

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 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, Rod Sankey. Honorary Council Member: Rhina Galvez. Council Members absent: Mike Harmon (excused).

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Sgt. Brett Wiltrout, Public Safety Department; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Rick Von Holdt, Dennis Gieselman, Worthington Fire Department.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Karl Evers-Hillstrom, Daily Globe; Amy Ernst, Chad Cummings, Jeff Bowen; Jay Trusty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Mayor Kuhle read a statement of Standards of Conduct at Public Meetings, noting that violators who do not come to order will be asked to leave, or may be removed by Police.

**HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER**

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

**AGENDA CLOSED/APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

Council Member Sankey asked for a point of correction/clarification if necessary to the October 10, 2016 Council meeting minutes, stating he believes the recorded vote was switched around in the minutes between the Prairie View item and the item just before it, with the Resolution No. 3694. The Clerk said she would verify the information on those items.

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2016
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting October 3, 2016 and Regular Meeting October 17, 2016; Heron Lake Watershed Board of Directors Meeting of August 23, 2016; Heron Lake Watershed Budget Hearing

- Minutes of August 23, 2016; Public Arts Commission Minutes of September 22, 2016
- Financial Statements - General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - for the Period January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016
- Bills payable and totaling \$790,213.48 be ordered paid

### **SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION UPDATE**

Jay Trusty, Executive Director of the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) was present and provided an update to City Council on the SRDC's most recent Strategic Planning Process. Mr. Trusty said they felt the process was due because of the large turnover on the Commission - only eight of the current 35 members were on the Board for the last process, and two of those will be retiring.

The process of the Strategic Planning Session was reviewed - the session resulted in the identification of three top priority goals for the SRDC: Create an Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, Respond to the Needs of the Region's Changing Population (expanded daycare), and Infrastructure Preservation and Capacity (address the water shortage in the region). Mr. Trusty briefly discussed implementation of their plan, and on going planning sessions every other year - the next session will be for plan review to determine if they are achieving their goals.

Council thanked Mr. Trusty for his update, and Mr. Trusty thanked Council for the opportunity.

### **SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA - PUD #7 - PRAIRIE EXPO USE GROUP REGULATIONS / DEFINITIONS**

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance amending Title XV of the Worthington City Code - PUD #7 - Prairie Expo Use Group Regulations / Definitions, to include Movie Theaters as a permitted use in Area B of the PUD.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Nelson, and unanimously carried to give a second reading to the proposed ordinance.

### **REPLACEMENT OF 1978 IH FIRE PUMPER TRUCK APPROVED**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said two bids were received for replacement of the City's 1978 IH Fire Pumper Truck - Midwest Fire (Luverne, MN) in the amount of \$227,418.00 and Toyne Fire (Rita, IA) in the amount of \$224,344.00. The recommendation from the Fire Department personnel was to go with the truck from Midwest Fire with the higher bid for two reasons - it has a poly tank and box, and they are located 30 minutes from Worthington had have done a great job on servicing

what they sell. The bidding process was carried out by the HGAC Group and meets bidding compliancy requirements.

Fire Chief Rick Von Holdt told Council the replacement of the truck came due 5 years ago according to the City's ERS, and has been on again off again since then. He listed several reasons for replacement of the vehicle and noted there is a two-year warranty on the chassis and a lifetime warranty on the tank and box. Mr. Robinson said the money is on hand in the Equipment Revolving Schedule, accumulated through taxes and waiting until we accumulated enough to pay for it.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a new pumper/tanker replacement truck from Midwest Fire at the bid price of \$227,418.00

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Kuhle - Nothing to report.

Council Member Nelson - Reported on a Joint Jurisdictional meeting held October 12<sup>th</sup>; Park Board meeting this morning, and an HRA meeting that was held the other day.

Council Member Graber - Reported on the Joint Jurisdictional Meeting, an Ethiopian Prayer Vigil held October 16<sup>th</sup>, and a Public Arts Commission meeting.

Council Member Janssen - Noted he had attended a NEON meeting, and will be attending a couple of more meetings later this week.

Council Member Sankey - Reported on a Heron Lake Watershed Meeting held October 18th.

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

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, noted he would be attending a League of Minnesota Cities Regional meeting in Slayton tomorrow. The soccer fields are filled and they will be starting with the sod on Wednesday. They put the pump house out there today. The above ground irrigation systems are here and waiting to be tested - we're hoping to see some green grass out there by the end of the week. In addition, Nobles County Community Health became aware of a grant possibility earlier this fall through the Superbowl Legacy, through the Minnesota Grant Foundation. They pursued the grant and in working with them we came up with a list of equipment for the \$50K grant. Included was three sets of bleachers, three sets of goals, three sets of portable score boards, cost share to bring the City's electricity to the fields, trash receptacles, and either a walking trail or money to be put in to a new building that would house storage and changing rooms and restrooms. They received word today that they've made it past the first round of consideration. 52 grants will be awarded, with one to be announced each week beginning the week following the 2017 Superbowl. Part of the grant was labeled as a multi-use grant - soccer, football, lacrosse, rugby...Mr. Robinson said we really appreciate the hard work they've done.

**CLOSED SESSION UNDER MINN. STAT. § 13D.05, SUBD 3(C) - CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, PARCEL NO. 31-3882-000**

Mayor Kuhle stated that Council would be going into closed session under MS. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c), for consideration to purchase real estate identified as Parcel No. 31-3882-000.

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Those not entitled to stay for the closed session left the meeting.

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to re-open the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk