

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 11, 2016**

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: Jason Gerdes.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, Mindy Eggers, Assistant City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Alex Chhith, Daily Globe; Todd Ahlquist, Jason Johnson, Allen Drost, Larye Mick, Jorge Lopez, SW MN Housing Partnership, and Joe Wendinger, ISG.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC HEARING - KNOLLWOOD DRIVE AND 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE SOUTHWEST SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION**

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time and date set for a public hearing for the Knollwood Drive and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Southwest Sanitary Sewer Extension project.

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to open the hearing.

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, provided background on the proposed sewer extension project for Knollwood Drive and 1st Avenue Southwest. Mr. Haffield presented the feasibility report and noted that if Council approves the Sanitary Sewer Extension as proposed in the feasibility report, staff recommends that Council pass a resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications. The sewer extension project was not initiated by petition and therefore, a 4/5's vote of the Council membership will be required to order the improvement ahead. The specific requirement is: "the resolution (ordering improvement) may be adopted only by vote of four-fifths of all members of the council." The project report on the improvements and preliminary assessment roll were submitted to Council at its March 28, 2016 meeting. A summary of the improvement costs and total estimated assessments for the project is provided below:

	LATERAL	TRUNK	TOTAL
Assessments	\$18,294.48	\$10,953.75	\$29,248.23 (12.44%)
Due From Trunk Fund		\$77,746.25	\$77,746.25
City Share	<u>\$128,1052</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$128,105.52</u>
TOTAL	\$146,400.00	\$88,700.00	\$235,100.00

Mr. Haffield explained that it is recommended that action on ordering the improvement be considered following Council's action on giving a first reading to the ordinance annexing the

property to be served south of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW. Although the hearing may be adjourned from time to time, and a resolution ordering the improvement may be adopted at any time within six months after the date of the hearing, it is not recommended that action on the improvement be delayed until after third reading of the ordinance because of the need to complete construction during the school summer break. Award of the contract can be made following or subject to the state's approval of the annexation to avoid making a contractual commitment to constructing the project before the annexation process is essentially complete.

Mayor Kuhle asked if there was any testimony pertaining to the hearing. Jason Johnson came forward with questions on the annexation of his property. Brad Chapulis noted that Mr. Johnson's question could be answered during the next case item. Mayor Kuhle stated that Mr. Johnson could ask his question during the next case item that pertains to the annexation.

Mr. Haffield said that the construction would be done during the summer months before school started in September. Council Member Sankey asked if the church is not currently being served with the utilities. Mr. Haffield stated that currently the church receives their service off of the end of the connection and this construction would allow them to be hooked up to the large feed.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to close the hearing.

**AGENDA CLOSED / APPROVED**

Mayor Kuhle stated that Items H.1 *Petition for Annexation and C.5 Knollwood Drive and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Southwest Sanitary Sewer Extension Action* would be moved to just before the consent agenda to accommodate those in attendance for the presentation.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to close/approve the agenda with the requested changes.

**FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE - EXTENDING THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON TO INCLUDE 6.5 ACRES OF UNPLATTED LAND ABUTTING THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON AND OWNED BY ALLEN & KIMBERLY DROST**

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development explained Allen Drost has submitted a petition requesting the City to annex 6.5 acres of land that he owns in Section 34 of Worthington Township (Exhibit 1A). The land in question is located directly southeast of the intersection of Knollwood Drive and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW.

Mayor Kuhle inquired about the property that is in the middle of the requested annexation area and

if it will remain an “island”. Mr. Chapulis explained that while having that hole in the area is not normal and will be the first in Worthington, the owner of the property did not seek annexation. Mayor Kuhle also asked if the annexation agreement could be updated. Mr. Chapulis stated that staff continues to work on updating the annexation agreement.

Steve Robinson, City Administrator asked if the property owner was contacted. Council Member Graber stated that when it came before the Planning Commission the property owner was unwilling to have their property included in the annexation.

Mr. Chapulis noted the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed annexation at its April 5, 2016 meeting. After closing the public hearing, the Commission voted 5-1 to recommend approval of the annexation.

Mr. Chapulis, stated the proposed ordinance would extend the corporate city limits of the City of Worthington to include 6.5 acres of unplatted land abutting the City of Worthington and owned by Allen and Kimberly Drost. The legal description is as follows:

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 102 North, Range 39 West, Nobles County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section 30; thence on an assumed bearing of North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, along the north line of said section, a distance of 275.00 feet to the Northwest corner of Tract 3 as recorded in Doc. No. 267428; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East, along the west line of said tract, a distance of 163.90 feet to the point of the tract to be described; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 65.09 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 100.00 feet to the west line of said Tract 3 as recorded as Doc. No. 267428; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds West, along said west line, a distance of 65.09 feet to the point of beginning.

Mayor Kuhle stated that he would like to have Jason Johnson come back up and address Council on his concerns. Mr. Johnson explained that he owns the property just to the east of the Drost property and would like to know if there is a chance that his property would be annexed by the City. He stated that he purchased his residence because it was outside of the city limits and would like it to remain that way. Mr. Chapulis explained that the City’s Comprehensive Plan shows that the property could possibly be annexed in the future for urban development. Mr. Chapulis explained that normally a property is petitioned by the property owner to be annexed but there is a process that the City can proceed with annexation without the property owners consent if needed due to urban development. Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering noted that serving the property to the west would present many difficulties for infrastructure services.

A motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance - extending the corporate city limits.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3655 ADOPTED ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3655

ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting March 28, 2016
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of April 4, 2016; Traffic & Safety Committee Minutes of March 29, 2016; Housing & Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes of February 23, 2016; Convention & Visitors Bureau Minutes of February 24, 2016
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling - Worthington Okabena Windsurfers raffle event to be held June 11, 2016 at Sailboard Beach
- Bills Payable and totaling \$586,987.26 be ordered paid

**APPROVED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2016 SUMMER HOURS FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

In the past Council had approved a memorandum of understanding between the City of Worthington and the Local 49 Public Works employees that allowed for a work day schedule consisting of nine-hour work days Monday through Thursday, and one four-hour day on Fridays. The memorandum of understanding for 2016, would commence on April 25, 2016 and continue until suspended by the City Administrator and Director of Public Works.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for 2016.

**APPROVED PRIVATE DOCK APPLICATION**

Todd Wietzema, Director of Public Works stated that the City has received a request from Steve Prins, to place a private dock on public property across from his residence at 721 Lake Avenue. Mr. Wietzema noted at the February 8, 2016 Council meeting Council set the maximum number of private docks on public property at ten. At this time all ten permits have been issued.

Mr. Wietzema noted that after doing further investigating he found a memo that had been approved in February of 1995 that limited the number of docks between the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue dam and 620 Lake Avenue to 3 docks with none being allowed between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Council Member Graber stated that in the particular area docks were limited to 3, due to space limitations in the area.

Council Member Janssen stated that one year ago the Council also added another dock permit. He asked if there was any way to leave the number that has been set and have the applicant apply next year since all of the permits have been given out this year.

Council Member Nelson stated that the number was set at 9 in the past because we did not have any one apply.

Mayor Kuhle stated that he does not think that limiting the number of docks fixes any problems and is not in favor of having a limited number.

Council Member Sankey suggested that the number be taken out completely so each application could be considered on a case by case basis so the set number does not have to be amended each time a new application is received.

Council Member Graber stated that she is not opposed to approving the dock permit for Steve Prins as she will be applying for one herself if the current restriction of only 3 docks in that area is amended. She noted if Council were to approve 2 to 3 more additional docks she would be opposed to having a corporate dock system as she feels that there is too much boat traffic on the lake.

Honorary Council Member Gerdes stated that he doesn't see where adding another dock permit is going to change boat traffic on the lake. If people want to use our lake they will bring their boats even if they don't have a slip.

Council Member Harmon stated that when talking about the City of Worthington the #1 amenity is the lake, so why would we restrict the number of docks.

A motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Nelson and carried to amend the number of docks from 11 to 15, eliminate the memo from 1995 and allow more than 3 docks from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue dam to 620 Lake Avenue, and approve the dock application for 721

Lake Avenue. Voting in favor of the motion was Graber, Nelson, Sankey, and Harmon. Voting against the same motion was Janssen. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3656 ADOPTED PERTAINING TO INTENT TO BOND FOR COSTS INCURRED IN MAKING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT**

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering explained that Federal tax regulations require that local governments declare the intent to reimburse themselves for prior costs incurred in making public improvements with proceeds from bonds. The City must state the intent to sell bonds for a project after significant costs have already been incurred for the project. The following improvement was approved at the March 28, 2016 Council meeting.

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3656

PERTAINING TO INTENT TO BOND FOR COSTS INCURRED IN MAKING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

**OXFORD STREET BIKE LANES APPROVED - OPTION 1**

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering reminded Council that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will be undertaking a project to resurface TH 59 (North Humiston Avenue and Oxford Street) from the south ramps on I-90 to the new roundabout at the Hwy 59/60 intersection. The project is to address deteriorating pavement but will also include pedestrian ramp improvements, traffic signal modifications at Humiston Avenue & Ryan's Road and Humiston Avenue & Oxford Street together with minor utility upgrades and storm sewer repairs. Mr. Haffield noted that early in the project development process the opportunity to include bike lanes on Oxford Street east of McMillan Street due to available roadway width was identified early in the project development process. Although the MnDOT project only involves the Oxford Street segment east of Humiston Avenue, it was found desirable to extend any proposed bike lanes to McMillan Street to maintain continuity along the entire length of the roadway having the same characteristics and deficiencies.

Mr. Haffield said, given the City's Complete Street Policy and the need for pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Oxford Street identified in the City's Active Living Plan and in the Oxford Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan, the potential for including bike lanes on Oxford Street in the 2017 MnDOT project was included in the project development process. Striping bike lanes is seen as an

interim measure until the full reconstruction of the TH 59 segment of Oxford Street which is tentatively scheduled for 2025.

Mr. Haffield stated that the MnDOT developed two options for providing bike lanes on Oxford Street for consideration. Option 1 included removing on-street parking and striping 8' bike lanes with a striped 4' buffer zone between vehicle traffic and bike lane. Option 2 maintained on-street parking, reduced the width of traffic and parking lanes, and provided 5' bike lanes between the parking and outer traffic lanes. Project information including Bike Lane Options 1 and 2 was presented at an open house held January 27, 2016 at the Nobles County Government Center. The public had the opportunity to submit written comments that were made available to the MnDOT and Option 1 was favored in both verbal and written comments due to the perceived lack of use of on-street parking and improved safety for bike lane not being adjacent to traffic.

Based on public input and on staff evaluation, MnDOT is recommending inclusion of Bike Lanes Option 1 as the Preferred Concept. The bike lanes are to be included on both the TH 59 segment of Oxford Street as well as in the segment from McMillan Street to Humiston Avenue. Option 1, was deemed to be the preferred option based on the following considerations:

- > The wider bike lane together with a 4' buffer zone reduces safety risk for bike lane users and vehicles.
- > Bikers will be more likely to use an 8' bike lane with a buffer zone than a 5' bike lane between parked cars and moving traffic.
- > Removal of parking reduces potential conflicts between vehicles crossing over bike lanes between intersections.
- > Bike lane signing and striping will be more visible to drivers and bikers without parking lanes.
- > Low usage rates of on-street parking and off-street facilities minimize impacts to businesses.

Council Member Nelson inquired when the street is reconstructed in 2025, would the road be widened. Mr. Haffield replied that it would most likely be narrowed due to urban redesign that is done to accommodate pedestrian traffic, while allowing enough room for bike lanes.

Council Member Janssen asked why the buffer would only be 4 foot and not wider. Mr. Haffield explained that the buffer is designed for space as a break up lane and if it's too wide other traffic impedes on it, the 4 foot buffer provides separation. The turn and parking lanes would also be removed.

Mayor Kuhle asked if the city's share of the costs were still \$50,000. Mr. Haffield noted the City would be responsible for the costs for roadway striping removals, new striping, and signing west of Humiston Avenue (MnDOT will pay for new pavement markings and signing east of Humiston

Avenue). The current construction estimate for the City share for the bike lanes is approximately \$50,000. Mr. Haffield explained that there will also be a local cost for the work related to the signal upgrades at Ryan's Road & Humiston Avenue and at Oxford Street & Humiston Avenue estimated to be about \$16,000. At this time it is proposed that Municipal State Aid Street funding is to be used to finance these costs. The City would also be required to maintain bike lane signing and striping.

A motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve Option 1 for the proposed Oxford Street bike lanes.

**PRELIMINARY PLAT - MERCK ADDITION APPROVED**

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the preliminary plat of the Merck Addition converting 6 established lots into one parcel.

**AMENDMENT TO NOBLES HOME INITIATIVE GUIDELINES APPROVED**

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, explained that the proposed amendment provides clarity on various components of the program that the staff of the three entities had determined as grey areas. The only new inclusion to the guidelines is providing applicants of multi-family projects to request a tax abatement period greater than the established 5 years. Mr. Chapulis noted the program, as currently adopted, has not spurred multi-family development to date. Market conditions may necessitate the need to extend abatement beyond 5 years to assist developers achieve a standard rate of return on the project. As such, the proposed amendment includes wording to provide consideration of an extended abatement period on an individual basis.

Council Member Nelson inquired why a specific number of years hasn't been set. Mr. Chapulis stated that state statute has a limitation of 15 years. Mr. Chapulis noted that each development will be done on a case by case basis.

A motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the Nobles County Initiative Guidelines.

**FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE - TO VACATE A PLATTED STREET AND ALLEY IN THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, presented a proposed ordinance that would vacate a portion 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (North of 10<sup>th</sup> Street) and the public alley (between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets) in Block 27 of the Plat of Worthington. The petition has been signed by the owners of more than 50% of the property abutting and within 300 feet from the right-of-way to be vacated. The applicant is seeking vacation and conveyance of the right-of way to



incorporate it into their hospital campus. The legal description is as follows:

Section I

All that portion of Sixth Avenue lying between the northeasterly line of Tenth Street and the northeasterly line of the alley lying between Lots 8 and 9, Block 24, and between Lots 4 and 5, Block 27, Plat of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota is hereby vacated.

Section II.

The alley between Fifth and Sixth Avenue abutting Lots 4, 5, 8, and 9, Block 24, Plat of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota is hereby vacated.

The Planning Commission considered the application at its April 5, 2016 meeting. After holding a public hearing, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council approve the proposed vacation subject to the execution of an easement over the entire vacated right-of-way.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to give a first reading to the proposed ordinance - to vacate a platted street and alley in the City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota.

**FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE - TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM "R-1" (ONE FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENTIAL) TO "R-5" (MULTI-FAMILY, MEDIUM AND HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)**

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, presented a proposed ordinance to rezone 5.11 acres it owns on Grand Avenue, approximately 875 feet North of Oxford Street (Exhibit 5A). The applicant is requesting to rezone the property from its current "R-1" - Single Family Detached Residential designation to "R-5" - Multi-Family, Medium and High Density Residential. The legal description of the subject property is as follows:

Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, all in Auditor's Plat of Part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 102N, Range 40W, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota,

EXCEPTING THEREFROM

That part of Lot 13 lying south of a line 200.00 feet north of and parallel with the south line of Lot 14, in Auditor's Plat of Part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 102N, Range 40W, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota.

The Planning Commission considered the application at its April 5, 2016 meeting. After holding a public hearing, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council approve the proposed change of zone.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to give a first reading to the proposed ordinance - to amend Title XV of the City Code.

**PRELIMINARY PLAT- GRAND TERRACE ADDITION APPROVED**

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the preliminary plat of the Grand Terrace Addition subject to the applicant revising the Plat to include a 20' utility easement along the west property line of the subdivision.

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Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, presented a proposed ordinance that would rezone the property from "R-1" (One Family Detached Residential ), "R-5" (Multi-family, Medium and High Density Residential), "B-3" (General Business) and "B-4"(Shopping Center) to "B-3" (General Business) The property is legally described as follows:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 102 North, Range 40 West, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota described as follows:

Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of said Section 13; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East, along the east line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13, a distance of 67.00 feet to the southeast corner of NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Nobles County Recorder and the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 770.15 feet to the northeast corner of said NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION; thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 04 seconds West, along the north line of said NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION, a distance of 420.21 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 5, FIRST RESURVEY AND RESUBDIVISION OF NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Nobles County Recorder; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East, along the east line of said Lot 5, a distance of 160.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 04 seconds West, along the north line of said Lot 5, a distance of 430.26 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, along the west line of said Lot 5, a distance of 160.00 feet to the north line of said NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION; thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 04 seconds West, along said north line, a distance of 135.00 feet to the northwest corner of said NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds West, along the west line of said NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION, a distance of 102.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West, a distance of 289.01 feet to a point on a line lying parallel with and 50.00 feet easterly of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, along said line, a distance of 462.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 144.29 feet;

thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 200.12 feet to the south line of said NORTHLAND MALL FIRST ADDITION; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 49 seconds East, along said south line, a distance of 1129.75 feet to the point of beginning.

The Planning Commission considered the application at its April 5, 2016 meeting. After holding a public hearing, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council approve the proposed change of zone.

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to give a first reading to the proposed ordinance - change of zone.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Kuhle - Nothing to Report.

Council Member Nelson - Attended an Housing & Redevelopment Authority Board meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, working with Representative Rod Hamilton on getting a sales tax refund bill put through the legislature to get a refund of the \$125,000 in taxes that were paid on building materials for the public housing development; also the Housing & Redevelopment Authority accepted a bid from AP Boiler to replace the boiler at the Atrium. There will be a Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Graber - Attended the Chamber/CVB Board Meeting; attended the Planning Commission Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, and attended the Membership Mixer on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the SW State Bank pledged a \$50,000 debt reduction challenge for the YMCA. Gary Hoffmann received the Community Service Award. Attended the Employee Advisory Committee meeting.

Honorary Council Member Gerdes - Nothing to Report.

Council Member Janssen - Attended the Traffic & Safety Committee Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> discussed noise of the tucks using their jake brakes, had many complaints, it is a law enforcement issue. Attended the Bio Science Conference, very good speakers.

Council Member Harmon - Attended the Water & Light Commission meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, public utilities received an APPA Excellence in Reliability Award and Owatonna rate comparison ranking which was very favorable; also attended the Bio Science Conference on Friday.

Council Member Sankey - Attended the Al Franken meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> lots of school district topics discussed along with information on broadband; attended the Historical Society meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> a video tour of downtown was shown; attended the Bio Science Conference, many new jobs are on the horizon, keep pushing fiber to upgrade our systems; had a conversation with Les Johnson on the fishing club having a catch a carp day; read an article on micro vehicles as an option for the police department, they are like a drone that may be good for stakeouts.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, noted he had gone to St. Paul with Scott Hain and attended the Capital Hearing on the Lewis & Clark water system in show of support, moving along in committees

to keep project moving forward. The YMCA has made some improvements in the aquatic center, new lighting within the aquatic center and resurfacing of the pool deck was done. The cost of the repairs were approximately \$44,000.00, which does not include rebates that will come back on lighting, the arrangement with the YMCA is that the City is responsible for half of the cost of the improvements. Gabe Vander Veen was sworn in on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> as a new City of Worthington Police Officer. The police department is now at full staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC  
Assistant City Clerk