

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION OF OCTOBER 28, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING**

OCTOBER 30, 2013

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson. Members absent: Honorary Council Member, Jerry Eykyn.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Whettschreck, KWOA; Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS CONTINUATION OF BUDGET DISCUSSION

Purchase of Fire Tanker Truck - Following discussion, Council consensus was to postpone this item until research could be completed that would include discussions with the County and the Townships.

Liquor Store Transfer to General Fund - The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to increase the Liquor Store Transfer to the General Fund up from \$200,000 to \$225,000.

Transfer Amount from Electric Fund to General Fund - Following discussion, Council consensus was to look at the Electric Fund revenue at the end of the year so that any increase would not affect electric rates for the year. Craig Clark, City Administrator, Brian Kolander, Finance Director, and Council Member Wood will visit on this and then talk with Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities.

City Entrance Sign Funding - The motion was made by Council Member Nelson and seconded by Council Member Kuhle to fund a second City entrance sign at \$25,000, with the following Council Members voting in favor of the motion: Kuhle, Graber, Wood, Nelson; and the following Council Members voting against the same: Sankey. Motion carried.

Overlay Fund - Based on the increase of \$55,000 to our State Aid amount that will be used for 401 projects, the motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to reduce the \$400,000 budgeted amount for street overlays by \$55,000, noting the State Aid increase will “back fill” that amount into the overlay fund.

Health Insurance Budget Increase - Based on new information and claims experience since August, the motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to increase the budgeted amount for Health Insurance premiums from 10% to 20%, or an increase of \$63,000.

Informational Item - Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted that WREDC has a slight increase in their budget over the \$86,000 Economic Development Levy. However, Mr. Clark noted that should WREDC request the additional amount, Council could determine to use the carry over funds from this year.

Staff noted that revised information was received from the Nobles County Attorney's office that indicated the actual amount of the contract for legal services is \$167,798.

Final Certification Number for 2014 Levy - Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted that based on the numbers approved by Council, the pre-certification number set by Council of 1.3% is short by about \$35,000. Following discussion, Council determined they would like to see the final certification set at less than 1%, and funding for the city sign could come out of the hospital impact dollars. Council requested that Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, join the meeting to discuss the \$400,000 budgeted for overlays. Based on information from him, Council determined to further reduce the overlay fund by an amount needed to set the levy certification at .9%, up to \$50,000.

Council Member Kuhle requested an update on the hospital funds.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk