

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

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: Jerry Eykyn.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Mark Thier; Jim Laffrenzen; Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mayor Oberloh welcomed Jerry Eykyn as the Honorary Council Member for the months of October, November and December, 2013.

**AGENDA CLOSED/APPROVED**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

- City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting October 28, 2013; Special Meeting October 28, 2013; Continuation of October 28, 2013 Special City Council Meeting on October 30, 2013
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Water and Light Commission Minutes of November 4, 2013; Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes of October 1, 2013, September 24, 2013, and September 10, 2013
- Application for On-Sale Beer License - Intrepidus, Inc., dba Oxford Bowl, for the license period December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013
- Application for On-Sale Wine License - Intrepidus, Inc., dba Oxford Bowl, for the license period December 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013
- Application for Temporary On-Sale Liquor License - Worthington Country Club for their Super Bowl Festivities on Sunday, February 2, 2014
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit - St. Mary's Church to conduct raffles on December 15, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic School, 1206 Eighth Avenue, Father James Callahan, CEO
- Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to TH 59 North Infrastructure Project at an estimated additional cost to the project of \$78,989.55

- Bills payable and totaling \$535,204.43 be ordered paid

**SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE VACATING PART OF AN EASEMENT - LOT 28, BLOCK 4, LAKEVIEW HEIGHTS ADDITION**

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance that would vacate part of an easement in Lot 28, Block 4, Lakeview Heights Addition as follows:

The following described portion of the platted public utility easement in Lot 28, Block 4, Lakeview Heights Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota, be vacated:

The east 7.00 feet of the west 10.00 feet of Lot 28, Block 4, Lakeview Heights Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota, except the north 8.00 feet thereof.

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

**SEASONAL BOAT LIFT STORAGE AT SLATER PARK APPROVED WITH LIMITATION AND PRIOR APPROVAL FOR STORAGE AT SUNSET PARK EXTENDED**

At their October 28, 2013 regular meeting, Council granted approval to Mark Thier to once again utilize the gravel parking area across from Sunset Park for his business of seasonal boat lift removal and storage at an annual fee of \$500 plus proof of insurance. Mr Thier was now before Council to request the additional use of Slater Park for the same purpose. Council Members expressed concern that residents living across the street from Slater Park, who pay additional taxes for the view of the lake, with some noting that the boat lifts already there were stacked neatly and out of the way by the tree line. Council Member Nelson stated he would like to bring back the approval of the storage near Sunset Park and make it a three-year agreement so it did not have to come to Council every year.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Council Member Kuhle and seconded by Council Member Nelson to extend the approval of the agreement with Mark Thier for seasonal boat lift storage at the gravel parking area by Sunset Park from a one year period to a three year period at the current rate of \$500 per year, and to approve storage at Slater Park for this season only, and Mr. Thier is required to provide proof of insurance. The following Council Members voted in favor of the motion: Kuhle, Sankey, Nelson; with the following Council Members voting against the same: Graber, Wood. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE VACATING PORTION OF PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENT - LOT 3, BLOCK 2, HOMEWOOD HILLS THIRD ADDITION**

Council considered a proposed ordinance that would vacate a portion of a platted utility easement, on the property at 1709 Rust Road as follows:

An ordinance vacating that portion of the platted public utility easement in Lot 3, Block 2, Homewood Hills Third Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota, described as follows:

The east 8.00 feet of the west 16.00 feet of Lot 3, Block 2, Homewood Hills Third Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota.

Adoption of the ordinance will allow the property owner to place an accessory structure closer to the rear property line, however, it will maintain an 8 foot easement for future uses. Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, noted the proposed ordinance has not yet been reviewed by the Water and Light Commission, but will be brought before them for concurrence prior to the third reading by Council.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to give a first reading to the proposed ordinance.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Oberloh - attended a meeting with the Administrator regarding housing - they were able to provide information on the disparity of the award of the housing grants as reported between Worthington and Jackson.

Council Member Kuhle - nothing to report.

Council Member Graber - the Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board was informed that the City crew is unable to install the footings required for the new sign at the Auditorium - they'll be looking at funding options to have it done.

Council Member Sankey - attended a Health Insurance Board meeting, things are not looking great - it's going to be costly no matter what. Airport Board met November 4<sup>th</sup> - discussed a memo from Worthington Public Utilities on removal of some of the balls on the power line - two from each span. Work on the old T Hangars continues, repairs/maintenance is on going - the generator needs to be replaced, work on the drain tile north of the terminal should be completed this fall, all the hangars are full.

Council Member Wood - Water and Light Commission had a lengthy discussion on sewer rates - looks like they will be reduced, however, electric rates will be up significantly due to increased rates from providers and transmission service. The second bonding tour occurred here last week, went very well - we presented two projects: completion of the BAC/Bioscience Center and completion of the Minnesota component of the Lewis and Clark project at approximately \$61 million plus.

Council Member Nelson - the Chamber and CVB will be holding a strategic planning session on November 20th.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reported that the rigging grant for the Auditorium approved by Council is moving forward, it just needs to be completed in 2014. A structural assessment is required at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000. The Health Insurance Board will be meeting again on November 25<sup>th</sup> to address significant plan changes we are faced with. Regarding the House bonding tour - comments were favorable. Lewis and Clark people will be talking with legislators from Iowa and Minnesota, but Mr. Clark said he believes South Dakota should not be given a pass on it. The Housing Grant - the SWMHP/ newspaper attributed them being to both Jackson and Worthington, but it is actually to the SWMHP on behalf of those cities. Jackson's project was part of the challenge grant and they received \$250,000 from AgCo. We will be looking at the second round of funding and working with the Housing Partnership on future proposals for Worthington.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk