

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 26, 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: Steve Robinson, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Erin Trester, Daily Globe; Andy Johnson, Dan Greve, Ashley Goettig, and various other participants of the Blandin Foundation Leadership Training Program.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER**

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

**AGENDA APPROVED/CLOSED**

Council Member Sankey requested that the Clerk verify a question regarding the Prairie View Golf information in the minutes. The Clerk agreed to check the information for accuracy.

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve, close the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting January 12, 2015 and Special Meeting-Work Session January 21, 2015
- Heron Lake Watershed Board of Directors Minutes of November 24, 2014
- Additional annual Council Committee appointment of Mayor Mike Kuhle to the Nominating Committee
- Approved the 2015 Pay Equity Report for 2014 Data for submission to the State to certify pay equity compliance
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling as follows:
  - Organization: Pheasants Forever Nobles County Chapter 14
  - CEO: Scott Rall
  - Type of Event: Raffles
  - Date and Location of Event: March 27, 2015  
Worthington Event Center, 1447 Prairie Drive

- Bills payable and totaling \$716,778.70 be ordered paid

### **PRESENTATION BY BLANDIN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING PARTICIPANTS - LENDING SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON**

Andy Johnson, Dan Greve and Ashley Goettig, among other community members, were present at the meeting to present information to Council on their recent participation in the Blandin Community Leadership Training program. Ms. Goettig provided background on the Blandin program, noting the organization is a private foundation located in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, rural focused - with a mission to strengthen communities in rural Minnesota. Twenty-two individuals from our community participated in this particular leadership training program, which began with a five-day retreat in Grand Rapids. A two-day workshop is scheduled for next week in Fairmont, Minnesota, and the program will conclude in April here in Worthington. Dan Greve presented a power point presentation regarding the program, and noted the participant group had identified five key issues to be addressed here in Worthington: library, lake improvement/asset utilization, school district/public facility needs, cultural awareness/welcome center, and public health. Mayor Kuhle suggested that the groups assigned to the issues could provide a progress report to Council as they develop their strategies.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Kuhle - Council Member Janssen and he attended the elected official training in Mankato this past Friday and Saturday - very informative.

Council Member Nelson - The HRA Board conducted the annual performance review of the HRA Executive Director last Wednesday - it was favorable. The housing project continues to move along, they are already receiving rental inquiries.

Council Member Graber - Still getting use to the new committees. The long range planning group had their first Prairie View meeting - it was extremely well done - there will be more meetings to come.

Council Member Janssen - Attended the Joint Powers Transit meeting - he's getting up to speed.

Council Member Harmon - He missed the initial Prairie View meeting but met with Steve Robinson afterwards. Attended the Water and Light Commission meeting last Monday - the Manager has been very active. Council Member Harmon will be attending MMUA meetings next week in St. Paul and APPA in Washington, D.C. March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Sankey - Attended NEON meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> - they received a \$1,000 grant for expenses for this broadband program. On January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> he attended the kick-off meeting in Willmar for the Blandin Broadband, and for three hours tomorrow morning we will be getting started locally. Ten communities had received the grant, of which we were one of them. The Chamber dinner last Friday was great program.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk