

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 22, 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. Council Elect: Scott Nelson; Honorary Council Person: Diane Graber.

HONORARY COUNCIL PERSON / INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR RECOGNIZED

Mayor Oberloh introduced Diane Graber as the Honorary Council Person for the months of October, November, and December, 2008, and noted she could continue to serve in that capacity for the month of January 2009.

Mayor Oberloh also presented Gary Hoffmann with a plaque recognizing him for his service as Interim Administrator for the City of Worthington from May 14, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 3371 ADOPTED APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 7

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time set for a public hearing regarding Amendment #7 to Tax Increment Financing District #7.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to open the hearing.

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, gave the presentation and noted that the reason for this hearing was the approval of the Amendment as given at the October 13, 2008 meeting was declared invalid due to a publication error. There was no other testimony received.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to close the hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3371

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 7

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

AGENDA APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

- City Council Minutes - Special Meeting December 6, 2008; Regular Meeting December 8, 2008.
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Housing and Redevelopment Authority Minutes of November 12, 2008
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008.
- License Renewal Applications:
 - On-Sale Beer: Worthington Country Club, 851 W. Oxford Street
 Taco's Lupe, 415 Ninth Street
 Stephanie's Restaurant and Lounge, 2015 Humiston Avenue
 Long Branch Saloon, 206 Tenth Street

 - Off-Sale Beer: A & T Tap, 107 12th Street
 El Horizonte, 100 E. 12th Street
 La Morenita, 1517 Oxford Street
 Video Lupita, 1305 East Avenue
 Food n' Fuel, 907 Diagonal Road
 Ban Lao Market, 919 Fourth Avenue
 Long Branch Saloon, 206 Tenth Street

 - Dance: Stephanie's Restaurant and Lounge, 2015 Humiston Avenue
 VFW Post 3958, 1117 Second Avenue
 Eagles Aerie 3282, 205 Oxford Street
 Long Branch Saloon, 206 Tenth Street

 - Pawn: Pawn-it, 1730 Oxford Street

- Bills Payable and totaling \$1,137,499.48 be ordered paid.

REQUEST APPROVED FOR DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to authorize the Retail Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to hold a downtown Farmers Market at the former Campbell Soup parking lot location on Tuesdays, from 4 to 7 p.m., June to

October, contingent on the Chamber of Commerce providing liability insurance coverage for the events.

COLLECTION AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH AAA COLLECTIONS APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to accept and sign the collection agreement with AAA Collections for all accounts receivable, accounts they currently have, and any future receivables turned over by Sanford.

PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF LINKS GREENS SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to approve a one-year contract renewal with a cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to and effective with any COLA of other exempt City staff and thereby allowing the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Council and attest by the City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 1021 ADOPTED, ADOPTING A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1021

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

(Refer to Ordinance File for complete copy of Ordinance)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Contract with Pharmer Engineering for the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project, as may be amended for the City Attorney's approval, at a proposed fee of \$236,200 for the design process only. Financing of the design is proposed to be separate from the remainder of the project, with a plan acceptable to the City and Swift, and is proposed by utility billings to Swift as expenses are incurred.

FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE VACATING PORTION OF PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENT IN SUNGOLD HEIGHTS MOBILE HOME PARK

A motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to give a first reading to a proposed ordinance vacating a portion of a platted utility easement in Sungold Heights Mobile Home Park legally described as follows:

The south 40.73 feet of the west 10.00 feet of Lot 6, and the west 10.00 feet of Lot 7, all in Block 4, Sungold Heights Mobile Home Park, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota.

YMCA PRESENTATION

Andy Johnson of the YMCA presented the Council with photos of the ground breaking for the new YMCA/City of Worthington Aquatic Center, and thanked Council for their work on the project.

2009 MINNESOTA CITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM APPLICATION AUTHORIZED

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to authorize the City Administrator to execute the 2009 Minnesota City Participation Program Application under the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

2009 UTILITY DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLANS APPROVED

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the 2009 Utility Department Strategic Financial Plans.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Oberloh - attended a housing meeting, 23 of the 24 housing projects in the state are on hold, including ours, but there is an effort on to get these moving.

Alderman Ten Haken - nothing to report.

Alderman Woll - attended a Chamber planning meeting and his first YMCA Board meeting; the Senior Center Facility Committee also met and was very productive

Alderman Wood - met on the Training and Testing Center, they are moving forward with the grant.

Alderman Kuhle - nothing to report.

Alderman Petrich - felt encouraged after the Senior Center meeting, and reported on a visit with SEH regarding the Memorial Auditorium project.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Craig Clark, Administrator, noted he had nothing to report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (CLOSED UNDER MINN. STAT. §

13D.03, SUBD. 1 (B))

Mayor Oberloh noted Council would be entering into Executive Session for labor negotiations under Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, Subd. 1 (b), and called for a roll call of those present for that session: Janice Oberloh, Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll, Brian Kolander, Mike Cumiskey, Scott Nelson, Gary Hoffmann, Scott Hain, Ron Wood, Mike Kuhle, Bob Petrich, Craig Clark, Alan Oberloh.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to reopen the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk