

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson. Honorary Council Member: Robert Bristow.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Scott Gigrich, Code Enforcement Officer/Housing Inspector.

Others present: Pat Shorter, Dan Reese, Jason Larsen, and Pat Demuth, Worthington Fire Department; Elizabeth Wefel, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities; Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Oberloh introduced Robert Bristow as the Honorary Council Person for July, August and September, 2013. Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, introduced Scott Gigrich, recently hired as the Code Enforcement Officer/Housing Inspector for the City of Worthington.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wood and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

- City Council Minutes - Regular meeting August 12, 2013; Special meeting August 14, 2013; Special meeting August 23, 2013; Special meeting August 28, 2013
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of August 19, 2013; Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board of Directors Minutes of August 7, 2013
- Application to block streets for the UFCW Local Union #1161 for a Hispanic Independence Celebration from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013 - from St. Mary's Church on Seventh Avenue to Tenth Street, then Tenth Street to Second Avenue
- 2013-2014 Memorial Auditorium Rental Agreement
- Racquetball Fees for the Center for Active Living
- Donation of Bike Rack to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Resolution Re-Authorizing Agreement for Child Sexual Predator Program
- Bills payable and totaling \$1,753,228.10 be ordered paid

**COALITION OF GREATER MINNESOTA CITIES UPDATE**

Elizabeth Wefel, Senior Attorney/Lobbyist for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) was present and provided an update of their efforts on behalf of Worthington and other cities in Greater Minnesota over the last year, specifically during the last legislative session. Council thanked Ms. Wefel for her report.

**FIRE FIGHTER REQUEST FOR INCREASED PENSION CONTRIBUTION TABLED**

Council considered a request from the Worthington Fire Department for an increase to their pension of .9% per year over a five year period, which would be an increase of \$2,452 over 20 years, or a more modest increase of .5% each year for five years, which would be \$1,362 over 20 years. Council had initially discussed the request at their Special Meeting August 23, 2013.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Council Member Kuhle and seconded by Council Member Nelson to increase the contribution to the pension plan by .9% for five years. Council Member Wood called for a friendly amendment to the motion to approve administration moving forward in bringing back a plan with a schedule of payments and how it's set up - what the accumulating cost will be in the fifth year. In response to a question from Council Member Wood, Mr. Shorter indicated that the requested .9% per year increase is for the past five years when they did not receive any increase - 4.5% as a one time increase - then come back each year for any future increases.

Following clarification, Council Members Kuhle and Nelson withdrew their motion and second.

Mayor Oberloh noted we need to see the numbers as we've already got a budget number for next year.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried that we support the request but that we need to have final numbers on the .9% retrospectively for five years to a total of 4.5%, and that we have a policy going forward for reviewing the contribution every one or two years.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED APPROVING PROPOSED 2013 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2014**

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolutions approving the proposed 2013 tax levies collectible in 2014:

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED 2013 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2014

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Worthington, County of Nobles, State of Minnesota, that the following sums of money are to be levied for the current year, collectible in 2014 upon the taxable property in said City of Worthington, Minnesota for the following purposes:

LIMITED GENERAL PURPOSE TAX:	2013/2014 LEVY	SPECIAL TAX LEVIES:	2013/2014 LEVY
General Fund	726,118	G.O. Debt Service Funds including Improvement Bonds (MS 275.50 Supd. 5e and MS 429.091)	
Recreation Fund	863,398		
Economic Development Authority Fund	0	PIR Series 2007A \$4,370,000	328,000
		PIR Series 2009C \$2,710,000	173,155
Improvement Construction Fund	403,429	PIR Series 2010A \$1,915,000	177,393
		PIR Series 2012A \$2,570,000	<u>230,000</u>
Aquatic Center Facility Fund	100,000		
		SUBTOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	908,548
Memorial Auditorium Fund	75,156		
		Economic Development Tax Abatement	<u>28,400</u>
GENERAL PURPOSE TAX LEVY-CITY	<u>2,168,101</u>	TOTAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIES	<u>936,948</u>
EDA TAX LEVY	<u>83,000</u>		
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE TAX	<u>2,251,101</u>		
		RECAP OF TAX LEVY TOTALS:	
SPECIAL TAX LEVIES: (Other than Debt Service)		General Purpose Levy	2,251,101
Housing & Redevelopment Authority (MS 462.545 Subd. 6)	Separate Certified Levy	Special Tax Levies	936,948
		TOTAL NET LEVY	<u>3,188,049</u>

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RESOLUTION APPROVING 2013 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Worthington and the Economic development Authority of the City of Worthington, County of Nobles, State of Minnesota, that the following sum of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2014, upon the taxable property in said City of Worthington, Minnesota, for the following purposes:

SPECIAL TAX LEVY  
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
 TAX LEVY

CERTIFIED LEVY  
 2013/2014

(Minnesota Statute 469.107, Subdivision 1)

Special Tax for Operations	\$83,000.00
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NET CERTIFIED LEVY \$83,000.00

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WORTHINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2013 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Worthington and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Worthington, County of Nobles, State of Minnesota, that the following sum of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2014, upon the taxable property in said City of Worthington, Minnesota for the following purposes:

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SPECIAL TAX LEVY	CERTIFIED LEVY 2013/2014
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY (Minnesota Statute 469.033, Subdivision 6)	
Special Tax for Operations	\$99,331.00
NET CERTIFIED LEVY	\$99,331.00

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**RESOLUTION NO'S 3523 THROUGH 3529 ADOPTED DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND CALLING FOR HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS AND DECLARING BENEFIT TO BE ASSESSED AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT**

Staff presented resolutions declaring costs to be assessed and calling for hearings on proposed assessments at the October 14, 2013 regular City Council meeting for each of the following:

Paving Improvement No. 112

- Northeast Alley in Block 28 (Alley Southwest of 10<sup>th</sup> St. - 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
- Southwest Alley in Block 30 (Alley Northeast of 9<sup>th</sup> Street - 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

- Franklin Street and Sherwood Street - Nobles Street to East Avenue
- Trevor Street - East Avenue to Murray Avenue

Sanitary Sewer Improvement No. 107

- Morning View Second Addition Trunk Assessment

2013 Miscellaneous Unpaid Charges

- Removal of Ice and Snow
- Removal of Solid Waste
- Removal of Noxious Weeds and Vegetation
- Abatement of Nuisance Affecting Public Health and Safety

Declaring Benefit to be assessed and Calling for hearing on Proposed Additional Assessment on Stower Drive - Living Life Adult Day Care Center

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3523

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3524

CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3525

DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3526

CALLING FOR HEARING PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3527

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3528

CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3529

DECLARING BENEFIT TO BE ASSESSED AND CALLING FOR HEARING PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ASSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

**WORTHINGTON REDISCOVERED APPLICATION APPROVED - SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership had submitted an application for financial assistance to acquire and demolish the single family home at 2305 East Avenue. Acquisition of the property will provide additional space for proper storm water retention and provide more presence along County Road 5 for the HRA's Rising Sun Estates project. The Worthington Rediscovered Committee reviewed the application on September 6<sup>th</sup> and concluded the project is within the intent of the program, and that it should consider full participation as the end use would be the Worthington HRA, which is a public entity under the City's umbrella. The Committee was recommending awarding the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership funds for the actual costs incurred, not to exceed \$49,000, on the condition that the next real estate future transaction cannot be greater than \$1.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Wood and unanimously carried to approve an application from the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SMHP) for Worthington Rediscovered Funds for actual costs incurred for acquisition and demolition not to exceed \$49,000 on the condition that the next real estate transaction cannot be greater than \$1.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Oberloh - nothing to report other than he will be attending an ATP meeting in Mankato.

Council Member Kuhle - the Southwest Regional Development Commission will be meeting here at the fire hall on September 12, 2013. The full Board and Commission will be there - anyone interested should attend.

Council Member Graber - The Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board is still working on the signage and are going with Jasper Stone. The rigging grant was approved - a \$6,618 matching grant. The new tech employee has started. Attended a Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership meeting with Craig and Brad. The building signage is in progress at the Center for Active Living - they also discussed group rates for use of the racket ball courts. The Heron Lake Watershed's budget was approved at \$250,000, the Jack Creek Sediment Project is still controversial - also discussed loans approved for septic systems - the request for a weed harvester was not approved. Open house at the CAL on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Sankey - nothing to report.

Council Member Wood - nothing to report.

Council Member Nelson - HRA will meet tomorrow night - still difficulties with their 36 unit project and they will probably come back to Council for another look at their numbers.

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

Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted appreciation to the Governor and our legislators for efforts on additional funding during the special session - they approved \$99,141 for the City of Worthington. We will continue to make our case moving forward in the next legislative session for our unmet needs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk