

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 9, 2018**

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: Ryan Weber.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Jason Brisson, Director of Community Development, Planning, Zoning and Building Services; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Karl Evers-Hillstrom, The Globe; Brian, Darcy, Riley and Kayla Spies; Adam and Adyson Adolph; Alex Romero; Emily Williamson; Logan Ahlers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Kuhle welcomed Ryan Weber as the Honorary Council Member for the months of April, May and June, 2018.

AGENDA CLOSED/APPROVED

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to close/approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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 Special Meeting March 21, 2018; City Council / Nobles County Commissioners / School District 18 Board of Directors Joint Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2018; City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting March 26, 2018
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority Minutes of February 27, 2018; Worthington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Minutes of February 28, 2018; YMCA Board of Directors Minutes of February 26, 2018; Park and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of March 19, 2018; Center for Active Living Committee Minutes of March 12, 2018
- 2018 Private Dock Applications as presented
- Set Public Meeting for Review of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan as the regular City Council meeting of June 11, 2018
- Bills payable and totaling \$828,497.89 be ordered paid

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT APPROVED - USAQUATICS

Staff presented a proposal from USAquatics for a study of potential expansion and improvement options for the outdoor swimming pool facility at the City's aquatic center. The company was the aquatic engineering designer of the current facility. Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the proposal includes preparing up to three concept plans and associated probable cost estimates and a rendering of the final concept at a fee of \$8,500.00 plus travel expenses. Mr. Robinson noted that there is an existing option to extend the current site without having to go back through the state college system or the legislature for approval.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the professional services agreement with USAquatics for the proposed fee of \$8,500.00.

ACTION POSTPONED ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - STUDIO 3 DESIGN

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said staff was requesting that Council postpone action on the proposed professional services agreement submitted by Studio 3 Design for schematic conceptual design services for a movie theater facility. Mr Robinson said he was contacted after the Council agenda was distributed by a local group interested in the potential to be an investment partner on the project, and postponing action on the professional services agreement would allow time to explore that option.

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to postpone consideration of this item.

COMMUNITY GROWTH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION APPROVED - BEACH NOOK PROJECT

The Community Growth Committee met with project architect Corey Brunton on April 5th to review the latest schematic plans and cost estimates for the Centennial Park Beach Nook project. Estimated cost of construction for site and building improvements is \$500,000.00. The Committee was recommending that Council approve moving forward with preparation of architectural and engineering construction documents.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Oberloh and unanimously carried to move forward with the construction documents as recommended.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04-01 ADOPTED AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANT

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said the City of Worthington was recently notified of award

of a Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant for the purchase of a pull type batwing mower at the Worthington Municipal Airport. The current mower is scheduled to be replaced in the 2018 budget cycle, and has a quoted price of \$21,000.00. The trade-in value of the 2002 mower is \$6,500.00, making the final replacement cost \$14,500.00. The State grant will pay approximately 70% of the cost, or \$10,800.00 leaving the remaining City share at 30%, or \$3,700.00, which is below the budgeted replacement amount of \$4,500.00.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution authorizing execution of the grant:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04-01

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

NORTH CRAILSHEIM ROAD SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION BID AWARDED

The following bids were received on April 6, 2018 for the North Crailsheim Road Utility Extension Project:

Engineer's Estimate	\$418,995.00
Duininck, Inc.	\$400,245.00
H & W Contracting, LLC	\$447,379.80
GM Contracting, Inc.	\$451,971.12
Kuechle Underground, Inc.	\$453,180.00
C & L Excavating, Inc.	\$454,887.50
J.R. Ferche, Inc.	\$511,781.00
LCS, Inc.	\$531,752.25

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, said staff's recommendation was to award the bid to Duininck, Inc. as the low qualified bidder in the amount of \$400,245.00.

In addition, Mr. Haffield said he was looking for approval of a professional services agreement from Bolton and Menk to provide construction phase services for the project. It is staff's intent to cover this but they have other commitments and projects starting, and would like to have their full services available - we do intend on having them do the staking, also shop drawings and inspections on the lift station, the rest would be on demand. Fees are on an hourly as needed basis, and are estimated to be \$46,000.00.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to award the bid for the North Crailsheim Road sewer and water extension project to Duininck, Inc as the low qualified bidder in the amount of \$400,245.00, and to approve the professional services agreement with Bolton and Menk for construction phase services for the project.

FINAL PLAT APPROVED - PRAIRIE FIRST ADDITION

Jason Brisson, Director of Community Development, Planning, Zoning and Building Services, said ISD 518 was requesting Final Plat approval of Prairie First Addition, located on the west side of Pleasant Avenue, south of South Shore Drive. Approval of the Final Plat will create two residential lots, with Lot 1 featuring a recreational area, and Lot 2 as the site for the proposed Head Start facility. Mr. Brisson said Planning Commission approval is not needed for the final plat as it is in substantial conformance with the requirements of the approved preliminary plat.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the Final Plat - Prairie First Addition.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kuhle - Received a CGMC action alert regarding a bill that will be heard Wednesday that would penalize cities with current or future local option sales tax by cutting their LGA. He encouraged Council members to contact our legislative reps. Attended the BioScience Conference last week - we need to work with our education entities here in town to develop the lab at the BAC. Also attended the legislative breakfast on Saturday - lot of talk about daycare. Was in St. Paul a couple of weeks ago to visit about the WELL project - they want to see collaboration and a local match, although the timing may not be good.

Council Member Janssen - attended the same meetings as the Mayor. Has a call in regarding the Lab at the BAC but has not yet received a return call.

Council Member Oberloh - Attended the BioScience Conference - his take on it from the speakers is that we have to get the numbers up of people going into the trade industries. He was disappointed in that there was no one from the education system there besides Jeff Williamson from the college, the school system needs to be involved.

Council Member Cummings - attended pretty much all the same things, spoke with Representative Hamilton on HF 3830 regarding LGA.

Council Member Ernst - worked last week with Steve and Todd and Jesse on the rewiring of the conference room at the BAC to try to get that working. Worked with Alan and City staff on Community Growth. Gave a shout out to all the volunteers and anyone who worked on the Hospice Banquet, it was a very nice event.

Council Member Harmon - Also attended the BioScience Conference and the Legislative Breakfast, and had a Water and Light Commission meeting on April 2nd. The CAL Committee met this

morning and will be meeting again next Friday. They are going to JBS next Tuesday at noon to try to broaden the use of the CAL. Heard that the people pushing for the LGA cut are people who's communities don't need a local option sales tax.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, noted the attack on LGA was coming from a small group of legislators that complain that cities are running amok and are out of control with how they're taxing their local citizens. Using the LMC's property tax calculator, the property taxes in the city of Mazeppa, which is Representative Drazkowski's home town, are 34% higher than Worthington. Our median household income here in Worthington is 20% below the state average. We have a lower tax capacity from lower property taxes, which impacts our citizens.

Mr. Robinson also reported on the BioScience Conference, stating that his most valuable takeaway from there was the presentation by the group of Minnesota West students, who have now volunteered to serve on his ad hoc committee for the local option sales tax.

As a follow up to Council Member Ernst's comments regarding the classroom at the BAC, Mr. Robinson said there were about a dozen laptops that had been not used, and were available if any of the Council members might prefer a windows based device instead of their current iPads.

Following Mr. Robinson's report, Council discussed the proposed WELL project and the rolls of the City and County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk