

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

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, Mike Woll. Aldermen absent: Ron Wood (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; Matt and Maureen Sorensen.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Matt Sorensen was at the meeting to explain his Eagle Scout project to Council, which involved moving a large rock to the corner of Second Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and having it etched with *Worthington - Inc. 1873*. Matt also did landscaping around the rock, and worked with various people/businesses during the course of the project. Council commended him for his efforts.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

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

**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: Regular Meeting September 14, 2009; Special Meeting of September 23, 2009.
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions: Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting September 21, 2009; Economic Development Authority Minutes of September 14, 2009.
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
- On-Sale Beer License for Fareway Stores, Inc. #099, 1028 Ryan's Road, for the license period October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.
- Bills payable and totaling \$838,173.52 be ordered paid.

**RENEWAL OF SAFETY CONTRACT WITH MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION (MMUA) TABLED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Council was presented with the renewal safety contract with MMUA, which reflected an increase of \$1,725.90 to the City and an \$805.60 increase to Worthington Public Utilities. The increase was

the result of the City of Marshall dropping their membership (Marshall Public Utilities remains a member of the group), and the addition of the smaller community of Jackson to the group.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to table action on this item until the next City Council meeting, pending receipt of further information.

#### **BIO-SCIENCE MONUMENT SIGN TABLED**

Council considered the options presented for a monument sign for the Bio Science Park, along with requirements for maintaining a “vision triangle”. Options discussed were a one-sided sign vs. a two-sided sign, sign location, and landscaping. Council consensus was to table this item for a couple of weeks to allow for further consideration.

#### **RENEWAL CONTRACT APPROVED FOR WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BETWEEN THE WORTHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NOBLES COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the renewal contract for welfare fraud investigative services between the Worthington Police Department and Nobles County Family Services, and to authorize the Mayor, Clerk, and Police Chief to execute the document.

Fraud Investigative Services will be at a rate of \$40.23/hour for 2009 and \$41.03/hour for 2010. The contract period is from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTED AUTHORIZING BUFFALO RIDGE DRUG TASK FORCE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution authorizing Michael J. Cumiskey, Director of Public Safety, to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety for continued funding for the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force Program:

#### **RESOLUTION RELATING TO COUNTY AND CITY PARTICIPATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Counties of Murray, Nobles, Rock, and Pipestone, by and through their Sheriff's Departments, and the Cities of Adrian, Fulda, Slayton, and Worthington, by and through their police departments (sometimes referred to herein as the ‘parties’), have desired to form a task force for the purpose of coordinating regional drug enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the task force should be called the ‘Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force’; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §471.59, they should form a Joint Powers Agreement for the purposes of coordinating and administrating Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force efforts, and to receive law enforcement funds available for regional narcotics task forces through the State and Federal Government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Worthington City Council, that the City of Worthington enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the parties for the purpose of forming the ‘Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force’;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael J. Cumiskey, Worthington Public Safety Director, is authorized to execute such agreement and any amendment thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the task force grants administrator of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The City of Worthington will continue to serve as the financial agent for the grant.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) PLAN FOR TIF DISTRICT NO. 11 IN THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON**

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution calling for a public hearing to amend the TIF plan for TIF District No. 11 in the City of Worthington to be set as 7:00 p.m. November 9, 2009 at the regular City Council meeting:

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (HOUSING) DISTRICT NO. 11 IN THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Worthington, Minnesota (the “City”), as follows:

1. Tax Increment Financing Plan Modification. The City has previously approved a Project Plan for Housing Development Project Area No. 2 (the “Project Plan”) and a Housing Program, as described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 462C.03, Subdivision 1a (the “Housing Program”), for Housing Development Project Area No. 2 (the “Project Area”), and a Tax Increment Financing Plan, as described in

Minnesota Statutes, 469.175, Subdivision 1 (the "TIF Plan"), establishing a tax increment financing district, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, subdivision 11, designated as Tax Increment Financing (Housing) District No. 11 within the Project Area. It has been proposed that this Council hold a public hearing on the modification of the TIF Plan to provide for the implementation of the second phase of the project and an increase in the total estimated cost of the project, all in accordance with and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175, Subdivision 4; and further, that the Council approve the modified TIF Plan.

2. Public Hearing. A public hearing is hereby scheduled to be held on the modified TIF Plan at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2009, at the Worthington City Hall, 303 9th Street, Worthington, Minnesota. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such public hearing in substantially the form of Exhibit A attached hereto to be published in the official newspaper of the City not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing, and to provide the information required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175, subdivisions 2 and 2a, to the appropriate parties.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Oberloh - Just wanted to publicly thank all the volunteers who helped with Turkey Day and contributed toward its success.

Alderman Ten Haken - Attended a Regional Radio Board meeting last week with Alderman Wood and Administrator Craig Clark, adding there is a substantial price tag in making the changes that are coming by 2013, in excess of \$3 million. Mike Cumiskey provided additional information on possible alternatives.

Alderman Kuhle - Walked the Turkey Day parade route looking for recyclables, and received very positive feedback on his efforts. Attended a Chamber meeting today - in conjunction with the September 29th downtown produce market the Chamber will be serving 2,000 free hot dogs on the lawn of the Nobles County Government Center, and a lot of the stores will remain open to 8 p.m.

Alderman Nelson - Attended a Heron Lake Watershed meeting - the only thing there that would apply to us is they decided to purchase a grass seeder for use behind a four-wheeler. The equipment would be available for rent. Also attended a Cable 3 meeting - that Board decided to hire an Assistant Program Producer, not sure if full or part time at this point. He and Alderman Woll attended a meeting regarding a library / fire hall, and will be looking at the Campbell Soup site for possibilities.

Alderman Woll - The ribbon cutting at the new YMCA/City of Worthington Aquatic Center has been scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Suggested that anyone who gets the opportunity for a tour should do so.

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

Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted that the LEC members will need to get together to chart out the course regarding the financial end of the upcoming change to our radio system. The City has received the completed golf study - Mr. Clark requested that Council set a date to review that study, noting the consultant will be available for that meeting. Council requested the time and place of that meeting be set such that the general public could attend. Also noted was the link on the City's web site for the citizen survey, which will be included in the Council's strategic planning session. Mr. Clark stated he would like to continue with the Special Council meetings for workshops. Tom Kresco of the DNR will be available to meet with Council at one of those meetings to discuss riparian rights for use of the water from the lake for irrigation purposes. Mr. Clark will coordinate that meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Janice Oberloh  
City Clerk