

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 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: Rhina Galvez.

Staff present: Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Karl Evers-Hillstrom, Daily Globe; Chad Cummings, KWOA; Scott LaVoy, SEH; Dan Greve; Tiffany Neugebauer; Amy Ernst; Chris Kielblock; Greg Raymo; John Landgaard; Alan Oberloh.

**HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mayor Kuhle welcomed Rhina Galvez as the Honorary Council Member for tonight and the months of October, November and December, 2016.

**AGENDA CLOSED / APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting September 12, 2016
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting September 6, 2016; Planning Commission/Board of Appeals Minutes of September 6, 2016; Heron Lake Watershed Board of Directors Minutes of July 19, 2016; Public Arts Commission Minutes of August 8, 2016
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016
- Bills payable and totaling \$709,494.36 be ordered paid

**CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING COMMITTEE AMENDED OPERATING GUIDELINES APPROVED**

Council reviewed proposed updated Center for Active Living Committee Operating Guidelines, which included the following two changes:

- \* The Term of Office section is amended to change the City Council appointed

member from non-voting to a voting member.

- \* The Attendance section is amended to allow replacement of board members due to absences.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the amended Center for Active Living Committee Guidelines.

**STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**

John Landgaard, ISD 518 Superintendent, provided an update and handout to Council regarding the upcoming ISD 518 Facilities Bond Referendum that will be on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot. As of last week there were 3,173 students enrolled in the system, which represents just under a 3.5% increase over last year, and they are looking at 3,400 students four years from now. The current school facilities are above their design capacity, and the School Board has decided not to continue to put funding into the West School building.

While the plan distributed included several athletic facilities and future athletic facilities, Mr. Landgaard said it will be an academic bond as basically \$70 million of it is academic related. The project budget breakdown is as follows:

New High School	\$59,600,000
Site Development	\$ 3,000,000
Multi-Purpose Stadium	\$ 7,200,000
Exstg. Building Conversions	\$ 1,800,000
New ALC space	\$ 4,000,000
FF&E, Technology, & Security	<u>\$ 3,400,000</u>
Total	\$79,000,000

Under the current time frame, the facility would not be accessible until 2019. Up to 53% of this bond would be paid by agriculture homestead and agricultural non-homestead with the remaining to be paid by residential/commercial, and some other minor percentages.

Dan Greve and Greg Raymo spoke to Council in support of the referendum, with Mr. Greve noting that the current school facilities are starting to hamper opportunities for our students. Mr. Raymo said this is rare growth opportunity, that Worthington is one of only a few communities in the state that are showing growth. This is a long-term decision, at the top of the pole in evaluating our community success. He asked that Council please consider passing a resolution of support for the referendum.

Mr. Greve and Mr. Raymo thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to them on regarding the

upcoming referendum.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3689 ADOPTED ACCEPTING DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY - BEDFORD INDUSTRIES**

Earlier this year Bedford Industries offered a cash donation of \$1,000 to the City of Worthington to be used towards the expansion of the Olson Park Disc Golf Course. Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said work on the expansion from 9 to 18 holes is nearly completed, and he was presenting a resolution accepting the donation for Council approval.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution accepting the donation of personal property from Bedford Industries:

RESOLUTION NO. 3689

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

**PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCEPTED FOR McMILLAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND RYAN'S ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS**

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, said at their August 8, 2016 meeting, Council authorized solicitation of proposals from consulting firms for professional services needed to develop plans for the McMillan Street reconstruction and Ryan's Road resurfacing projects. Four proposals were received. Proposals were ranked by the firm's successful experience in retrofitting existing corridors with bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and its ability to implement a beneficial public involvement process, which was the selection criteria to be used.

The firm of SEH ranked the highest against the criteria. They also proposed the lowest not to exceed fees at \$97,600, not including other services such as geotechnical investigation if needed, and based on a single construction contract for both McMillan Street and Ryan's Road. It does not include construction phase services. While the projects are eligible for Municipal State Aid Street (MSAS) funding, certain storm water costs and other costs may not be eligible for 100% funding. The 2017 storm water budget includes funding for a portion of the storm water related costs. Design fees will temporarily be financed from Construction Fund (401) reserves until MSAS funding is received and any applicable utility funds are transferred.

Mr. Haffield said as the project develops we will get better estimates - and as they evaluate this we may decide not to do both streets in the same year.

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to accept the proposal from SEH for professional services for the McMillan Street Reconstruction and Ryan’s Road Resurfacing projects, at not to exceed fees of \$97,600.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION**

At their May 9, 2016 meeting, Council approved plans and authorized advertisement for bids for the crack/joint repair and seal coating of Taxiway C at the Municipal Airport in anticipation of potential Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding. At their June 13, 2016 meeting, Council awarded a contract for the project to Fahrner Asphalt Sealing subject to receipt of the Federal grant. At their August 22, 2016 meeting, Council authorized execution of an FAA grant agreement for 90% of the Taxiway C project costs. The potential for an additional 5% funding from MnDOT was also presented at the time of these Council approvals. Following execution of the FAA agreement, MnDOT has now provided the grant agreement between the City and MnDOT, which establishes that MnDOT will disburse the federal funds to the City and provide additional funding for 5% of the project costs. Estimated project and budgeted funding is as follows:

	<u>Current Estimate</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Total Project Cost	\$129,700	\$188,521
Total FAA Share (90%)	\$116,730	\$169,669
Total State Share (5%)	\$6,485	-
Total Local Share (5%)	\$6,485	\$18,852

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution executing the MnDOT Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement:

RESOLUTION

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

It is resolved by the City of Worthington as follows:

1. That the state of Minnesota Agreement No. 1026622, “Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition,” for State Project No. A5301-80 at the Worthington Municipal Airport is accepted.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Worthington.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Kuhle - No committee reports but attended Turkey Day - good event.

Council Member Nelson - Commented the Mayor's Brunch on Turkey Day - it was good. Will attend an HRA meeting tomorrow night - also noted the work going on at the soccer fields.

Council Member Graber - Reported on a housing meeting at Minnesota West; the Prairie View Advisory Board September 20<sup>th</sup>; the Public Arts Commission which met at the Public Library; and on September 30<sup>th</sup> there will be an Equity meeting.

Council Member Janssen - Attended the first session of the current Police Academy last night - it was a great experience.

Council Member Harmon - Reported on the joint City/County/School meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>; the Cable 3 meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>; on the 19<sup>th</sup> he and others met with the renter of the airport property and came to a resolution regarding the rent; also reported on the Golf Advisory Group meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>; will be leaving next Thursday to represent the City at Turkey Fest in Cuero, Texas.

Council Member Sankey - Reported on a Heron Lake Watershed Board of Directors meeting September 20<sup>th</sup> - also reported he had attended the Police Department's Manos Unidas meeting in the Park yesterday regarding Neighborhood Crime Watch and other information from the Police Department.

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

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, was absent from the meeting so no report was provided.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk