

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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. Honorary Council Member: Andy Johnson.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Jim Eulberg, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe.

HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Oberloh welcomed Andy Johnson as the Honorary Council Member for the months of January, February and March, 2014.

AGENDA APPROVED/CLOSED WITH ADDITION

Staff noted an addendum to the agenda of Item E.2 *Appointment of City Council Representative to Nobles County Joint Jurisdictional Board*.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to approve/ close the agenda with the addition of Item E.2. *Appointment of City Council Representative to Nobles County Joint Jurisdictional Board*.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

- City Council Minutes of regular meeting January 13, 2014
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of January 21, 2014; Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board Minutes of January 13, 2014; Housing and Redevelopment Authority Special Board Minutes of December 4, 2013; Park and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of December 3, 2013; Housing and Redevelopment Authority Special Board Minutes of November 25, 2013; Housing and Redevelopment Authority Regular Board Minutes of November 19, 2013; Heron Lake Watershed Board Minutes of November 19, 2013; Planning Commission/Board of Appeals Minutes of January 7, 2014
- Modification of regular part-time status from 3/5's to 3/4's position/benefits
- 2014 Industrial Wastewater Treatment Fund Budget
- Re-adopted Resolution No. 3537 - Establishing Zoning Fees
- Bills payable and totaling \$772,959.42 be ordered paid

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLICE SERGEANT AND LELS LOCAL NO'S.
274 AND 4 APPROVED**

Staff presented a Transfer Agreement between the Police Sergeant and Lels Local No's. 274 and 4 for Council approval.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to approve a resolution for a transfer agreement between Police Sergeant and LELS Local No.'s 274 and 4.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO NOBLES COUNTY JOINT
JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEE**

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to appoint Ron Wood as the recommended Council representative to the Nobles County Joint Jurisdictional Committee.

2014 CONCESSION FEES APPROVED

At their December 9, 2013 meeting, Council considered the proposed 2014 Concession fees proposed by staff, and requested that staff return the schedule of fees to the Park Board for further review to determine if the usage language and deposits were adequate.

Jim Eulberg, Public Works Director reported that the Park Board had reconsidered the fees and deposits, and approved the fees remaining at the 2013 level, the deposit for one day permits would also remain at \$100, but the deposit amount for an annual concession permit would be increased from \$100 to \$300 to cover potential additional costs.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the proposed 2014 Concession Fees as follows:

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Fees*</u>
One day permit (non-profit) (Generating revenue for city supported recreational activity)	\$ 65.00
One day permit (profit making) (General group)	\$ 75.00
Annual non-profit permit	\$ 80.00
Annual profit making	\$175.00
Annual mobile permit (non-profit)	\$275.00

(Allows utilization of all city parks where off street parking is available, with the exception of Centennial Beach/Shelter)

Annual mobile permit (profit making) \$375.00

(Allows utilization of all city parks where off street parking is available, with the exception of Centennial Beach/Shelter)

*The proposed fees represent no change from the 2013 Concession fees.

Note: All one day permits require a \$100.00 clean up deposit which is refunded if all trash/garbage is removed and disposed of in a proper manner. All annual permits require a \$300.00 clean up deposit which is refunded if all trash/garbage is removed and disposed of in a proper manner.

WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Council considered applications submitted by the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership on behalf of Tewelde Gebremedhin and Tseyaye Woldemichael for financial grants through the City's Workforce Housing program for infrastructure investments related to the newly constructed homes they purchased at 2163 Castlewood Drive and 1734 Pauline Avenue respectively. Staff verified that both home buyers meet the eligibility criteria and are eligible for a grant as the homes are located within the Partnership's Community Land Trust. Staff determined that the subject properties are eligible for a grant of \$18,664.01 each.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve both applications in the amount of \$18,664.01 each and authorize the Mayor to execute all related documents.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - was glad to see everyone in attendance for the meeting with Senator Al Franken regarding funding for the Lewis and Clark project - thinks Franken is very receptive to moving the project forward. Craig and he met with the new General Manager at JBS - talked about several things including housing, sports complex and others.

Council Member Kuhle - nothing to report.

Council Member Graber - thanked everyone for the chili cook-off fun. Had a meeting regarding the parking situation at the CAL - nothing was resolved but they've now had two requests for signs that would allow parking there at night - there will be another nutrition meeting.

Council Member Sankey - nothing new to report.

Council Member Wood - nothing to report.

Council Member Nelson - CVB met today - they will sponsor the Bio Science Conference and the Regatta at \$2,500 each. The Crown Victoria Association will be bringing a classic car event here May 23-26 at Marv Spomer's lot. The Worthington Concierge program kicked off with \$2,500 from

both the Chamber and WREDC. Also, they'll be doing 260 15 second spots on Pioneer Public Television to highlight our area and events. The HRA met, and are looking to drum up support from the businesses here.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reported that the League of Minnesota Cities has scheduled their Joint City/County/School legislative day for February 26th in St. Paul, and the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities' Legislative Action Day is scheduled for March 5th in St. Paul. Interested members should let staff know if they are interested in attending either event. Chancellor Rosenstone was at the MN West Worthington Campus today to talk about the Presidency vacancy - he's asking for input from the community. The Mayor did an interview for a PPS documentary on immigration - did an excellent job representing the community - not sure when it will air, could be a year from now. The Main Street Program meeting yielded an interesting discussion. He met with the Mayor and Water and Light Commission member Ron Wood for a further discussion on Lewis and Clark following Frankin's visit - they want to be sure everyone involved is on the same page regarding Lewis and Clark to be effective in selling it to the Legislature.

Mayor Oberloh requested that staff obtain an update regarding the County Assessor's position.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk