensus to bring this item to the Council meeting for consideration. The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to contribute up to \$4,900 toward the cost of the flag poles and flags for the Freedom Veterans Memorial Park.

TEMPORARY ON-SALE BEER LICENSE APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the following temporary on-sale beer license for the period June 9 and 10, 2006:

No. 2006 - 1 Worthington Okabena Windsurfers, Sailboard Beach

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh had no report.

Alderman Hain - Park Board report 5 new sites have been added to Olson Park Campground. Puppy Park has been approved by the water pumping station - this is on a trial basis and will be brought before Council at the next Council meeting. He also noted the very successful fund-raising event for Bob and Sherry Filson.

Alderman Petrich - First thanked Council for covering for him the past few weeks. He noted that the Public Utilities had hired Scott Hain to replace Don Habicht upon his retirement. He felt he was the best man for the job. Memorial Auditorium has talked about a dreaming subcommittee - expansion of the facility. Council members thought they should go ahead and get some plans and ideas in place. He noted he will not be available for the May 22, 2006 City Council meeting.

Alderman Nelson - HRA to meet next week. The airport will host a Fly in Breakfast on June 10, word is getting around at how nice the terminal building turned out after the remodeling.

Alderman Woll - Discussed the Sr. Citizens concern about a location when the lease runs out at the West Elementary location the end of June. It was suggested that Bill, Bob, and Mike work on Sr. Citizen center location - might be workable to incorporate it at the Memorial Auditorium.

Alderman Ten Haken had no report. He will be unavailable for the Special Meeting and Worksession to be held on May 15.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Bill Bassett had talked to a staffer in Langseth's office regarding the \$800,000 Redevelopment of the ADI former Campbell Soup Property.

BILLS PAYABLE

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried that bills payable and totaling \$334,183.24 be ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Karen Buchman
City Clerk