

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

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 Woll, Ron Wood, Mike Kuhle, Bob Petrich. Alderman Elect: Scott Nelson; Honorary Council Member: Diane Graber.

Staff present: Gary Hoffmann, Interim Administrator; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Margaret Vosburgh, Memorial Auditorium Manager.

Others present: Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; Gary Prins, Clifford Shriner, Steve Robinson, Dave Cihasky, Marty Rickers.

HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Oberloh introduced Diane Graber as the Honorary Council Person for the months of October, November, and December, 2008.

AGENDA APPROVED

Mayor Oberloh requested that the Engineering Department Case Items be moved in front of the Administration Case Items to accommodate the visitors in the audience who were there for those specific case items.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the requested change.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

- City Council Minutes: Regular meeting November 10, 2009; Special Meeting, November 12, 2008.
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions: Water and Light Commission Minutes of November 17, 2008; Golf Advisory Board Minutes of October 22, 2008; Park and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of November 6, 2008; Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes of October 9, 2008.
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008.
- Bills Payable and totaling \$614,298.71 be ordered paid.

PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT WITH SEH APPROVED FOR PROPOSED MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM IM IMPROVEMENTS

Based on Council discussion at their November 10, 2008 meeting, staff contacted the consulting firm of SEH in regard to the firm's ability to meet an aggressive schedule for preparation of project documents for work to begin on the proposed Memorial Auditorium improvements in late spring/early summer of 2009. Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering reported that SEH has stated their commitment to such an aggressive schedule and had submitted a proposal for the project. Steve Robinson and Dave Cihasky from SEH were present at the meeting to present their proposal to Council. Mr. Haffield also noted they were seeking Council approval of the funding (\$1.6 million plus potential additional item that could increase that amount up to \$1.78 million). They were also asking for approval of the contract with SEH, with comments from the City Attorney. Mr. Robinson noted they would have about 11 weeks of work on the project, excluding a week for Christmas. It was suggested that a building committee be established to work with SEH to facilitate the aggressive time line. Mr. Cihasky noted they hoped to have a concept design approved by the building task force by December 18th. It is also hoped to start the construction documents January 1, 2009. Council discussed the age of the boiler at the facility and the possibility of a ground level system which could result in a cost savings. Mr. Cihasky stated they could have estimates on such a system by December 18th. Plans are to have the project out for bid March 2, 2009, with bids opened March 24th, a contract signed by April 1st, a pre-construction meeting April 15th, and begin construction in mid May. A recently completed asset management report lists the facility condition noting there are some mechanical issues, the seats are in good shape and shouldn't need to be replaced for another 40 to 50 years.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to hire SEH with the proposal as planned, and appoint Alderman Woll as the Council representative to the building committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF PART OF OUTLOT A, WOODLAND RIDGE ADDITION

During the development of the Woodland Ridge Addition project it was presented that the property west of the Hospice Cottage site was to be conveyed to the City to be platted as an outlet. The outlet would be the site of a regional retention basin for the development and would be available for other uses of the City. Hospice Cottage, Inc. (HCI) is now requesting the City to allow the developer to convey the north 10.00 feet of Outlet A to HCI for the purpose of installation of the lawn irrigation system, and allow for access from the Hospice Cottage site to the bikeway and park area. In addition to the formal acceptance of Outlet A except the north 10.00 feet, Council was also requested to approve the sale of the north 10.00 feet to HCI.

The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to accept part of Outlet A, Woodland Ridge Addition and approve the sale of the north 10.00 feet of Outlet A, Woodland Ridge Addition to HCI subject to the City receiving a public utilities and drainage easement over the following describe property:

That part of Outlot A, Woodland Ridge Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 14, Block 2 of said Woodland Ridge Addition; thence south along a projection of the west line of said Lot 14 to the south line of the north 10.00 feet of said Outlot A; thence southwest along the south line of the north 10.00 feet of said Outlot A a distance of 31.00 feet; thence north and parallel to a projection of the west line of said Lot 14 to the north line of said Outlot A; thence northeast along the north line of said Outlot A. A distance of 31.00 feet to the point of beginning.

RESOLUTION NO. 3366 ADOPTED APPROVING CHANGES IN THE SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

Staff presented the proposed 2009 Sewer Service Charges for Council approval. The proposed rates were approved by the Water and Light Commission at its November 17, 2008 meeting. The monthly sewer charge is comprised of two components: a usage charge, which reflects the cost of conveying and treating wastewater and for non-industrial users is based on water consumption; and a connection charge, which is to recover costs such as those for billing, collection system improvements, treating inflow and infiltration, and debt service on reserve capacity. The usage charge will increase about 7% for non-industrial users and the connection charge will increase 1.08%. The combined changes result in an increase ranging from 2.6% (\$.54) for a 2,000 gallon per month user to 7% for high-volume non-industrial users. An average residential user of 4,520 gallons/month would see a \$1.00 or 3.64% increase in their monthly charges. Total revenue generated by the 2009 rates is \$1,902,781, or 4.5% higher than that from the 2008 rates.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution approving the changes in the sewer rate schedule:

RESOLUTION NO. 3366

APPROVING CHANGES IN THE SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

ORDINANCE NO. 1020 ADOPTED RELATING TO STORM WATER UTILITY RATES

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time set for the third reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Worthington City Code, Title V, Chapter 54, Section 54.04 (C) as follows:

(C) The annual fee per acre for residential is \$204.00.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to give a third reading to and subsequently adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1020

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STORM WATER UTILITY RATES

(Refer to Ordinance File for complete copy of Ordinance)

RESOLUTION NO. 3367 ADOPTED APPROVING THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS 2005 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 44 AND LAWS 2006 CHAPTER 259, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 8, AND LAWS 2007 CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 22

At the November 4, 2008 General Election, the majority of voters approved the implementation of a local option sales tax at a rate of ½ of one percent. Following voter approval, and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 645.02 and 645.021, a Certificate of Approval of Special Law by Governing Body must be submitted to the Secretary of State's office, along with a copy of a resolution approving the special law. City Attorney, Mark Shepherd, drafted the resolution for Council's approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3367

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS 2005 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 44 AND LAWS 2006 CHAPTER 259, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 8, AND LAWS 2007 CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 22

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON

The Minnesota Department of Revenue requires that, prior to a city imposing a sales and use tax, the City must adopt an ordinance adopting such a tax. City Attorney, Mark Shepherd, drafted the proposed ordinance, which sets the effective date for imposing the tax as April 1, 2009, based on a 90 day waiting period required by the Department of Revenue, and a law that states a local option sales tax can only be implemented on the first day of a calendar quarter.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to give a first reading to the proposed ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE CITY OF
WORTHINGTON

The City Council of the City of Worthington, do ordain:

Section I. AUTHORITY

Subd. 1. The Minnesota Legislature has, by Laws of Minnesota 2005 First Special Session, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 44 and Laws 2006 Chapter 259, Article 3, Section 8, and Laws 2007 Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 22 (the 'Act'), authorized the City of Worthington to impose a one-half percent sales and use tax and an excise tax of up to \$20 per motor vehicle to pay the costs of a community center complex and for renovations to the Memorial Auditorium. The City of Worthington approved the Act in accordance with applicable law.

Subd. 2. At the special election held November 4, 2008, the voters approved the imposition of a one-half percent sales and use tax and an excise tax of up to \$20 per motor vehicle for the exclusive purpose of paying the costs of a community center complex and for renovations to the Memorial Auditorium which tax shall terminate 10 years after the date of initial imposition of the tax or when the City council determines that the amount of revenue received from the taxes to pay for the projects equals or exceeds \$6,000,000.00, plus the costs related to the issuance of bonds all as described more fully in City Resolutions Nos. 3344 and 3366 approved July 14, 2008, and November 24, 2008 respectively.

Section II. DEFINITIONS

The words, terms and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Minnesota Statutes, Section 297A, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

Subd. 1. Act means Laws of Minnesota 2005 First Special Session, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 44 and Laws 2006 Chapter 259, Article 3, Section 8, and Laws 2007 Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 22;

Subd. 2. City means the City of Worthington;

Subd. 3. Commissioner means the Commissioner of Revenue for the State of Minnesota acting under

the authority of an agreement entered into between the City and the State of Minnesota pursuant to the Act, or such other person or entity designated to administer and collect the Worthington Tax;

Subd. 4. Worthington Sales and Use Tax means the sales and use tax imposed and collected pursuant to this Ordinance;

Subd. 5. Ordinance means this ordinance in its present form and as subsequently codified in the Worthington City Code;

Subd. 6. Retailer maintaining a place of business in the City or any like term shall mean any retailer having or maintaining within the City, directly or by a subsidiary or an affiliate, an office, place of distribution, sales or sample room or place, warehouse or other place of business, or having any representative, including an affiliate, agent, sales person, canvasser or solicitor operating in the City under the authority of the Retailer or its subsidiary, for any purpose, including the repairing, selling delivering, installation, or soliciting of order of the Retailer's goods or services, or the leasing of tangible personal property located in the City, whether the place of business or agent, representative, affiliate, sales person, canvasser, or solicitor, is located in the City permanently or temporarily, or whether or not the Retailer or subsidiary is authorized to do business within the City.

Section III. SALES & USE TAX

Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, there is hereby imposed an additional excise tax in the amount of one-half of one percent of the gross receipts from the sales at retail, and the storage, use, distribution or consumption of goods or services which are taxable, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297A and occur within the City of Worthington. The imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of this tax shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statute Chapters 297A, 270C, and 289A.

Section IV. SEPARATE STATEMENT: COLLECTION FROM PURCHASER; ADVERTISING NO TAX; MINIMUM UNIFORM TAX COLLECTION METHODS

The Worthington Sales and Use Tax shall be stated and charged separately from the sales price or charge for service insofar as practical, and should be a debt from the purchaser to the seller recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts. In computing the tax to be collected as a result of any transaction, any amount of tax less than one-half of one cent may be disregarded and amounts of tax one-half cent or more may be considered an additional cent. If the sales price of any sale at Retail is ninety-nine cents or less, no tax shall be collected.

Section V. EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

A fully completed exemption certificate taken from a purchaser to the effect that the property purchased is for resale or that the sale is otherwise exempt from the application of the tax imposed by this Ordinance will conclusively relieve the Retailer from collecting and remitting the tax. A person who has obtained from the Commissioner an exemption certificate pursuant to the Minnesota Statute Section 297A may use such exemption certificate for the purposes of the sales tax imposed by the City.

Section VI PRESUMPTION OF PURPOSE OF SALE.

For the purpose of the proper administration and enforcement of Section 3 of this Ordinance, it shall be presumed that all retail sales for delivery in the City are for storage, use, or other consumption in the City until the contrary is established.

Section VII. COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAX AT TIME OF SALE.

Subd. 1. Any retailer making deliveries within the City, any Retailer maintaining a place of business in the City, or any other Retailer otherwise doing business within the City, upon making sales or any items described in Section 3 which are not exempted from the sales tax imposed under that section and which are to be delivered or caused to be delivered within the City to the purchaser, shall at the time of making such sales and collect the Sales and Use tax from the purchaser. The tax collected by such retailer shall be remitted to the Commissioner on behalf of the City.

Subd. 2. Any retailer required to collect the Worthington Sales and Use Tax and remit such tax to the Commissioner pursuant to this section shall register with the Commissioner and provide such other information as the Commissioner may require.

Section VIII. AGENT OF RETAILER.

When in the opinion of the Commissioner it is necessary for the efficient administration of the tax, the Commissioner may regard any salesman, representative, trucker, peddler or canvasser as the agent of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, employer or other person under whom such salesman, representative, trucker, peddler or canvasser operated or from whom the tangible property is being sold is obtained, and may regard the dealer, distributor, supervisor, employer or other person as a Retailer for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section IX. EFFECTIVE DATE, TRANSITIONAL SALES.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Worthington Sales and Use Tax authorized by this Ordinance shall apply to sales made on or after April 1, 2009 and shall be in addition to all other taxes now in effect. The Worthington Sales and Use Tax shall not apply to the following:

Subd. 1. The gross receipts from the purchase or lease of tangible personal property made under an enforceable contract entered into before April 1, 2009, provided that delivery or possession of items is taken on or before May 31, 2009.

Subd. 2. Payments made prior to April 1, 2009, for contracts to provide taxable services, provided that such contracts were enforceable prior to April 1, 2009, however the Worthington Sales and Use Tax shall apply to payments made pursuant to such contracts to provide services on or after April 1, 2009.

Subd. 3. The gross receipts from the purchase of construction materials used to complete a lump sum or fixed price construction contract that was signed and enforceable before April 1, 2009, and that does not provide for an allocation of future taxes, provided that the construction materials are used exclusively in performing the contract and the materials are delivered before December 1, 2009.

Subd. 4. The gross receipts from the purchase of utility services if the utility bill includes charges for services furnished before April 1, 2009, however, the Worthington Sales and Use Tax shall apply to all utility bills for services provided after April 1, 2009.

Section X. COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT.

The Worthington Sales and Use Tax imposed by the City pursuant to this Ordinance shall be subject to the same interests, penalties, and other rules as are applicable to the State general sales tax imposed by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 289A and 297A. The Worthington Sales and Use Tax imposed by the City pursuant to this Ordinance may be collected by the State on behalf of the City as provided by an appropriate agreement with the Minnesota Commissioner or Revenue.

Section XI TAX CLEARANCE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES.

The City may not issue or renew a license for the conduct of trade or business in the City if the Commissioner notifies the City that the applicant for such license owes delinquent Worthington Sales and Use Taxes as provided in this Ordinance, or penalties or interest due on such taxes. For the purposes of this Section 11, the following terms have the following meanings:

Subd. 1. Worthington Sales and Use Taxes include sales and use tax as provided in this Ordinance. Penalties and interest are penalties and interest due on taxes included in this definition.

Subd. 2. Delinquent taxes do no include a tax liability if:

- a. in administrative or court action which contests the amount of validity or the liability has been filed or served;
- b. the appeal period to contest tax liability has not expired; or
- c. the applicant has entered into a payment agreement and is current with the payments.

Subd. 3. Applicant means an individual if the license is issued to or in the name of an individual or the corporation, partnership or other entity if the license is issued to or in the name of a corporation, partnership or other entity.

A copy of the notice of delinquent taxes given to the City shall also be sent to the applicant taxpayer. In the case of renewal of a license, if the applicant requests a hearing in writing, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notice of delinquent taxes, then a contested case hearing shall be held by the Commissioner under the same procedures as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 270C.72 for the State sales and use tax imposed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297A, provided that if a hearing must be held on the State sales and use tax, hearings may be combined.

Section XII.

The ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Worthington, Minnesota, this ____ day of December, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 3368 ADOPTED PERTAINING TO INTENT TO BOND FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX AND RENOVATIONS OF MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Federal tax regulations require that local governments declare the intent to reimburse themselves for prior costs incurred in making public improvements with proceeds from bonds. Staff presented a resolution stating the City's intent to bond for the project in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 plus the cost of issuing the bonds. In response to a question from Alderman Wood, Brian Kolander, Finance Director, responde while there had been some comversation about funding other than through bonding, Dorsey and Whitney advised that these resolutions protect us and allow us to

spend dollars ahead of time, but adopting the resolution does not obligate the City to follow through with bonding for the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3368

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF A COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM; ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH REIMBURSEMENT BOND REGULATIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

(Refer to Resolution file for complete copy of Resolution)

REQUEST FOR INCREASED SUPPORT FOR WORTHINGTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION APPROVED

The City of Worthington currently provides \$6,000 annually to the Worthington Hockey Association (WHA), \$1,500 of which is for snow removal fees. The WHA is requesting increased assistance with snow removal at their facility by way of passing through the fair grounds driveway to clear the parking lot when the Street Department personnel are out removing snow. Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Director, noted the Street Removal crew would not always be out when the Hockey Association would want their parking lot cleaned, and perhaps it would be better to increase the funding for snow removal. Clifford Shriner was present at the meeting to represent the Hockey Association, and noted that volunteers and fund raisers bring in about \$52,000 annually. Alderman Petrich commended Mr. Shriner and the others for their hard work.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to increase funding to the Worthington Hockey Association to a total of \$7,500 annually.

2009 ANNUAL GOLF FEES APPROVED

At their October 13, 2008 meeting, Council tabled approval of the 2009 Prairie View annual and daily golf fees until more information could be obtained from staff. Council also had questions about range ball fees, the Monday and Thursday specials, and the proposed 1.9% increase in fees. The Golf Advisory Board met October 22, 2008 and discussed the fee structure and addressed concerns expressed by City Council. Advisory Board members were later contacted regarding the 1.9% increase, where they were informed that the cost of living went up by 4.9%, therefore, a 1.9% increase may be too low. Staff was now recommending a 3% increase in fees across the board for both annual and daily fees, and that an annual driving range fee of \$40 be implemented and that the "all day golf with a cart" specials on Mondays and Thursdays continue.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the 2009 Prairie View Golf fees as follows:

Type of Membership	Amount/Tax Early Pay Discount Prior to Feb. 28th	Amount/Tax Regular Rate After March 1st
Individual (19 yrs. & older)	\$585 + 38.13 = \$623.00	\$603 + 39.20 = \$642.20
Couple (2 adults from same household)	\$730 + 47.45 = \$777.45	\$752 + 48.88 = \$800.88
Family (2 adults and up to 5 children < 18)	\$830 + 53.95 = \$883.95	\$855 + 55.58 = \$910.58
Student (under 18)	\$210 + 13.65 = \$223.65	\$216 + 14.04 = \$230.04
College Student (19 - 22 yrs.)	\$225 + 14.63 = \$239.63	\$232 + 15.08 = \$247.08
Annual Motor Cart Rental	\$405 + 26.33 = \$431.33	\$417 + 27.11 = \$444.11
Gas Cart Storage Fee (no tax)	\$258.00	\$258.00
Electric Cart Storage Fee (no tax)	\$309.00	\$309.00
Golf Club Storage Fee (no tax)	\$33.00	\$33.00
League Fee - members (per league no tax)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Handicap Fee (no tax)	\$21.00	\$21.00
League Fee - non-member (includes league fee, tax, and green fees - does not include handicap fee)	\$265.00	\$265.00

2009 Daily Fees

Daily Trail Fee:	\$12.25
Cart Rental Fee:	\$18.00 full cart for 9 holes \$26.00 full cart for 18 holes
Daily Green Fee:	\$13.25 for 9 holes \$19.50 for 18 holes \$10.75 Twilight Golf (after 6:30 p.m.)
Monday & Thursday Special:	
All day with cart	\$25.00 per person

All day walkers \$14.00 each

After Labor Day Rates:

\$20.00 all day with cart - per person

\$10.00 - all day walker

Range Balls

\$40.00 annual fee

\$4.50 per bag

PLANNING BUDGET FOR SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE APPROVED

Alice Hoffmann, currently heading up the Senior Center Committee, has visited and toured various senior/community centers with other members of the committee to obtain information to be used in planning the proposed Senior Center for Worthington. Ms. Hoffmann was requesting guidance from Council on goals for this committee and approval of a budget to pay for early stage planning costs and consulting expenses.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to authorize up to \$5,000 for Senior Center Committee planning expenses/costs, however those funds will not be released without presentation of a budget and approval of the expenditures.

DANCE LICENSE APPROVED

Elks Lodge 2287, 1105 Second Avenue, submitted an application for a Dance License for the license period December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. All the required paperwork and fees have been received.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the Dance License for the Elks Lodge 2287 for the license period of December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

APPROVAL OF 2009 SUMMER RECREATION FEES TABLED

Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Director, presented the 2009 Summer Recreation Fees Schedule for Council approval, noting he works with Andy Johnson of the YMCA to evaluate the fees and programs each year before taking them to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and ultimately to Council. Mr. Laffrenzen noted they were proposing a \$1 increase for 2009 for the youth programs, which shouldn't keep anyone from participating. The fee for adult softball was proposed to be increased by \$10 from \$225 to \$235. The Advisory Board was recommending no increase in the activity fees for the VFW, Legion, and Cubs Baseball, the Traveling Girls Softball Team, or for the Worthington Soccer Association. The adult softball program was discussed at length, with

Council wondering why the YMCA runs that program and the teams don't operate it themselves. The number of teams has dropped to 13. Mayor Oberloh suggested we get representatives from each team here to find out what it will take to get the teams back. Mr. Laffrenzen noted the mowing and maintenance fees cannot be associated out.

The motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to table this item.

2009 SWIMMING POOL FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED

Staff presented the proposed 2009 Swimming Pool Fee Schedule as follows:

	2008 Fee	Proposed Increase	2009 Fee
Individual Season Pass	\$ 52.00	\$0.00	\$ 52.00
Family Season Pass: <i>(Family members are husband/wife/parent/guardian, & children under age 18)</i>			
First Family Member	\$ 52.00	\$0.00	\$ 52.00
Second Family Member	\$ 21.00	\$0.00	\$ 52.00
Third Family Member	\$ 21.00	\$0.00	\$ 21.00
Family Cap	\$ 94.00	\$0.00	\$ 94.00
Young Family/No Slide Season Pass	\$ 62.00	\$0.00	\$ 62.00
<i>(For Families with all non-swimming children under age 5, wading pool use only)</i>			
Private Parties (No Change)			
1 - 15 people			\$ 100.00
16 - 50 people			\$ 165.00
Over 50 people			\$ 2.50 per person
Daily Fees (No Change)			
Young Family			\$ 2.50 per person
<i>(Non-swimming parents with children under 5 years of age who use wading pool only)</i>			
Youth 18 years and under			\$ 3.50 per person
Adults			\$ 4.50 per person

Due to the fact the 2009 season will be the final season at the existing facility, staff was recommending no increase in fees.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the 2009 Swimming Pool Fee Schedule.

