

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 22, 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, Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll and Honorary Council Person Jim Von Holtum. Absent (excused): Bob Petrich.

City Staff present Bill Bassett, Interim City Administrator; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Jim Laffrenzen, Supt. of Public Works; Kevin Black, Golf Course Supt.; and Karen Buchman, City Clerk.

Others present: Darrell Stitt, KWOA Radio; Ryan McGaughey, Daily Globe; Matt Wagner, Mead & Hunt; Eric Jones and Jerry Langford, Schaap Sanitation; Becky Schilling and Derek Ahlberg.

**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 Nelson, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to approve the regular City Council minutes of May 8 and Special City Council minutes of May 15, 2006 as previously distributed.

**MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to accept for review the Water and Light Commission minutes of May 15, 2006; Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority minutes of April 13, 2006; Park and Recreation Advisory Board minutes of May 4, 2006; Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board minutes of May 11, 2006; and Planning Commission/Board of Appeals minutes of April 24, and May 9, 2006.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to accept the Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the period January 1, 2006 through April 30, 2006 and the Prairie View Golf Links Statement of Revenues vs. Expenditures for the period January 1, 2006 through

April 30, 2006.

**APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TAXIWAY C RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

At its April 10, 2006 meeting, Council authorized additional services of Mead and Hunt required to modify previously prepared plans for the Taxiway C project. The plan modifications were primarily required to reduce the scope of the project so as to match the available funding. Add alternates were also added to allow additional work should bids be favorable.

Mead and Hunt have completed the plans which define three schedules. Schedule 1 is the base project providing for the reconstruction of Taxiway C and the most northerly portion of Apron A. Schedule 2 provides for reconstruction of the remainder of Apron A to the south edge of the concrete portion of Apron A. Schedule 3 includes reconstruction of Taxiway A. The total estimated project cost, with the addition of design engineering is:

	Total Project	Federal Share	Local Share
Schedule 1	\$1,765,960	\$1,677,662	\$ 88,298
Schedules 1 & 2	\$2,190,510	\$2,080,984	\$109,526
Schedules 1 & 3	\$1,921,385	\$1,825,316	\$ 96,069
Schedules 1, 2, & 3	\$2,345,935	\$2,228,638	\$117,297

The 2006 Airport Budget includes \$119,133 for the local share of the project. The local share attributable to a majority of the design cost was funded in prior years.

Following discussion the motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to approve the plans for the Taxiway C Reconstruction project and authorize advertisement for bids to be received on June 22, 2006 and considered at the June 26, 2006 Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3110 ADOPTED, PERTAINING TO INTENT TO BOND FOR COSTS INCURRED IN MAKING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT**

Federal tax regulations require that Local Governments declare the intent to reimburse themselves for prior costs incurred in making public improvements with proceeds from bonds. In other words, the City must state the intent to sell bonds for a project after significant costs have been incurred for the project. It is typical for the City to temporarily finance improvements with construction fund reserves until an adequate amount of costs from various projects have been incurred to warrant the issuance of a bond. The following improvements were approved at the May 15, Council meeting:

Project	Maximum Amount of Bonds Expected to be Issued for Project
James Boulevard; Lexington Avenue; Moon Circle; Southeast Neighborhood Streets (Spruce Avenue; Cedar Avenue; South Clifton Avenue; South Douglas Avenue); Tower Street - Street Improvements	\$979,600

The maximum amount listed in the resolution is approximately 10% higher than the project estimates included in the applicable project reports.

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3110**

**RELATING TO FINANCING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON; ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH REIMBURSEMENT BOND REGULATIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**

(Refer to Resolution file for complete copy of Resolution)

**OPEN HOUSE SET FOR HUMISTON AVENUE AND RYAN'S ROAD AREA IMPROVEMENTS**

Staff presented a copy of the MnDOT news release pertaining to an open house set for May 24, 2006 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to be held in the Farmers Room at the Nobles County Government Center.

**APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL “PUPPY PARK”**

Council considered the establishment of an experimental “Puppy Park” at its April 24, 2006 meeting. Possible sites were presented. This item was tabled at that meeting allowing the Park & Recreation Advisory Board and staff to consider alternate sites. The Board reviewed different locations and determined the best site would be on park property located on First Avenue Southwest. The park would be approximately 100 feet x 100 feet, will utilize wood snow fence type materials, and have regulations posted per the City’s insurance provider requirements. There will be plastic bags for disposal of feces and a trash container. Following discussion the motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to authorize the establishment of an experimental “Puppy Park.”

**AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING APPROVED**

The current five year agreement with Schaap Sanitation for refuse collection, disposal and recycling for the City of Worthington expires on June 30, 2006. Staff and Schaap Sanitation met to review the existing agreement and any considered changes. It was agreed only minor changes relating to an increase in required insurance and performance bond amounts were required. The annual cost of service will be adjusted annually based upon the twelve month Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the previous 12-month period ending in April of each agreement year. The annual adjustment basis reflects the existing terms of the expiring agreement. The cost of service for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 reflects a 3.5% increase.

Eric Jones and Jerry Langford, Schaap Sanitation were present at the meeting to answer any questions the Council might have. Following discussion the motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement for Residential Refuse Collection, Disposal and Recycling with Schaap Sanitation as presented with staff to check on the clarification or addition of per month to item 17.

**YARD WASTE AND TREE/BRUSH DISPOSAL/SITE AGREEMENT WITH SCHAAP SANITATION**

The current agreement with Schaap Sanitation for providing a site and meeting required conditions for residents of the City to dispose of yard waste (leaves/grass clippings) and tree/brush material expires on June 30, 2006. Staff and Schaap Sanitation met to review the existing agreement and any considered changes. Current and past agreements have been for two year periods. Both parties agreed the term of agreement and the basis to determine the cost of service should mirror the agreement for the collection and disposal of refuse and recycling. The contract shall be for a five (5) year period commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2011.

The cost of service - \$1.02/month per residential customer for providing a disposal site; \$3,200 annually as compensation for the City to dispose of trees and brush not exceeding 10' in length from public owned property; an additional \$800.00 annually if the City desires the option of utilizing the site for the disposal of grass clippings and leaves from public owned property and from fall street sweeping operation. The City and Schaap agree that the accepted cost of service will be subject to an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPU-I) for the previous twelve months ending in April of each agreement year and the percentage of increase or decrease shall be applied to the cost of service.

Eric Jones and Jerry Langford, Schaap sanitation were present at the meeting to answer any questions the Council might have. Following discussion the motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman

Hain and unanimously carried to approve the Yard Waste and Tree/Brush/Site Agreement with Schaap Sanitation as presented.

**APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CENTENNIAL PARK CONCESSION STAND**

Becky Schilling has operated a concession stand in Centennial Park since 2004. The first year she sold basics - candy, prepackaged ice cream, bottled water and sodas. 2005 it was basics plus she added a hot dog steamer and popcorn. 2006 she hopes to expand the offerings to include smoothies, slushes, hamburgers. She is installing sinks and a hot water heater needed to promote food. Discussed the possibility of a bait vending machine and asked about canoe and paddle boat rentals. In lieu of rent, Becky and her staff maintain the restrooms and beach area seven days a week. The City supplies the necessary cleaning supplies. Becky is required to purchase a concession permit and to provide proof of insurance. Becky and Derek Ahlberg, the concession stand manager, were present to give a brief presentation for the upcoming season. Derek noted they may be open a little later - close by 9:00 p.m., but may have music jam sessions - just family oriented, similar to unvarnished music - no amplification. The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to approve the Lease Agreement with Alderman Ten Haken and Alderman Nelson asking that staff look into the possibility of funding the water heater.

**WORTHINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PUBLIC GRAND RE-OPENING/FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006**

Staff wanted to inform Council of the public grand re-opening/fly-in/drive-in for the Worthington Municipal Airport that is set for Saturday, June 10 beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at approximately noon. The event is being organized by staff, members of the Airport Advisory Board, Integrity Aviation and Mark McCormick, Civil Air Patrol member. The Chamber of Commerce is working with the committee to promote the event as a morning activity prior to enjoying the regatta in the afternoon and evening. The committee encourages everyone to visit the airport to see all the exciting activities happening. The event will include:

1. Fund raiser pancake breakfast by the two local Boy Scout Troops
2. Static Display by the Civil Air Patrol including two aircraft
3. Avera/McKennan Air Ambulance
4. Minnesota State Patrol Airplane and information display
5. Vanguard 100% E-85 fueled aerobatic airplane from Tea, South Dakota
6. MNDOT Aeronautics inflated learning jet and information display
7. BlackHawk Helicopter Display
8. F-16 Scheduled Fly-Over
9. Worthington Fire Department Display
10. Airplane rides for a nominal fee

**ORDINANCE NO. 988 ADOPTED, VACATE A PLATTED ALLEY**

Pursuant to published notice this was the time set for the third reading for the proposed ordinance to vacate the public right-of-way (alley) located directly south of property at 511 10<sup>th</sup> Street to allow for the expansion and remodel of the existing facility to accommodate a retail store. The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to give a third reading to and adopt the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO 988**

**AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PLATTED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON,  
NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

(Refer to Ordinance file for complete copy of Ordinance)

**ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVED - MICHAEL'S RESTAURANT**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to approve the following On-Sale Liquor License:

2006-1        June 5, 2006 through June 30, 2007, Michael's Restaurant, 1305 Spring Avenue,  
                  George and Ruth Coutsougeras

It was noted the liquor liability insurance certificate did not have a signature on it and staff will contact the insurance company for a revised certificate.

**APPROVED BLOCKING OF STREETS APPLICATION FOR THE WORTHINGTON  
WINDSURFING REGATTA**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the blocking of streets for the Windsurfing Regatta. The Worthington Windsurfers submitted an application to block streets for the Windsurfing Regatta for the period June 8 through morning of June 12. The streets include Lake Street from Second Avenue to Seventh Avenue and a portion of Eighth Street. The other streets will be to the alley ways of Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Avenue from Lake Street. They will be working with the City Public Works Department and Police Department.

**AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE/CROSSINGS AT PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF  
COURSE**

Due to heavy rains that occurred on April 6 and 7, 2006, the rains washed out two culverts and bridges

at Prairie View Golf Links. Temporary walkways have been constructed to allow walkers to cross the waterway. Carts however must backtrack and reroute. The detour presents a hazard to golfers who are teeing off and cannot see the crossing from the tee box or must wait while carts backtrack. Kevin Black, golf course superintendent, contacted Sloan Construction to get a cost estimate on culvert and crossing replacement, which is estimated at approximately \$15,000. The Golf Advisory Board discussed the proposed project and asks Council authorization to purchase and install new culverts and build the two new bridges. It was noted that a claim has been submitted to the City's insurance company. Following discussion the motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Hain and unanimously carried to authorize the replacement of the bridge/culvert crossings and to fund the costs from the City's insurance fund reserve. Should the loss be covered by insurance, the funds will be placed back into the insurance fund reserve.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Oberloh - nothing

Alderman Hain - Reported on the Golf Advisory Board meeting - Golf Course has 139 memberships compared to 111 at this time last year. Also, talked about a camera for the upstairs of the clubhouse, due to the break ins. Housing Standards Committee - coming close to bringing their conclusions to Council. Alderman Nelson - HRA meeting - the Atrium is adding security system. Prairie Acres - staff is still pursuing privatizing - they are raising rents but slowly not a big jump.

Alderman Ten Haken - SRDC meeting this week - regional nature. He would like the city to tap into their resources - transportation project assistance - utilize them. Their annual meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., July 14 at Walnut Grove at the Community Center. They also do grant writing. He has a Chamber Event Center meeting tomorrow.

### **INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Bill Bassett reported that the \$800,000 for demolition of the ADI or Campbell Soup property passed through the legislature - Tim Flaherty gave us strategy and our Legislators did a good job. The ½ cent sales tax did get extended. If we should go ahead with it, we need to tie down what is our vision. Suggested setting up a meeting with Steven Robinson of SEH to get a more concrete image of project and cost. Alderman Nelson we got an extension - we need to get questions answered - car dealer cap is in law. Bill we need to have pressure to get the job done - if you have the momentum - get going. Alderman Woll - this is a great opportunity, go with it. Mayor suggested if someone has a question send them to us so we can research them. Alderman Hain - we can't take 150 proposals and go - two or three proposals to take to public to receive comments would be more workable. Bill's suggestion - meet with SEH give them some direction - make it manageable. We have a short time table if going this year.

### **BILLS PAYABLE**

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The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried that bills payable and totaling \$684,423.94 be ordered paid.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Karen Buchman  
City Clerk