

**JOINT WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL/NOBLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

The Worthington City Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Field House Conference Room by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present: Larry Janssen, Alaina Kolpin, Chad Cummings, Amy Ernst, Chris Kielblock.

The Nobles County Commission meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Field House Conference Room by Chairperson Don Linssen with the following Nobles County Commissioners present: Robert Demuth, Jr., Justin Ahlers, (via facetime), Bob Paplow, Gene Metz.

City Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Matt Selof, Director of Community Development; Hyunmyeong Goo, Assistant City Engineer; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Nobles County Staff present: Bruce Heitkamp, Nobles County Administrator; Aaron Holmbeck, Nobles County Engineer; Allison Hietbrink, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Karen DeBoer, Director of Praireland Transit System; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Kari Lucin, The Globe.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES AND CLOSURE

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Demuth, seconded by Commissioner Metz and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TRANSIT BUSES APPROVED

Karen DeBoer, Director of Prairie Land Transit, explained the buses for the Transit system are provided by MnDOT. They currently have two buses that need to be replaced and the state has awarded the purchase of two new buses but they are not scheduled to be here until 2023. Ms. DeBoer said there is an opportunity to purchase a 2011 and a 2006 bus from Prairie Five Rides that have less miles than the two that are currently being used. She said the ongoing expenses of repairs is high and not being able to have all buses running is becoming an issue. Prairie Five Rides is asking \$5,000.00 for each bus and unfortunately MnDOT funds cannot be used so Prairie Transit is asking for the city and county to each put \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of the buses.

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said ARP funds could be used towards the purchase of a bus.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and

unanimously carried to use ARP funds for the purchase of one bus for \$5,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Demuth, seconded by Commissioner Paplow and unanimously carried to purchase one bus for \$5,000.00.

RECEIVED REPORT OF CSAH 10/CRAILSHEIM ROAD SPEED STUDY - NOBLES COUNTY ENGINEER

Aaron Holmbeck, Nobles County Engineer and Public Works Director, said the Minnesota Department of Transportation conducted a speed study along CSAH 10/Crailsheim Road.

Mr. Holmbeck said the study was done as a result of extensive concern about traffic along CSAH 10/Crailsheim Road. The areas affected are the intersection of West Oxford Street near the Worthington Middle School and also along County Road 10 at the entrances to the Worthington Learning Center the Intermediate School and the Community Education building, which is expected to open in the spring.

While the study justified putting up a new speed zone in the Fox Farm Road area, the Council and Commissioners were disappointed and felt the study conclusion does not address the safety concerns since the study was done prior to the start of the new school year.

Mr. Holmbeck said he was surprised by the study's outcome and is hoping that MnDOT will conduct a second speed study, but he is not optimistic that it will happen until later in the year due to current scheduling.

The council and county board discussed adopting resolutions to forward to MnDOT and state legislators expressing their concern with the findings of the study and request another study be done as soon as possible. Both boards would like the District 518 to be involved as well, Steve Robinson, City Administrator said he will reach out to the District.

A motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to do a resolution asking for another speed study at the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Demuth, seconded by Commissioner Metz and unanimously carried to pass a resolution requesting a speed study at the next Commissioners meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kolpin, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the Special City Council meeting at 10:34 a.m.

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The motion was made by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Paplow and unanimously carried to adjourn the Special County Commissioners meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk