

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 23, 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, Mike Woll. Honorary Council Member: Bob Tims.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Jamie Pettit, KWOA; Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; Peter Abelein, Munich, Germany.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Oberloh introduced Bob Tims as the Honorary Council Person for September, October and November, 2010; and introduced Peter Abelein who is interning here from Munich, Germany.

AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting August 9, 2010.
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of August 16, 2010; Worthington Economic Development Authority Minutes of August 9, 2010; Fire Hall Building Committee Minutes of August 10 and July 20, 2010; Golf Advisory Board Minutes of July 21, 2010.
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010.
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit for Tomorrow's Turkeys, Allen J. Thiner CEO, to conduct raffles on September 25, 2010 at the Elk's Lodge, 1105 Second Avenue, Worthington, MN.
- Change Order No. 1 to the Memorial Auditorium Project for an additional \$839 for replacement of handrails at the rear loading dock due to the poor condition of the existing rail.
- Storm Water Utility Credit for Parcel No. 31-0913-000, 215 Kragness Avenue, of 8.5 acres.
- Bills payable and totaling \$730,227.98 be ordered paid.

REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP)

CONSOLIDATION JOINT POWERS BOARD

Council was asked to appoint two representatives to the PSAP Joint Powers Agreement Sub-Committee consisting of either two electeds or one elected and one staff member.

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle appoint one elected and one staff member. Motion died for lack of a second.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to appoint the City Administrator and Police Chief to represent the City on the PSAP Joint Powers Agreement Sub-Committee.

PRESENTATION OF ELECTRIC RATE COMPARISON STUDY RESULTS

Scott Hain, General Manager of Worthington Public Utilities, presented information to Council regarding two Electric Rate Comparison Studies that compared Worthington's various electric service rates to those of several communities in the state - 87 utilities responded to the MMUA survey. Worthington was consistently the lowest or one of the lowest rates, with the exception of the Demand charge, where we ranked fourth. Mr. Hain noted there were fewer respondents to this rate as they can't supply the power, and provided an explanation of how demand works, adding that we pay for 90% of the summer peak for the entire year. Council discussed various ways to impact that demand rate to keep it lower, and also discussed transmission rates. Mr. Hain stated that recent legislation changes allow providers to submit their rate cases based on "planned" expenditures.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED SETTING REQUIRED STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM REVENUE AND SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE BASE RATE

Ordinance 1034 established special charges for operation of a street lighting system, providing for the required street lighting revenue and special service charge base rate to be adopted by resolution. The current projected annual cost for the operation of the street lighting system is \$250,000. Staff presented a resolution establishing the required street lighting system revenue as \$250,000 and the special service charge base rate as \$52.20 to generate that revenue.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

SETTING REQUIRED STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM REVENUE AND SPECIAL
SERVICE CHARGE BASE RATE

WHEREAS, City Ordinance Number 1034 provides that the Required Street Lighting System Revenue and resulting Special Service Charge Base Rate shall be adopted by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the annual expenditures by the City of Worthington for the establishment, operation, construction, repair, replacement, maintenance, enlargement and improvement of the Street Lighting System is projected to be \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, no other source of revenue will be applied to fund the Street Lighting System; and

WHEREAS, The City Engineer has calculated that the Special Service Charge Base Rate required to fund the annual expenditures of the Street Lighting System is \$52.20.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, MINNESOTA:

1. That the Required Street Lighting System Revenue is declared to be \$250,000.
2. That the Special Service Charge Base Rate shall be \$52.20.
3. That said Special Service Charge Base Rate is to be effective with the October 2010 billing period.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Worthington, Minnesota, this the 23rd day of August, 2010.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS - STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN

Per the statewide NPDES Industrial Storm Water Permit, Mead and Hunt prepared a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan at a cost for services of \$4,900, which included \$400 for the permit fee. The City received a grant agreement for state funding of 70% of the eligible costs, excluding the permit application fee. The project costs are \$4,501.75, with a state share of \$3,150.53, and local costs at \$1,350.22 plus the \$400 permit application fee, for a total local share of approximately \$1,750.

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement:

RESOLUTION

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

It is resolved by the City of Worthington as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 97297, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement," for State Project No. 5301-72 at the Worthington Municipal Airport is accepted.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Worthington.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - Noted that Senator Franken had mentioned our airport while in town. Also noted that he, Alderman Ten Haken, Craig Clark and German Intern Peter Abelein attended the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities conference in Winona. While there they attended a gubernatorial debate. LGA was talked about at the conference, and it was noted that one of the candidates for State Auditor sees parks as a non-essential part of government.

Alderman Ten Haken - Also mentioned the CGMC conference, adding that there was a lot of discussion regarding LGA and what to expect. There will be a minimum of 50 new seats at the returning legislature next year and the advice from the Coalition was to make yourself known to these new legislators as soon as possible after the election. Noted his interest in the speech given by the Mayor of Wadena as it related to their tornado there earlier this year, adding that we do need to plan for those situations.

Alderman Kuhle - nothing to report.

Alderman Nelson - nothing to report but is looking forward to the budget meetings scheduled for later this week.

Alderman Wood - wanted to add to Scott Hain's report by way of congratulating the Public Utilities for keeping our rates down.

Alderman Woll - nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reported that he attended Senator Franken's meetings here in town; they talked about housing and the Testing and Training Center. Also reminded Council of the budget meetings this week and next, noting the budget process can be difficult. Mr. Clark also reminded Council of the Mayor's Open on September 11th at Prairie View - 9:30 shotgun start - for the benefit of the Southwest Honor Flight.

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ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk