

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood. Aldermen absent: Mike Woll (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Glenn Thuringer, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation; Kari Lucin, Daily Globe.

HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Alderman Nelson noted that Lon Lien has expressed an interest in the Honorary Council Member program. An application will be sent to him.

AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting February 1, 2010.
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting February 1, 2010; Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board Minutes of December 1, 2009.
- Nominating Committee Recommendations for Committee appointment/reappointments as follows:

Airport Advisory Board:	Reappoint Keith Wilson for a three year term, which term expires October 2012.
Economic Dev. Rev. Loan Fund:	Appoint Gary Kellen for a two year term to replace Doug Tate, which term expires January 2012.
Housing & Redev. Authority:	Appoint Larry Janssen to fill the unexpired term of Lowell Schissel, which term expires November 2011.

Water & Light Commission: Reappoint Randy Thompson for a three year term, which term expires April 2013.

Reappoint Ron Wood as Council Appointment for a three year term, which term expires April 2013.

Police Civil Service Comm.: Appoint Cindy DeGroot for a three-year term to replace Don Linssen, which term expires December 2012.

- Fire Agreement with Lorain Township for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2015 as presented.
- Bills payable and totaling \$407,479.30 be ordered paid.

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XI, CHAPTER 111 OF THE WORTHINGTON CITY CODE - LIQUOR REGULATIONS

Pursuant to published notice, this was the date and time set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance amending Title XI, Chapter 111 of the Worthington City Code as follows:

Section I.

Worthington City Code, Title XI, Chapter 111, is hereby amended so as to create Subchapter 111.35 which shall read as follows:

The City, upon application thereof, may issue Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor licenses, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with the full range of options and upon the same terms as authorized by Minn. Stat. 340A.404 Subd. 10. The application for such a license shall be made upon a form provided by the City which shall information similar to that required by City Code Section 111.32 (A). A temporary license issued pursuant to this section shall expire according to its terms. A temporary licensee shall be subject to all state and local liquor laws. The fee for a temporary license shall be established by Resolution of the City Council from time to time.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to give a second reading to the proposed ordinance.

REQUEST FOR PORTION OF 2010 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEVY FUNDS APPROVED

Council considered a request from Glenn Thuringer, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation (WREDC) for a portion of the 2010 Economic Development Levy. The initial request was for \$13,700 and included funds for conference attendance at the international bioscience conference and WindPower conference and related travel and lodging, web site improvements, and office equipment. Mr. Thuringer amended his request to include an additional \$2,500 for bioscience expense for the 8th grade science club.

Council discussed the request with Mr. Thuringer, noting it appeared items covered by the request were items previously covered in his regular budget.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the request for \$16,200 with an understanding of where we are going and a different method of reporting.

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Oberloh gave a brief summary of the outcome of the closed session at the January 25th Council Meeting for the performance evaluation of Craig Clark, City Administrator. Mr. Clark received a favorable review and will receive a wage adjustment based on provisions in his employment contract.

LAND GIFT ACCEPTED FROM PHEASANTS FOREVER

The City of Worthington Water and Light Commission currently holds perpetual public water supply easements on 1.36 acres of land that are included in an 80 acre parcel of property recently acquired by the Nobles County Chapter of Pheasants Forever. While the majority of the 80 acres will be turned over to the State of Minnesota, Pheasants Forever was now offering to gift the 1.36 acres to the City of Worthington

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to accept the 1.36 acres of land from Nobles County Pheasants Forever, with title to the property to be transferred to the City via a Warranty Deed.

ADDITIONAL SITE PREPARATION ASSISTANCE APPROVED - 315 OXFORD STREET

At their August 13, 2009 regular meeting, Council approved an application for Site Preparation Assistance for a commercial redevelopment project at 315 Oxford Street, which allocated \$68,539 to offset the costs affiliated with the demolition of the former buildings including asbestos removal, removal of unsuitable soils to 18 inches+ below grade underneath the proposed structure, and petroleum clean up as required by the MPCA. As the original request was based on a best guess estimate for the eligible expenditures, Council's approval included a provision that allowed the

company to seek further assistance should the eligible expenditures exceed the original estimates. Actual eligible expenditures were \$85,368 or \$16,829 above the original estimate.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to authorize site preparation assistance payment for 315 Oxford Street in the amount of \$85,368 as recommended by staff.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - had a Nominating Committee meeting - there are still a couple of positions that need to be filled.

Alderman Ten Haken - attended a Regional Radio Board meeting in Marshall last week, Murray County presented their participant plan. A portion of Nobles County and Murray County will not be covered and they are looking at an additional tower to fill that hole. The State will not participate in that expense.

Alderman Kuhle - nothing to report.

Alderman Nelson - will attend a water quality meeting on Wednesday.

Alderman Wood - will be in Washington D.C. February 22-24 so will not be at the regular City Council meeting on the 22nd of February. The Lewis and Clark budget was approved well below the necessary amount - money was pulled back because of all the stimulus funds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reported he had attended a finance seminar last week - a bleak picture was painted for the state and will present particular challenges for the city of Worthington with our reliance on local government aid. The Community Development staff presented additional information for the Training and Testing Center for the Federal EDA grant for which we are still optimistic. Senator Al Franken's aid was in town last week to talk about economic development, and gubernatorial candidate Mark Dayton will be in town next Wednesday, February 10 between 9:00 a.m and 10:15 at the Dayton House. The Legislature is back in session and we'll be working to advance the City's legislative agenda with our legislators. Lorain Township has chosen to renew their fire contract however, Bigelow Township has opted to go with the City of Bigelow for their contract. The League of Minnesota Cities Joint Legislative Conference is slated for March 25. Mr. Clark noted has had continued success on moving forward in obtaining RFP's for a private assessing service contract and should receive that in the near future for Council review.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.