2009 PARK CONCESSION PERMIT FEES ADOPTED

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board was recommending the following 2009 Park Concession Permit Fees, which included an increase of \$5 per permit type with the exception of the "Historical Permit". The Advisory Board, in an attempt to bring back the old popcorn wagon, lowered the fee from the current \$130 to \$50. Council discussed the Historical Permit at length, concerned that it should not be written just for the old popcorn wagon owners but open to anyone who wanted to "go through the historic hoops".

Permit Type	2009 Fee
One day permit (nonprofit). <i>(Generating revenue for city supported recreational activity)</i>	\$ 45.00
One day permit (profit making).	\$ 55.00
Annual nonprofit. <i>(Generating revenue for city supported recreational activity)</i>	\$ 55.00
Annual nonprofit (<i>General Group</i>).	\$ 60.00
Annual profit making permit	\$155.00
Historical permit.	\$ 50.00
Annual mobile permit (nonprofit). <i>(Allows utilization of all city parks where off street parking is available, with the exception of Centennial Beach/Shelter)</i>	\$255.00
Annual mobile permit (profit making).. <i>(Allows utilization of all city parks where off street parking is available, with the exception of Centennial Beach/Shelter)</i>	\$355.00

Note: All permits require a \$ 100.00 clean up deposit which is refunded if all trash/garbage is removed and disposed of in a proper manner.

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the 2009 Park Concession Permit Fees.

2009 OLSON PARK CAMPGROUND RATES APPROVED

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board was recommending an increase of \$.50 to the camping fee in each area of Olson Park for 2009: Sites 1-13 fromn \$25 to \$25.50 per night; remaining electrical sites from \$20.50 to \$21 per night; tent sites from \$16.50 to \$17 per night. In addition, the weekly and monthly fees prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day would increase \$5: Weekly from \$130 to \$135; Monthly from \$370 to \$375. Groups of 10 or more campers would continue to receive a 10% discount.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the 2009 Olson Park Campground Rates.

2009 SHELTERHOUSE RENTAL FEES APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to set the 2009 Shelterhouse Rental Fee the same as the current rate of \$40, with an additional \$40 key/clean-up deposit to be refunded if the the key is returned and the shelter is clean.

2009 YMCA CONTRACT TABLED

Based on Council's earlier action tabling the 2009 Summer Recreation Fees, the motion was made by Alderman Petrich, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to table the 2009 YMCA Contract.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - Congratulated the Worthington Trojan Marching Band on their upcoming appearance in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Also thanked the citizens of Worthington for passing the half-cent sales tax.

Alderman Ten Haken - Attended a SRDC meeting last week, he was asked to Chair the Transportation Committee for that entity. Noted there are a lot of grant opportunities available out there and the SRDC offers grant application services for a fee.

Alderman Woll - nothing to report.

Alderman Wood - wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Kuhle - he and Alderman Petrich attended a Highway 60 Landscaping Committee meeting where they talked about design, lighting and trails. He is impressed with the number of trails planned by MnDOT. MnDOT is planning an open house meeting at the Farmers Room.

Alderman Petrich - attended CGMC conference in Willmar and covered a lot of good things including annexation. The two things needed for a smooth transition from township to city through annexation are to make sure you have a comprehensive plan done and to have a City ordinance on

the books. There is an Outstate Committee for planning this type of thing are will be working on legislation this year. CGMC is going for an increase in LGA - 2% this year and 4% next year, also thought the Highway 60 Landscape meeting was good.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Gary Hoffmann, Interim Administrator, reporte he will be working on labor negotiations this Wednesday, and is also working on getting Knology to going with live broadcasts of Council meetings. The new Administrator, Craig Clark, will be starting on Monday.

At this point Alderman Petrich reminded Council that the Legislative Action Day is January 14th.

Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent reminded the public that sump pumps are not to be discharged into the street during the winter.

Alderman Ten Haken added he had attended a Joint Powers Transportation meeting this morning and they voted to use money from reserves to subsidize the taxi service on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The service is not being utilized very well so if it doesn't improve the subsidy will probably not happen next year and that service will probably go away. Alderman Wood suggested we make it a point to promote the "ride to" along with the "ride home" aspect. Council gave Hagen distributing a pat on the back for making coupons available for safe rides home from the bars.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk