

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh at 8:00 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following Aldermen present: Leland Hain, Roger E. Nelson, Bob Petrich, Lyle Ten Haken, and Mike Woll.

City Staff present: Bill Bassett, Interim City Administrator; and Karen Buchman, City Clerk.

Others present: Darrell Stitt, KWOA Radio, Ryan McGaughey, Daily Globe; Mike Peil and Norm Gallagher.

BUSINESS

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to open this Special Meeting which the Mayor noted was for the selection of City Administrator.

The Mayor noted that Council had selected two finalists and rated the two as equal in value, but one candidate contacted the Brimeyer's and withdrew his name before being notified that he was one of the finalists for the position.

The motion was made by Alderman Nelson, and seconded by Alderman Petrich to authorize the Brimeyer Group to extend the offer of City Administrator for the City of Worthington to Joe Parker, currently City Administrator/Finance Officer/Treasurer at Creston, Iowa.

Discussion followed:

Aldermen Ten Haken and Woll would like a chance for a second conversation. Alderman Ten Haken would like to further discuss his leadership role.

Alderman Petrich - during our conversation he noted Mr. Parker stated his family is 100% behind the move if he is offered the position. He is excited about coming to Worthington.

It was suggested that maybe the two retired Council members Hain and Petrich could take a trip to Creston and visit.

Mayor Oberloh contacted the Mayor of Creston and he said that Mr. Parker is very calm, collected and a good organizer. He can handle personnel issues well, he is a hard person to argue with as he does his background. He is very organized, and a very conservative man

Alderman Ten Haken stated that when Mr. Parker was introduced to someone as the Administrator from Creston, Iowa, Mr. Parker said - soon to be Administrator of Worthington.

Mayor Oberloh - noted he is the only candidate with a Mayor stating they would hate to lose him.

Alderman Nelson, was most comfortable with him.

Alderman Hain, he gave good answers to his questions, they are a very pleasant couple, why do we want to go any further?

Mayor Oberloh - they are looking for an older home to fix up. He liked his experience with local option sales tax, and his finance experience.

Following the discussion the vote was called with all members voting unanimously to extend an offer to Joe Parker of Creston, Iowa, for the City Administrator position with the City of Worthington.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further discussion the motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Karen Buchman
City Clerk