

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 28, 2015**

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, Mike Harmon, Rod Sankey. Council Members absent: None.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA CLOSED / APPROVED WITH CORRECTION/CHANGES

Staff noted an error in Case Item E.1. *Third Reading Proposed Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 54, Section 54.04 (C) of the Worthington City Code - Storm Water Utility Rates* where the requested reading was shown in one instance as the second reading and should have stated it was the third.

Staff also noted that the Life Saving Award to be presented was going to be pulled from the agenda as the recipient would not be at the meeting.

Council Member Graber noted Exhibit 1.a. *Fire Agreement* of the Public Safety Department Memo contained an error where it stated in one instance that the agreement was with Worthington Township when it should have stated Lorain Township.

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to close/approve the agenda with the requested changes.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting December 14, 2015
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions: Water and Light Commission Minutes of December 21, 2015; Worthington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors Minutes of November 17, 2015; Heron Lake Watershed Board of Directors Minutes of October 20, 2015; Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board Minutes of November 17, 2015
- Additional 2016 License Renewal Applications - On-Sale Beer and Off Sale Beer - Long Branch Saloon, Raul Godinez, 206 Tenth Street
- Bills payable and totaling \$592,873.29 be ordered paid

THIRD READING AND ORDINANCE NO. 1089 ADOPTED AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 54, SECTION 54.04 (C) OF THE WORTHINGTON CITY CODE - STORM WATER RATES

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

SECTION I.

Worthington City Code, Title V, Chapter 54, Section 54.04 (C), is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

(C) The annual fee per acre for residential is \$243.00.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to give a third reading to, and subsequently adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1089

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STORM WATER UTILITY RATES

(Refer to Ordinance File for complete copy of Ordinance)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE - CHANGE OF ZONE - 500 AND 620 STOWER DRIVE

Pursuant to published notice this was the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance that would change the zoning of the properties located at 500 Stower Drive and 620 Stower Drive from their current "M-2" - General Manufacturing to "M-1" - Light Manufacturing as follows:

The following described properties, presently included in the "M-2" district, shall henceforth be included in the "M-1" district:

500 Stower Drive — Parcel ID #31-0648-200

620 Stower Drive — Parcel ID #31-0648-100

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

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE - CHANGE OF ZONE - 1720 BURLINGTON AVENUE

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance that would change the zoning of the property located at 1720 Burlington Avenue from its current "R-1" - Single Family Detached Residential designation to "R-2" - One Family, Low Density Residential. The property is legally described as:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Darling's Second Addition to the City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota; the vacated unnamed north-south street in the plat of Darling's Second Addition to the City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota, abutting Block 2 of said Darling's Second Addition; that part of the vacated Cecilee Street lying north of Lot 11, Block 1, Darling's First Addition, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota; and Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, EXCEPT the easterly 20.00 feet of said Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Auditor's Plat of Part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 102 North, Range 40 West, City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota.

Adoption of the ordinance will allow the applicant to develop the eastern portion of the property for residential development.

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

RENEWAL OF FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT APPROVED - LORAIN TOWNSHIP

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, presented a Renewal of Fire Service Agreement between the City of Worthington and Loraine Township for Council approval. The six-year agreement includes annual rates negotiated through December 31, 2021.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the Renewal of Fire Service Agreement between the City of Worthington and Loraine Township through December 31, 2021.

2016 HANGAR LEASE RATES APPROVED - WORTHINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, presented the proposed 2016 Hangar Lease Rates at the Worthington Municipal Airport. The proposed rates reflect a 5% increase over the 2015 rates, and Mr. Wietzema noted the last increase was approved for 2012.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to approve the 2016 Hangar Lease Rates at the Worthington Municipal Airport

as presented.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kuhle - Nothing to report.

Council Member Nelson - HRA - Randy's review will be in early January; Rising Sun Estates has 5 units still available for rent - they will be moving from 6 month leases to 12 month leases - the ponding was tested during the last water event we had, and he noted there is a caretaker on site for small issues.

Council Member Graber - Nothing to report but reminded Council to attend the New Year's Eve event at the auditorium, a magic act.

Council Member Janssen - Nothing to report.

Council Member Harmon - Water and Light Commission - the wells are 4 feet over average, up 10 inches last week - we're in great shape going into spring. They are interviewing waste water consultants for selection to assist them as they go through the permit re-issuance process. They also discussed an amendment to the agreement with Missouri River Energy Systems.

Council Member Sankey - Heron Lake Advisory Group met at 6 p.m. on December 15th and recapped the Watershed District's meetings of the last three months, then the Watershed District Board met at 7 p.m. - things are looking better within the department. They went into closed session last month for employee evaluations which were excellent. Voted on a 3/2 vote to accept the Engler property. Two Clean Water project grants were refused but no reason was provided, and a grant for a new septic system within the district was accepted. Attended a broadband subcommittee meeting on Wednesday - they are making plans to conduct a survey in the county to get the interest of 10% of the population in broadband - from that they can determine the cost of services provided.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said last week he had sent out a draft of the legislative priorities for the City of Worthington, with the intent to keep it to a small number instead of a countless list. He requested that Council review the list and get back to him with their comments. Identified were Lewis and Clark, Local Government Aid, and Workforce Housing. Tomorrow he has a conference call with the Statewide Health Initiative - they have a grant program we might be interested in and they may be able to give us funds to improve a soccer field and address our near-term needs. Next Monday we are scheduled to swear in two new police officers who will be starting next week.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Sankey, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.