

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present:, Larry Janssen, Alan Oberloh, Chad Cummings, Amy Ernst, Mike Harmon.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Karl Evers-Hallstrom, Daily Globe

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Kuhle welcomed new Council to their positions.

AGENDA CLOSED / APPROVED

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to close / approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously as follows:

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting December 27, 2016
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting January 3, 2017; Housing and Redevelopment Authority Minutes of November 29, 2016; Public Arts Commission Minutes of November 17, 2016 and December 29, 2016; Center for Active Living Committee Minutes of December 12, 2016
- Annual Appointments as follows:
 - ▶ Designated the time and place of meetings as 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in City Hall Council Chambers excepting that if the second or fourth Monday should fall on a recognized holiday the meeting will be held at the same time on the Tuesday immediately following, and special meetings shall be called as needed
 - ▶ Appointed Janice Oberloh as the City Clerk for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and Melinda Eggers as Assistant City Clerk for that time period to act in the absence of the Clerk
 - ▶ Designated the Daily Globe as the official newspaper for the publication of all matters required by law to be published
 - ▶ Designated official depositories for the City of Worthington as: Bank of the West, First State Bank Southwest, Fulda Area Credit Union, Rolling Hills

Bank, United Prairie Bank, Wells Fargo Bank - and for investments:
Worthington Federal Savings Bank, SWS Financial Services, Ameriprise
Financial, Edward Jones Investments, and 4M Fund (League of Minnesota
Cities sponsored money market)

- ▶ Annual Council Committee Appointments as presented
- Appointed Mark Shepherd as the City Attorney and James E. Malters as the Assistant City Attorney for a one-year period from and after January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017 and approved the new agreement as proposed
- Approved an application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit for King Turkey Day, Inc. CEO, Jamie Salinas, to conduct raffles at the Worthington Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 18, 2017
- Approved the 2017 Industrial Wastewater Treatment Fund Budget
- Bills payable and totaling \$1,260,875.89 be ordered paid

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2017

Section 2.02 of the Worthington City Charter states that at the Annual Meeting the City Council shall, from its number and by ballot, elect a Mayor Pro Tem who shall preside over the meetings of the City Council during the absence of the Mayor from the City, or upon the inability of the Mayor, from any cause, to discharge the duties of the office.

Following distribution of ballots and voting, the following votes were cast:

Council Member Janssen	2
Council Member Oberloh	1
Council Member Cummings	1
Council Member Harmon	1

Following vote tabulation by the Clerk, Council declared Larry Janssen Mayor Pro Tem for 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01-01 ADOPTED APPROVING NOBLES COUNTY PLANS FOR C.S.A.H. OVERLAY

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, reported that Nobles County is proposing to overlay CSAH 5 from County Road 33 south to CSAH 4, which includes placement of a 2" overlay over the existing driving lanes and paving 2 feet of the existing 7' wide gravel shoulder. The project will be financed with County State Aid Highway funds with no cost to the City. Council approval is necessary per State Aid funding requirements as the project extends into the City limits.

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution approving the project:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01-01
(Approving Plans for Project No. SAP 053-605-012)

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kuhle - Reported on a Joint City/County/School/College meeting. Also noted there will be an ISD 518 Listening Session meeting for government entities on January 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Oberloh - No report.

Council Member Cummings - Reported on a half-day planning session for the CVB, a Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board meeting, and a New Board Member retreat for the YMCA.

Council Member Ernst - Reported on the Planning Commission meeting and a Cable 3 Joint Powers Board meeting she attended last week.

Council Member Harmon - Reported on the Joint City/County/School Board meeting, the Water and Light Commission meeting from the 3rd, and the Center for Active Living Committee meeting this morning.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, reported that we had closed on the former Dollar General facility on December 28th so we officially own it. He met with the architect group last week for incorporating some things in to it that we want, and they will be here again on Wednesday for measurements and gathering additional information on the building. Our intent is to keep this on track to get the plans completed and get out to bid and start construction this spring. He will be going to St. Paul tomorrow with Scott Hain to meet with Senator Weber and Representative Hamilton tomorrow afternoon and will try to meet with Governor Dayton's office Wednesday morning. There's a couple of priorities - a stand alone bill that would free up that money from Phase II of the Lewis and Clark Project - it is hopeful that the we'll have water here from the project in 2018.

Legislative priorities were forwarded to Council last week for comment - it will be brought to Council next time for approval. Mr. Robinson also reported on the Citizens Group working with the MPCA regarding chloride discharge - the cost would be enormous so they are looking at a variance procedure. The concern with the variance is that if the permit includes a limit on it, the limit will never go away.

ADJOURNMENT

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The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk