

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Aldermen absent: Mike Kuhle and Honorary Council Member Bob Tims (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Dan Wycoff, Liquor Store Manager; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Kevin Black, Prairie View Greens Supervisor (7:10 p.m.)

Others present: Rolin Sinn, MnDOT; Andy Johnson, YMCA; Peter Abelein, Munich Germany; Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; several City of Worthington Volunteer Firemen.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

Craig Clark, City Administrator, introduced Dan Wycoff as the new Manager of the Worthington Municipal Liquor Store. Mr. Wycoff gave a brief background on himself and thanked Council for the opportunity to work for the City of Worthington.

AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting August 23, 2010; Special Meeting August 25, 2010; Special Meeting August 26, 2010; Special Meeting September 1, 2010; Special Meeting September 2, 2010; Special Meeting September 8, 2010.
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Meeting September 7, 2010; Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board Meeting July 8, 2010 and August 30, 2010; Fire Hall Building Committee Meeting August 30, 2010, August 31, 2010 and September 7, 2010.
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2010 through August 30, 2010.
- Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit:

Organization:	Duck's Unlimited
CEO:	Kevin Black
Types of Games:	Raffles
Date/Location of Event:	December 4, 2010

Hickory Lodge - 2015 N. Humiston Ave. Worthington

- Supplemental Agreements 1 and 2 to Ryan’s Road - Ray Drive - TH 59 Improvement Project:
 Supplemental Agreement 1 - changes the required course aggregate requirement for the concrete to be used in the TH 59 pavement to 3A41, as concurred by the State Concrete Engineer .
 Supplemental Agreement 2 - deletes the requirement for use of an antistrip additive in the asphalt based on information provided in the contemporary job mix report.
- Bills Payable and totaling \$1,504,056.26 be ordered paid.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED APPROVING THE 2010 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2011

Council considered resolutions approving the 2010 tax levies for the City of Worthington. The proposed City of Worthington levy of \$2,778,686 breaks down into an operating levy of \$1,790,241 (which includes the Economic Development Levy of \$86,000) and Special Tax Levies of \$988,445. The proposed levy represents a 4% increase over 2010. Also approved were the 2010 tax levies collectible in 2011 for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of \$93,241.38.

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

CITY OF WORTHINGTON, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED 2010 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2011

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 2011 upon the taxable property in said City of Worthington, Minnesota for the following purposes:

LIMITED GENERAL PURPOSE TAX:	2010/2011 LEVY	SPECIAL TAX LEVIES	2010/2011 LEVY
General Fund	597,934	G.O. Debt Service Funds Including Improvement Bonds (MS 275.50 Subd. 5e and MS 429.091)	
Community Center Fund	44,346		
Recreation Fund	594,520	PIR Series 2002A \$920,000	55,000
		Public Facility Lease Rev 2004A	92,152
Economic Development Authority Fund	51,250	PIR Series 2004A \$3,055,000	263,700

Improvement Construction Fund	262,244	PIR Series 2007A \$4,370,000	370,000
		PIR Series 2009C \$2,710,000	<u>182,593</u>
Aquatic Center Facility Fund	100,000		
Airport	5,485	SUBTOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	963,445
Memorial Auditorium Fund	48,462	Economic Development Tax Abatement	25,000
GENERAL PURPOSE TAX LEVY	<u>1,704,241</u>	TOTAL SPECIAL TAX LEVIES	<u>988,445</u>
EDA TAX LEVY	<u>86,000</u>		
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE TAX	<u>1,790,241</u>		
		RECAP OF TAX LEVY TOTALS:	
SPECIAL TAX LEVIES: (Other than Debt Service)		General Purpose Levy	1,790,241
Housing & Redevelopment Authority MS 462.545 Subd. 6)	Separate Certified Levy	Special Tax Levies	988,445
		TOTAL NET LEVY	<u>2,778,686</u>

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2010 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2011

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 2011, upon the taxable property in said City of Worthington, Minnesota, for the following purposes:

SPECIAL TAX LEVY	CERTIFIED LEVY 2010/2011
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX LEVY (Minnesota Statute 469.107, Subdivision 1)	
Special Tax for Operations	\$86,000
NET CERTIFIED LEVY \$86,000	

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2010 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City 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 2011 upon the taxable property in said City of Worthington, Minnesota, for the following purposes:

SPECIAL TAX LEVY	CERTIFIED LEVY 2010/2011
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LEVY (Minnesota Statute 469.033, Subdivision 6)	
Special Tax for Operations	\$93,241.38

NET CERTIFIED LEVY \$93,241.38

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL /
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NEW FIRE STATION**

Based on the responses to the Request for Statements of Qualification for architectural and engineering services for the new fire hall, The Fire Hall Building Committee chose six firms from the top ten and invited them to respond to a Request for Proposal. Of those six, four were chosen to prepare a presentation and be interviewed by the Committee. Following the interviews, the Committee narrowed the candidates to Brunton Architects and Buetow and Associates. Ultimately, after gathering additional information and further discussion, the Committee selected Buetow and Associates for recommendation to Council.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to grant authorization to negotiate a contract with Buetow & Associates for architectural and engineering services for the proposed new fire station.

The Committee was also recommending Council appointment of City Administrator Craig Clark, Public Safety Director Mike Cumiskey and Director of Engineering Dwayne Haffield to negotiate the contract.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT APPROVED FOR FORMER YMCA FACILITY

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the City of Worthington Purchase Agreement for the former YMCA facility, and to authorize the Mayor's and Clerk's signatures.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS APPROVED FOR REPAIR OF PRAIRIE VIEW CLUBHOUSE ROOF

The following two quotes were received by staff from local contractors for the repair of the Prairie View Clubhouse roof which was damaged during recent wind storms:

K & H Construction & Seamless Steel Siding, LLC	\$ 9,399.78
Jeff Meinders Constructionm, LLC	\$13,375.00

Staff was recommending contracting with K & H Constructions. During discussion it was noted the quote did not include removal of the existing shakes, but rather firing over the shakes for the steel roof. Some Council members stated their preference would be to have the existing shakes removed before reroofing the building.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to authorize up to \$13,375.00 and authorize the City Administrator and Prairie View Grounds Superintendent to negotiate with K & H Construction & Seamless Steel Siding, LLC to include removal of the existing shakes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3433 ADOPTED CALLING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENTION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS AND THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2010 THROUGH 2014 UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 475.521

The last City Hall improvement project was financed in 2004 by the Worthington Economic Development Authority (EDA) through a Public Facility Revenue Bond. Debt service is provided by lease payments made by the City to the EDA. Current financing opportunities makes it desirable to refinance the City Hall improvement project, and to do so at current interest rates can yield a net estimated savings of \$50,000 to \$51,000. The initial step in the refinancing process is to call the required hearing. Staff presented a resolution calling for public hearing for Council's consideration.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3433

CALLING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENTION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS AND THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2010 THROUGH 2014 UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 475.521

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

REQUEST APPROVED TO TRANSFER BUDGET FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF FIRE HALL ROOF

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve a transfer of \$15,000 from the municipal building fund and \$14,000 from the Fire Department equipment revolving fund to move forward with the low cost provider, Schwicker Company of Mankato, for repair of the Fire Hall roof.

TRUNK HIGHWAY 59/60 PROJECTS UPDATE

Council received an update of the Highway 59/60 project from Rolie Sinn from MnDOT. Mr. Sinn noted they were making progress on the Aesthetics Committee, and were actively pursuing Railroad development with UP, primarily on their bridge. The Aesthetics Committee has been charged to come up with a theme for the wall, bridge and landscaping areas.

Discussion was held on the Flower Lane Crossing during which Mr. Sinn stated that MnDOT's Office of Rail had identified that crossing as unsafe. They are very adamant about doing something with it, and came up with several suggestions with the most severe being to close it, or put stop signs on First Avenue or put in a signal. School busses and other long vehicles were the main concern. Mr. Sinn stated the railroad was hard to deal with and has more power than government. MnDOT will be pushing for resolution on this quickly.

Also discussed was a request for an entrance modification to construct an extended driveway as a city street, and a pedestrian underpass at the intersection of Nobles Street and Highway 60. Mr. Sinn said some of these issues need to be brought to a conclusion before he can give good numbers on the project.

Council thanked Mr. Simms for his presentation.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 3434 THROUGH 3441 ADOPTED CALLING FOR HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Staff presented a resolution Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessments, and Resolution Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for each of the following:

Paving Improvement No. 109

- Buchanan Court - abutting Lots 3 through 5, Block 4; and Lots 2 and 3, Block 5; all in Glenwood Heights First Addition
- 13th Street - Clary Street to 450 feet north
- Indian Hill Road - Pleasant Avenue to Linda Lane
- Pleasant Avenue - South Shore Drive to First Avenue Southwest
- Spring Avenue - Service Road to Cecilee Street
- Woodcrest Avenue - the entire length
- Woodland Court - the entire length

Sanitary Sewer Improvement No. 97

- Grand Avenue - 200 feet north of Oxford Street to Cecilee Street extended westerly

Water Main Improvement No. 102

- North Crailsheim Road - Collegeway to 500 feet south

2010 Miscellaneous Unpaid Charges

- Removal of Ice and Snow
- Removal of Solid Waste
- Removal of Noxious Weeds and Vegetation

The resolutions call for the hearings to be held at the October 12, 2010 Council meeting.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3434

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3435

CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3436

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3437

CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3438

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3439

CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3440

DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 3441

CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY - 1924 DOVER STREET

Staff presented a proposed ordinance that would rezone the property located at 1924 Dover Street

from it's current "B-3" - General Business to "R-3" - Low Density Preservation Residential as follows:

Section I.

In order to better protect and enhance public health, safety and general welfare, the Worthington City Council hereby finds that it is necessary to modify the zoning district designation of certain areas of the City of Worthington from "B-3" - General Business to "R-3" - Low Density Preservation Residential.

Section II.

The following legally described area, presently included in the "B-3" district, shall henceforth be included in the "R-3" district:

The East 53.3 feet of Lots 10 and 11, Block 2, Clifton Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to give a first reading to the proposed ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - thanked those that golfed and/or donated for the Honor Flight Fund Raiser. Reminded everyone of the upcoming following events: basketball game Wednesday evening with the Harlem Ambassadors; Turkey Day brunch and activities; free seminar at the High School Media Center by Don Redinius next Monday evening on financial well being.

Alderman Ten Haken - had a PSAP meeting and worked with the County very well in establishing our position in regard to that - continues to be a work in progress. Also attended an SRDC meeting, nothing there pertained to the City but he did obtain a list of grant opportunities that he will forward to City staff to see if there are any opportunities for us.

Alderman Nelson - Attended a Cable 3 meeting - they are working on the design and layout of their web site and will hopefully bring it on board late October - talking about web streaming.

Alderman Wood - had an HRA meeting last week, looking at a couple of different options for projects; looking at the perform right now and might be coming back to the City to talk about partnerships for housing.

Alderman Woll - Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reminded Council of their tours of the Water Filter Plant, Wastewater Treatment Facility and Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility set for September 20th at 7:00 a.m. Asked about any additional budget meetings to talk about the Auditorium and WREDC, or to discuss any other budget issues. Encouraging news from the PSAP meeting - estimated savings if the four counties agree to go along would be between \$2.5 and \$3.7 million for the four counties. Murray County is still trying to push for a facility to be located in their county even though two studies have shown that's not the place to put it and not the best use of state tax dollars. Continue to be optimistic and work with Cottonwood and Rock Counties. They will be meeting again on October 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk