

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

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 and Mike Woll. Absent (excused): Honorary Council Person Pat Remme.

City Staff present: Don Habicht, General Manager of Public Utilities; and Karen Buchman, City Clerk.

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

AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as presented.

MINUTES APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the Regular City Council minutes of September 12, 2005 as previously distributed.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to accept for review the Water and Light Commission minutes of September 19, 2005; and Worthington Hospital Board minutes of September 19, 2005.

AMENDMENT #1 TO LEASE AGREEMENT APPROVED

On April 1, 1996, Nobles County and Worthington Public Utilities (WPU) entered into a lease agreement for the space in the Nobles County Government Center that WPU currently occupies. The initial term of the lease was for ten years and is set to expire on April 1, 2006. Paragraph 4 of the lease agreement grants the lessee (WPU) the option to extend the lease for an additional five year period provided that intent to exercise the option is given to Nobles County at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the original lease. On July 25, 2005, a letter was sent to Mel Ruppert, Nobles County Administrator, serving as WPU's intent to exercise the option and extend the term of the lease to April 1, 2011.

A proposed amendment to the lease was also provided to the County at that time. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide for additional renewal periods that would allow for the lease agreement to continue beyond the expiration of the first extension term. Nobles County has reviewed and approved the amendment.

At their September 19th regular meeting, the Water and Light Commission approved Amendment

#1 to Lease Agreement and authorized President Fleming and Don Habicht, General Manager, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Worthington Public Utilities subject to concurrence by the City Council. The motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve Amendment #1 to Lease Agreement and authorize the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED TO ADOPT CITIES OF BAYOU LA BATRE AND DAUPHIN ISLAND, ALABAMA

A proposed resolution was presented to adopt two cities who received severe destruction as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Darrell Stitt, KWOA Radio is working to coordinate the efforts. Darrell stated that at the radio station they were talking about what they could do to help, and wondered if there wouldn't be others interested and could they get community support. Bob Filson had informed him that a community in Florida was sending men and equipment to these communities. He is working to see if any of our area communities would have surplus property or monetary donations they would like to make. The City of Bayou LaBatre is a smaller community but similar in nature to Worthington, Dauphin Island is a more upscale tourist location. Here is another chance to become attached to another community as a City in need in the United States. Darrell reported that there is a steering committee of community leaders who are proceeding on an informal basis. There is a meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Chamber Office if anyone is interested in attending.

A motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITIES OF BAYOU LA BATRE AND DAUPHIN ISLAND, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the City of Bayou LaBatre, Alabama and the City of Dauphin Island, Alabama were devastated by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, we want to make an effort to reach out a helping hand to those that are struggling to rebuild their lives and communities following such a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington, Nobles County and School District #518 desire to assist these two communities in any way that they feel would be most beneficial.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL, NOBLES COUNTY BOARD, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT #518 BOARD to authorize the staff of the City of Worthington, County of Nobles and School District #518 to make contact with the two municipalities to determine what their needs are and to report back to the three government entities

to recommend actions to be taken.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - reported on their trip to the City's sister city Crailsheim, Germany and what an awesome experience it was. There were about 85 people who went on the trip.

Alderman Hain - reported on Turkey Day and how successful it was considering the rainy weather. Moving the parade to 5:00 p.m., worked well, the carnival was busy, and moving the Mixer to Pioneer Village was very well received.

Alderman Petrich - reported on the Water & Light Lease Agreement with the County, and the well-attended Corn Off the Cob presentation at Memorial Auditorium. He did note maybe some type of disaster plan should be implemented for the Auditorium as storm warnings were out that night.

Alderman Nelson - nothing at this time.

Alderman Woll - Hospital radiation project moving forward.

Alderman Ten Haken - thanked the City crews for their efforts in the storm Saturday night. He also noted that prints will go out tomorrow by the SW MN Housing Partnership on the Viking Terrace Apartment project with the bid date of October 12.

Alderman Petrich noted that the lake came up about two feet after the storm the other night.

STAFF REPORT

Don Habicht reported on the Water Tower Project. It is coming along, had some paint matching problems, but that seems to have been resolved, it is a little behind but coming.

BILLS PAYABLE

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried that bills payable and totaling \$885,457.24 be ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Hain, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Karen Buchman
City Clerk