

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2015**

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: Scott Nelson, Diane Graber, Larry Janssen, Mike Harmon, Rod Sankey. Honorary Council Member: Steve Forrest.

Staff present: Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Steve Robinson, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Chad Cummings, KWOA; Erin Trester, Daily Globe; Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf; John Loy, Quinn Bents, Brianna Kempema, Orissa Nitibhon, and Troy Feller, Worthington High School Marching Band; Colleen Bents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

Honorary Council Member - Mayor Kuhle introduced Steve Forrest as the Honorary Council Member for January, February, and March 2015.

Worthington High School Marching Band - Band Director John Loy introduced the four captains of the Worthington High School Marching Band: Quinn Bents, Brianna Kempema, Orissa Nitibhon and Troy Feller. The band traveled to Florida in December to compete in the Brightspark Music Festival in Tampa, and performed at the Outback Bowl halftime show. They came away from the competition with three awards: Group II, Gold Rating - 1st Place Concert Band; Group II, Gold Rating - 1st Place Parade Band, and Feature Parade Band Award (first time given). Mayor Kuhle said the community was very proud of their accomplishments.

Mayor Kuhle - noted some accomplishments of 2014 and thanked staff and Council for their work. He also noted that he would like to institute a cut off time and date for agenda items as noon on Wednesdays prior to the Council meetings, so agendas can be delivered around noon on Thursdays so Council had it earlier. Mayor Kuhle also spoke of goals and issues he wanted to focus on going forward that included Lewis and Clark, mall redevelopment, the golf course, the City administrator search, and economic development.

AGENDA CLOSED/APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS

Staff requested the addition of the following items to the agenda:

Consent agenda - Item 3.a.5. Administration - Temporary On-Sale Liquor License - Worthington Country Club

Regular Agenda - Item E.4. Administration - Applications for New On-Sale Liquor, On-Sale Wine, and On-Sale Beer Licenses - Great Life at Worthington Country Club.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to close / approve the agenda with the requested additions.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting December 22, 2014 and Special Meeting-Work Session January 9, 2015
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors Minutes of November 20, 2014; Public Arts Commission Minutes of December 11, 2014; Nobles Economic Opportunity Network Minutes of December 11, 2014
- 2015 Annual Appointments as follows:

Designated the time and place of Regular City Council Meetings as 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of every month, 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, with special meetings called as needed.

Appointed Janice Oberloh as City Clerk for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 as required by the City Charter, and appointed Melinda Eggers as the Assistant City Clerk to act in the absence of the Clerk

Designated the Daily Globe as the official newspaper for all matters required by law to be published in 2015

Designated the following financial institutions as official depositories for the City of Worthington in 2015: Bank of the West, First State Bank Southwest, Fulda Area Credit Union, Rolling Hills Bank, United Prairie Bank, Wells Fargo Bank - and investments: Worthington Federal Savings Bank, SWS Financial Services, Ameriprise Financial, Edward Jones Investments, and 4M Fund (League of MN Cities sponsored money market), as advised by the State Auditor

Council Committee Appointments:

Scott Nelson	HRA
	Airport Advisory Board
	Park & Rec Board
	Prairie Justice
	Lake Improvement
	Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund

	Joint Jurisdictional Planning Comm. (Nobles & City)
Diane Graber	Planning Commission Convention & Visitors Bureau Public Arts Commission Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board Employee Advisory Board Transit Board Joint Jurisdictional Planning Comm (County & City)
Rod Sankey	Liquor & Gambling Worthington Rediscovered NEON SW MN Radio Board Heron Lake Watershed Board Downtown Parking Advisory Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board
Mike Harmon	Public Utilities Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Cable 3 Board Joint Powers Board Prairie Justice City/County/School Golf Advisory Center for Active Living
Larry Janssen	Transit Board EO Olson Trust Traffic & Safety Lake Improvement NEON Employee Ins. Board Worthington Rediscovered Okabena-Ocheda Bella Clean Water Partnership
Mike Kuhle	SRDC City/County/School E.O Olson Trust Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board

- Appointed Mark W. Shepherd as the City Attorney and James E. Malters as the Assistant City Attorney for a one-year term from and after January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2015
- Approved an On-Sale Beer License renewal for La Morenita, Carlos Benjamin Figueroa - 1321 Milton Avenue, for the license period January 13 through December 31, 2015
- Approved the 2015 Industrial Wastewater Treatment Fund Budget as presented - noting that

- no comments had been received from JBS
- Approved a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Worthington Country Club, 851 W. Oxford Street for February 1, 2015, for their Super Bowl event
- Bills payable and totaling \$448,768.66 be ordered paid

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

The Clerk distributed paper ballots to Council for determination of a Mayor Pro Tem for 2015. Tabulation of the votes resulted in a unanimous vote for Council Member Scott Nelson to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2015.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the election of Scott Nelson as Mayor Pro Tem for 2015.

2015 PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF LINKS RATES APPROVED

At their December 8, 2014 meeting, Marty VandeMore, Dakota Golf, presented the proposed 2015 Prairie View Rate Structure for Council approval. Following a brief discussion, Council voted to table action on the rates until new Council could consider them in January. Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf, now presented a newly revised proposed 2015 rate structure for Council approval, which reflected the same as the 2014 rates, except that the family pass was decreased from \$1,000 to \$900, the range pass was reduced from \$65 to \$35 and a discount was provided for cart storage fees. Mr. Jansa said the new scheduled was based on Council's determination at their January 9, 2015 work session meeting.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson to approve as presented excluding the discount column of "before 2/15/15", and make a change to the range pass that it remain at \$65 and not be discounted down to \$35.

Council Member Sankey suggested that we stay with the 2014 rates, and that the discount to April 1st be moved up. He did not agree with the reduced family rate. Council Member Graber said she would like to go with what the Management man recommends, as that's the business he's in, and we have to have some advantage for reduced costs given the profile right now. Council Member Harmon said he understood discounting golf but not carts. Mr. Jansa said the discounting is basically to entice people to buy early, and he strongly recommends not getting rid of the early discount, and keeping both of the discount dates. Mayor Kuhle suggested staying with the 2014 rates and giving a 5% discount if signed up by February 1st - he could leave the family rate at \$900.

Council Member Nelson said he would be willing to change his motion - looking at the 2015 column, with \$900 for family, and instead of "x-ing" out the 02/15/15 discount make it effective February 1st at 5% discount - he would still like the range pass to remain at \$65 - golf carts would

stay the same as 2014. Mr. Jansa noted he had lowered the cart storage fees to try to regain some he felt they had lost, and asked for clarification of the discount/tier. Council Member Nelson said there would be only one discount tier, but he would change the discount rate in his motion to 7% to reflect the numbers that were in front of Council now. Cart rates would stay the same as proposed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sankey.

Council Member Janssen said he would agree with Council Member Graber and go with what the Management Company was saying. It would be more enticing. Mayor Kuhle disagreed, saying that there were not enough golfers available where slashing the rates would bring in enough new golfers to justify it. Mr. Jansa said it was his opinion that keeping the rates the same and expecting different results, especially with the new way the Country Club is going to operate, he does not have a lot of confidence in that.

Council Member Sankey called the question. The motion carried unanimously to adopt the following 2015 Rates and Programs schedule:

Season Passes - Valid for Both Golf and FootGolf

<u>Golf Only</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Before 02/01/2015</u>
Individual	\$ 645.00	\$ 600.00
Ind. Weekday	\$ 445.00	\$ 415.00
Family	\$ 900.00	\$ 840.00
Senior Weekday	\$ 395.00	\$ 370.00
Senior WD Couple	\$ 505.00	\$ 470.00
Young Adult (19-29)	\$ 275.00	\$ 255.00
Young Adult Family	\$ 500.00	\$ 465.00
Junior (under 19)	\$ 60.00	\$ 56.00
<u>Golf and Cart</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Before 02/01/2015</u>
Ind. + Single Cart	\$1,065.00	\$ 990.00
Ind. + 9 Hole Cart	\$ 965.00	\$ 900.00
Ind. WD + Single Cart	\$ 865.00	\$ 805.00
Ind. WD + 9 Hole Cart	\$ 765.00	\$ 715.00
Family + Family Cart	\$1,440.00	\$1,345.00
Family + Family 9 Hole Cart	\$1,320.00	\$1,230.00
Sr. WD + Single Cart	\$ 815.00	\$ 760.00
Sr. WD + 9 Hole Cart	\$ 715.00	\$ 670.00
Sr. WD Couple + Family Cart	\$1,045.00	\$ 975.00
Sr. WD Cpl + Family 9 Hole Cart	\$ 925.00	\$ 860.00

Yng Adult (19-29) + Cart	\$ 695.00	\$ 645.00
Yng Adult (19-29) + 9 Hole Cart	\$ 595.00	\$ 555.00
Yng Adult Family + Family Cart	\$1,040.00	\$ 970.00
Yng Adult Family + Fam 9 Hole Ct	\$ 920.00	\$ 850.00

Offers 10 monthly payments from January - October. Final payment free with sign-up before Feb. 1, 2015.

Senior passes are weekday only. Seniors must be 70 years of age before August 1, 2015

Junior passes are weekdays only. Junior passes may be used on weekend afternoons if the course is available or anytime with an adult.

Family passes include husband, wife, juniors under 19 and young adults under 22 with student ID.

Discount of 7% before February 1, 2015.

Annual Golf Cart Rental - Valid for Both Golf and FootGolf

<u>Regular</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Before 02/01/2015</u>
Family	\$ 540.00	\$ 505.00
Single	\$ 420.00	\$ 390.00
9 Hole Cart - Family	\$ 420.00	\$ 390.00
9 Hole Cart - Single	\$ 320.00	\$ 300.00
Gas Storage - Ind	\$ 350.00	\$ 325.00
Elec Storage - Ind	\$ 375.00	\$ 350.00
Season Trail Fee	\$ 205.00	\$ 190.00

Offers 10 monthly payments from December - September. Final payment free with sign-up before Jan. 1, 2015.

Annual golf cart passes are for the passholder only. All players without an annual golf cart pass must pay the applicable fee to ride. All cart riders, both passholders and daily fee players, will ride with another player if a seat is available rather than take a separate cart. If a golfer with a 9 hole weekday cart pass wishes to play 18, they will pay the regular rate of \$5 for their 2nd 9. For the family cart pass, only one cart can be on the course at any given time. The family pass includes use by immediate family members only, parents, children and grandchildren. All others will pay the applicable fee.

Daily Green Fees
Sales Tax of 6.875% included where applicable

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Resident (new)</u>
9 Holes	\$16.00	\$14.00
18 Holes	\$24.00	\$20.00
2 nd 9	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00
Weekend 9	\$18.00	\$16.00
Weekend 18	\$26.00	\$22.00
Junior 9	\$ 5.00	
Senior 9	\$ 7.00	
FootGolf 18	\$ 7.00	
FootGolf 18 w/cart	\$18.00	
Junior FootGolf	\$ 5.00	

18 holes of FootGolf is played over 9 holes of the course.

Golf Carts

9 Holes	\$11.00
18 Holes	\$16.25
Daily Trail Fee	\$20.00

Driving Range

Warm Up	\$4.00
Regular	\$7.00
Range Pass	\$65.00
Warm Up w/Range Pass	N/C
Reg. w/Range Pass	\$ 1.00

RESOLUTION NO. 3578 ADOPTED ACCEPTING DONATION - PHYLIS KOR FAMILY

Staff was notified that Tim Kor, Tom Kor, and Cheryl Matthies and their families wished to donate funds in the amount of \$120.00 to the City of Worthington in honor of their mother/grandmother, Phylis Kor in memory of her and her love of animals. The funds are to be used for the care and maintenance of animals lodged at the pound.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Janssen and

unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution accepting a donation in memory of Phyllis Kor:

RESOLUTION NO. 3578

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

NEW ON-SALE LIQUOR, ON-SALE WINE AND ON-SALE BEER LICENSES APPROVED FOR GREAT LIFE AT WORTHINGTON COUNTRY CLUB

Great Life Management, LLC, doing business in Minnesota as Great Life Management MN, LLC, will be purchasing the Worthington Country Club effective February 2, 2015, and operating the business as Great Life at Worthington Country Club. Council reviewed applications submitted by Great Life for new on-sale liquor, on-sale wine and on-sale beer for the following license periods:

On-Sale Liquor - February 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015

On-Sale Wine - February 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015

On-Sale Beer - February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to approve the on-sale liquor, on-sale wine and on-sale beer licenses for Great Life Management MN, LLC, - Great Life at Worthington Country Club.

2015 NUMBER AND RATE FOR PRIVATE DOCKS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY APPROVED

Steve Robinson, Public Works Director, was requesting that Council set the number and rate for 2015 for installation of private docks on private property, in accordance with City policy. Nine permits were issued in 2014 at the rate of \$135.00. Per policy, property owners with a current valid dock permit will have first option for renewal for the following year unless Council would choose to reduce the number of permits available.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve up to nine dock permits for 2015 at the 2014 rate of \$135.

AMENDMENT TO CITY'S SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM- RESIDENTIAL HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES APPROVED

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, said the State of Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development has mandated an amendment to the City's SCDP Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines. The amendment outlines new financing terms that will apply to properties that are held in a life estate when such properties receive financial assistance for home rehabilitation through the program. Those properties were treated on the same level as individual property owners (descending forgiveness over 10 years), but with the amendment the estates will have no portion of the loan forgiven until the end of the 10 year period, at which time the full amount of the loan would be forgiven.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the City's SCDP Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kuhle - Reminded Council of the upcoming Chamber Annual meeting on January 23rd. Council Members Graber and Sankey will be attending that event. WREDC's annual event will be January 29th at the Event Center. Attended the Joint City/County/School Board meeting with Council Member Harmon - participants talked about how we can work together - and they want to come up with a common vision. He suggested that Department Heads from the three entities meet on a quarterly basis over lunch to talk about new ideas.

Council Member Nelson - Nothing to report but likes the idea of work sessions for the Wednesday between Council meetings.

Council Member Graber - No reports, but also endorses the work session idea.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Harmon - Found the Joint City/County/School Board meeting interesting - they I.D.'d some projects - and talked about a vision statement. Water and Light Commission did not meet.

Council Member Sankey - Welcomed new Mayor and Council, and Honorary Council Member, Steve - feels we'll have a strong Council. Stated whoever among us is the most superlative person is not of importance - the mind set of this Council is of most importance. Also quoted Diagonos regarding listening.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.