

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 27, 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. Honorary Council Member: Chris Kielblock.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Karl Evers-Hallstrom, Daily Globe; Terri Janssen; Cecilia Bofah; Christine Bullerman; Aida Simon, Tyler Knutson; Maddy Westra; Bendra Ostrem, and several additional interested citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Kuhle welcomed Chris Kielblock as the Honorary Council Member for the months of February, March and April, 2017.

AGENDA CLOSED/APPROVED WITH ADDITION

Staff requested the addition of item *E.3. Resolution Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets* to the agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH CORRECTION

Council Member Harmon requested a correction to the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Council meeting to reflect that he was not in attendance.

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting March 13, 2017
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting March 6, 2017 and March 20, 2017; Park and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of February 22, 2017; Public Arts Commission Minutes of January 19, 2017; Heron Lake Watershed Board Minutes of January 12, 2017
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017

- Informational Item - Change to Lawful Gambling Permit - King Turkey Day, Inc.
- Bills payable and totaling \$1,424,543.15 be ordered paid

MINNESOTA SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE LEGACY GRANT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, noted that the Super Bowl Host Committee had awarded a \$50,000 legacy grant to Nobles County Community Services on Tuesday, March 21st for the purchase of sports field equipment at the reconstructed multi-use Buss Field. Terri Janssen, Cecelia Bofah and Christine Bullerman of Nobles County Community Services and Community Wellness Partners were present at the meeting and thanked Council for their support and recognized how important partnerships like these are to a community.

Council thanked Ms's Janssen, Bofah and Bullerman for their work on applying for the grant.

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED FOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO WORTHINGTON AQUATIC CENTER SLIDE

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said YMCA personnel notified City staff of potential structural deficiencies to both of the pool slide primary support columns resulting from corrosion. The damage was reviewed by the City and a contractor with metal and coating expertise. Total cost of the repairs is \$14,848.38, and includes complete dismantling of the slide components, replacement of the two main support columns, sandblasting and coating with silicone and polyurethane paint. Mr. Robinson said the 2017 budget includes \$10,000 for Aquatic Center repair and maintenance, and as of December 31, 2016, the Aquatic Center reserve balance was \$829,924.16. Staff was recommending Council approval of the repair work and an amendment to the budget to reflect a transfer of funds from reserves in the amount of \$4,848.38 to add to the \$10,000 2017 budget to pay for the repairs.

Council Member Oberloh suggested that staff follow through with contacting the contractor on the project for any type of warranty as the facility was not that old.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the repairs to the Aquatic Center pool slide and a budget amendment to transfer \$4,848.38 from reserves, with the funds to be put back in to reserves next year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-03 ADOPTED SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS

The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) was requesting Council support of a dedicated state funding for cities streets initiative by adoption of a resolution of support. Council Member Oberloh noted he had attended the LMC's Day at the Legislature last week, and over two hundred cities across the state have adopted such a resolution. Should the initiative be enacted, it would provide

approximately \$86,709 annually in new funding to the City of Worthington according to LMC figures.

The motion was made by Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution in support of the dedicated state funding for city streets:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-03

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED

Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, recognized and presented a Live Saving Award to Aida Simon for her role in locating a missing four-year old boy. Ms. Simon had arrived at the apartments where the boy lived as an interpreter and to offer support to the boy's mother, when she found the child outside on a patio, under a rug tucked under a chair. The temperatures were frigid and the area was under a winter storm warning. The child was suffering from hypothermia and was taken to the ER and was released the following day.

Ms. Simon said she was very humbled, she didn't deserve it but the police officers and others searching in the cold did - we have a beautiful community - we all work together.

Council thanked Ms. Simon for her actions in saving the child.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-04 ADOPTED - RELATING TO STATE FARM GRANT AGREEMENT

Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, presented a resolution for Council consideration authorizing execution of a grant with State Farm Insurance Agency for projects associated with the Worthington Community Speed Reduction Program during a period of June 25, 2016 through June 25, 2020. The Department will use the funds to purchase a speed alert radar message sign, trailer, and other components.

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution approving the grant agreement between the City of Worthington and State Farm Insurance Agency, and to authorize Public Safety Director Troy Appel to execute the agreement:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-04

RESOLUTION RELATING TO STATE FARM GRANT AGREEMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-05 ADOPTED RELATING TO WORTHINGTON HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT

Public Safety Director Troy Appel presented a resolution for Council consideration authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Worthington Healthcare Foundation for a matching grant for the purchase of 6 Lifepack 1000 AED's for department use. Total amount of the project is \$11,950.04 - the grant is valued at \$5,975.02.

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Oberloh, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution approving the grant agreement between the City of Worthington and the Worthington Health Care Foundation, and to authorize Public Safety Director Troy Appel to execute the agreement:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-05

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE WORTHINGTON HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO CHAUTAUQUA PARK BOY SCOUT BUILDING

At their May 27, 2016 meeting, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board considered a request from the Boy Scouts to construct an addition to the existing Boy Scout building in Chautauqua Park. The addition would include restrooms, meeting rooms and additional storage areas. After hearing the proposal from the Boy Scouts, the Advisory Board unanimously recommended advancement of the expansion contingent on the following conditions:

1. That all appropriate plans are presented to the City of Worthington Building Official and all the necessary building permits are acquired;
2. That all the necessary funding is in place to complete the project as designed.

Brenda Ostrem, representing the Boy Scouts, now presented the plans for the expansion, noting that the younger boys cannot use the current facility in the winter as there is no heat or restrooms. The

addition would also be handicapped accessible. The entire facility will remain under the original agreement which states that the facility is solely for the use of the Boy Scouts, and will become Park property should they terminate that usage.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the proposed addition to the Boy Scout Building in Chautauqua Park, subject to completion of the conditions established by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

2017 PRIVATE DOCK PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR INSTALLATION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, reported that applications to install private docks on public property in 2017 have been received from the following people:

Steve Prins	721 Lake Avenue
Alice Hoffman	702 West Lake Avenue
Allan Schmidt	117 Lake Avenue
Dale Ryen	920 West Lake Avenue
Dave Holinka	200 Lake Street
Tom Woods	610 West Lake Avenue
Brian Standafer	713 May Street
Jenny Anderson	1977 South Shore Drive

All of the applicants were dock permit holders in 2016 and meet all of the City Dock Policy requirements.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to approve the applications as listed for 2017 Dock Permits.

REQUEST FOR CITY TO SERVE AS FISCAL SPONSOR APPROVED - WORTHINGTON BOY SCOUTS AND PACK #134

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, said the Worthington Area Foundation (WAF) is serving as the depository for the money raised by the Worthington Boy Scouts Troop and Pack #134 for their building addition project. Because of the Foundation's 501(C)3 status, they may only disburse money to other 501(C)3 organizations and local units of government. As the City will be the beneficiary of the proposed improvement, the WAF believes the City would be the appropriate party to be the fiscal agent. The only responsibility would be to assure the funds are being used for what they were raised for.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Harmon and

unanimously carried that the City of Worthington will serve as fiscal agent for the Boy Scout facility project, and to authorize Steve Robinson, City Administrator, to execute the fiscal sponsor page of the application to the Worthington Area Foundation.

**WORTHINGTON EVENT CENTER PROPOSED RENTAL FEE ADJUSTMENTS
APPROVED**

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, noted that Section 5.2.1 of the Worthington Event Center Management Agreement requires the Council to establish fees for use of the facility after consultation with the Manager. The fees are to be competitive with like facilities of size in the area. Fees have been adjusted twice since being established by Council in 2012.

Tyler Knutson, General Manager of the Worthington Event Center, and Maddy Westra, were at the meeting and presented the proposed Event Center fees for 2017. Other than the increased fees for weddings during the prime season of June through October, most of the fees remained the same or will be lower to bring our fees more in line with like facilities in the area that offer the same amenities. He reported that the Event Center is holding up well, with the only issue being the wallpaper in the hallways that they recently took quotes for repairing. Mr. Knutson said he felt the Event Center has been a success, and after some changes last summer, has done much better than in past years, with a lot of daytime events. They are trying to come up with creative corporate pricing to pull in more of that business that is currently going to other facilities in the area.

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, noted he had received two phone calls from a father of a bride who had used the Event Center and he wanted to let us know what a great job Tyler and Maddy did with their reception.

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to approve the Worthington Event Center Rental Fee Adjustments as presented.

PAINTING CONTRACT AWARDED - WORTHINGTON EVENT CENTER

Worthington Event Center staff received four quotes for removal of wallpaper from the interior walls of the pre-function space in the Event Center and the painting of the same walls. Following review of the quotes with Event Center staff, it was determined that only the three following quotes included the entire scope of the project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Wallpaper Removal and Painting</u>	<u>Orange Peel Alternate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gary's Painting & Hardwood Lumber	\$4,868.80	\$964.60	\$5,651.40

Last Touch, LLC	\$4,680.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,180.00
Lindberg Const. LLC	* \$2,196.00	** \$400.00	*\$2,596.00

*Includes first layer of drywall texture if needed.

**Alternate add for spraying 2nd coat of texture if needed

Staff was concerned that the quote from Lindberg was not enough to cover the labor needed for the project, and was recommending awarding the work to Gary's Painting - Worthington for an amount not to exceed \$5,651.40. Mr. Chapulis said that if visual examples of the finished orange peel texture does not meet expectations, staff will reduce the contract to \$4,686.40. The cost estimate of materials (paint/primer) to be supplied by the City is approximately \$300.00.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to award the work to Gary's Painting - Worthington, in a not to exceed amount of \$5,651.40.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kuhle - Attended the Joint City/County/School Board meeting on March 17th - discussed potential areas of collaboration between the three entities, the bond referendum and the School District progress. He was in Washington, D.C. for three days last week representing the SRDC to lobby against the severe proposed cuts to the Department of Commerce and EDA funding.

Council Member Janssen - Filled in for the Mayor when the delegation was here for the Super Bowl Legacy Grant - went well and was very well attended.

Council Member Oberloh - Attended the Legislative Action Conference with the League of Minnesota Cities - it was a good agenda. Reviewed some of the bills they were concerned about including LGA, workforce housing, sales tax exemption for construction materials for municipalities, and the street funding. He visited with our representatives while there regarding our local option sales tax request - it was taken out of the House bill because it was too vague. He is to provide additional information to Representative Drazkowski to try to forward our request. LGA - at best, \$20 million will be added.

Honorary Council Member Kielblock - Nothing to report.

Council Member Cummings - Was in St. Paul with Steve the prior week to testify in the Senate committee for the local option sales tax - several other communities were there with requests too, some asking for additional percentages on top of what they are already charging. Attended a Y Board meeting today- lots of things going on - the YMCA Cruise Dinner is coming up at the Event Center. A local person/group has come forward with significant money for installation of a rock climbing wall at the YMCA.

Council Member Ernst - Attended the Public Arts Commission meeting - they are hoping to have a chili event where you pay for the bowl for the chili and get to keep the bowl. Several projects being worked on throughout the community - will share them as they materialize further.

Council Member Harmon - Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, reported that LGA is \$45 million below the 2002 funding level - the strategy to get it back to that level has not gone very far but this year it looks a little bit promising in that the Senate has attempted to cut that gap in half with that \$20 million. Wednesday will hopefully be the final meeting with the liquor store architect prior to going out to bid. April 26th is what we're targeting for bid opening. Friday will be our Planning Work Session from 8:30 to 4:30 - we can schedule an additional day to finish up if we need to. Booklets have been provided with information on topics to be discussed for Council review prior to the session. April 6th and 7th is the BioScience Conference at the Event Center. Ehlers will be putting on a Public Finance seminar for financial planning April 20th at the Event Center, one of four they have planned throughout the state. He had recently attended a similar two session seminar by Ehlers and found it to be very valuable. Council should let staff know if they wish to be signed up for the seminar.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk