

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 9, 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 Aldermen present: Leland Hain, Roger E. Nelson, Bob Petrich, Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll and Honorary Council Person Mike Peil.

City Staff present: Bob Filson, City Administrator; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Mike Cumiskey, Director of Public Safety; and Karen Buchman, City Clerk.

Others present: Darrell Stitt, KWOA Radio; and Ryan McGaughey, Daily Globe.

**INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY COUNCIL PERSON**

Mayor Oberloh introduced Mike Peil as the Honorary Council person for the months of January and February.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to accept the Regular City Council minutes of December 27, 2005 as previously distributed.

**CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BETWEEN THE WORTHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NOBLES COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES**

The Worthington Police Department has provided the Welfare Fraud Investigative Services in 2005 under contract with Nobles County, and has been asked to conduct the same investigative services on a contractual basis for 2006. The Nobles County Board of Commissioners authorized Nobles County Family Services to enter into this agreement at their December 20, 2005 meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to approve the contract by authorizing the Mayor, Clerk, and Police Chief to sign the contract, executing the agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3095 ADOPTED, RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

At the Council meeting of October 24, 2005, Council received separate petitions and ordered preparation

of reports for the improvement of portions of Cecilee Street and Donavon Drive by necessary grading and base, and by bituminous surfacing. At the November 28, 2005 meeting Council also received a petition and ordered preparation of a report for the improvement of portions of Sterling Avenue and Sutherland Drive by necessary grading and base and by bituminous surfacing. A single feasibility report on these petitioned improvements has been completed. The resolution proposes that the hearing be held at 7:00 p.m. at the January 23, 2006 Council meeting. The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3095

RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

(Refer to Resolution file for complete copy of Resolution)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3096 ADOPTED, RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT**

The City received a petition for the improvement of a portion of Castlewood Drive by grading, base construction, curb and gutter construction, and surfacing; by extension of the municipal wastewater collection system therein; and by extension of the municipal water distribution system. A feasibility report on the proposed improvements has been completed. The resolution proposes that the hearing be held at 7:00 p.m. at the January 23, 2006 Council meeting. The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3096

RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

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**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Section 2.02 of the City Charter requires election by ballot of the Mayor Pro Tem, who shall preside during the absence of the Mayor from the City. The paper ballot election was for Lyle Ten Haken to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2006

**ANNUAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried that the following annual committee assignments be made for a one year period:

**Alan Oberloh** Nominating Committee

Okabena/Ocheda/Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board  
Lake Improvement Committee  
Liquor/Gambling Committee  
City/County/School Joint Powers Board

**Bob Petrich**

Water and Light Commission  
Downtown Parking Advisory Board  
Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board  
Employee Advisory Committee  
WGTV - TV3 Public Access Channel Joint Powers Board

**Mike Woll**

Worthington Regional Hospital Board  
Heron Lake Watershed Restoration Association  
Employee Insurance Board of Trustees  
Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Traffic & Safety Committee

**Leland Hain**

Planning Commission  
Park and Recreation Advisory Board  
Golf Advisory Board  
Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund

**Roger Nelson**

Housing & Redevelopment Authority  
Prairie Justice Center (City/County Joint Building)  
Airport Advisory Board  
Transit Board - Joint Powers Board  
Okabena/Ocheda Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board

**Lyle Ten Haken**

Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund  
Transit Board - Joint Powers Board  
Prairie Justice Center (City/County Joint Building)  
City/Council/School Joint Powers Board  
Southwest Regional Development Commission

**SET CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIME**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to set City Council meeting dates and time, for 7:00 p.m., the second and fourth Mondays of each month. In the event that a legal holiday falls on the second or fourth Monday, the Regular City Council Meeting will be held on

the following day (Tuesday).

### **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to designate the official newspaper as the Daily Globe.

### **ANNUAL APPOINTMENT**

State Statute and Section 2.03 of the City Charter states that effective January 1 of each year the City Council shall appoint a City Clerk, which appointment shall be for a one-year term. The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to appoint Karen Buchman as City Clerk for a one-year term.

### **AGREEMENT WITH NOBLES COUNTY FOR FINANCIAL/AUDIT PREPARATION SERVICES APPROVED**

During the budget process, discussions were held between the City and County about the City providing assistance in the preparation of the Nobles County Annual Audit. City staff will track hours and bill the County per the agreement not to exceed \$30,000. The revenue has already been accounted for in the 2006 General Fund budget. The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the agreement by authorizing the Mayor and Clerk's signatures. It was noted that Council would like staff to report back to them on the outcome of the arrangement.

### **VACATION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

The informational item of vacation schedule was placed on the agenda to determine quorum availability.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Oberloh noted the need for some Council worksessions to discuss several items. It was proposed to meet the next two Thursday mornings January 12 and January 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Alderman Hain - Nothing to note.

Alderman Petrich - The Memorial Auditorium will again be providing singers for the singing valentines.

Alderman Nelson - Airport Board met the new FBO owners and had some good discussion. Joint Transit Authority is hammering out language for the Request for Proposals.

Alderman Woll - Nothing to note.

Alderman Ten Haken - Joint Transit Authority has concerns of service needs in the community and one item to be included is a Right of First Refusal Clause. He has a meeting of the SRDC on Thursday.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Bob Filson reported that the City Attorney continues to work on calling the loan for Rei Tech.

Bob met with the League and they are establishing a task force to discuss immigration issues. He also met with the CGMC and they have a \$110,000 hole in their budget. Discussions centered on revisions to take place, and possibly sending letters to cities asking them to contribute to a specific component of interest - be it environmental, transportation, etc.

Brad and Bob met with Marty Rickers - CCSI

Bob talked to Mel Ruppert who noted that the County has not been successful in filling the Assessor position at this time.

### **BILLS PAYABLE**

The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried that bills payable and totaling \$298,495.29 be ordered paid.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:40 p.m., the motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to close the Regular City Council meeting for an Executive Session.

Executive Session is for Labor Negotiation Discussion of preliminary settlement with Police Patrol - LELS, and Public Works - Local 49.

Following the discussion at 8:28 p.m., a motion was made Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to close the Executive Session and return to the Regular City Council meeting.

### **LABOR CONTRACTS**

A motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried that, as an outcome of the discussion held during the Executive Session, both labor contracts be approved in concept, and Council instructed staff to bring the union contracts back to the next Council meeting for approval.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Karen Buchman  
City Clerk