

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following Council Members present: Chad Cummings, Alaina Kolpin, and Larry Janssen.

Members absent: Amy Ernst and Chris Kielblock.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Cristina Adame, Communications & Relations; Angela Thiner, Assistant City Clerk.

Others Present: Stewart Chisham, The Globe; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Karri Olmanson, YMCA CEO; Angel Heille-Anderson, YMCA Camp Director.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- City Council Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024
- LEC Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023
- Bills Payable Totaling \$1,610,073.37

APPROVED YMCA PROGRAM FEES

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, stated at the March, 6, 2024 Park and Rec Advisory Board Meeting, the Park Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the YMCA 2024 summer program fees. The programs include the YMCA's Day Camp and summer sports programs.

Karri Olmanson, YMCA Director, presented the proposed fees. Ms. Olmanson stated this year they will be trying something different with Summer Day Camp. Day Camp will be offered on a weekly basis for youth entering kindergarten through 8th grade. The YMCA is proposing a voluntary tier pricing structure. The tiers are as follows:

Tier A: \$150 / week
Tier B: \$112/ week
Tier C: \$75/ week

Ms. Olmanson added the tier pricing is not income based but is based on what each family is able to pay. No paperwork will need to be filled out. For tiers B and C the will receive a scholarship made possible by the Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation. She noted this is how YMCA's of similar size operate their summer day camps and it has worked well.

Karri Olmanson explained the 2024 sports and rec fee schedule stating the proposed fees will be more uniform this year. The YMCA is proposing a fee of \$60 for T-ball/softball as well as a \$70 fee for Track and Tennis. Costs for non members and members will be the same.

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the YMCA Summer Program Fees as presented.

RESOLUTION NOS. 2024-03-22 AND 2024-03-23 ADOPTED ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Mr. Wietzema said the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee has received two requests to place benches in city parks and along city trails. The request are as follows:

- Craig Lais to place a bench in Chautauqua Park and a bench in in memory of Henrietta "Heine" Lais.
- Karen and Paul Hanbury to place a bench in Olson Park/ Puppy Park in memory of Frank and Mary Hanbury.

The donations meet all the requirements as set forth in the Park Donation policy adopted by City Council.

The motion was made by Council Member Kolpin, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-22

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-23

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-24 ADOPTED RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer, stated Council approved Resolution number 2023-11-58 on November 13, 2023 approving the feasibility report and ordering the improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for the 3rd and 4th Avenue project. Mr. Goo explained in the final design process, a need has been identified to replace private water services from the curb stop valve to the water meter within the building wall of affected properties.

Mr. Goo noted a feasibility report amendment has been prepared, identifying the need, feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the proposed private water service improvements adding that it is expected that the cost of improvements will be assessed to the benefitting properties served by the improvements.

The motion was made by Council Member Kolpin, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to receive the feasibility report and order an improvement hearing for 3rd and 4th Avenue improvement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-24

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-25 ADOPTED ACCEPTING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP (PARCEL 31-2586-640)

Matt Selof, Community Development Director, stated upon platting of Morning View Second Addition, it was required that Outlot A be designated for a stormwater pond. Mr. Selof explained, the developer, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, has recently constructed homes on the last remaining lots. He noted it is common practice that ownership of ponds required for stormwater management be transferred to the City after development.

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution approving the transfer of the title:

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-25

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Von Holdt - No report.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Kolpin - Nobles County Childcare group is working on a DEED grant. Alaina asked Steve Robinson to write a letter of support. She added originally the grant was 1:1 match but based on the demographic of Nobles County, they qualify for several exceptions meaning the match may not be necessary. The group has a couple of different projects underway with one being the Nobles Cooperative Electric building right outside of the city of Worthington and another for the city of Rushmore Community Center.

Council Member Cummings - No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Robinson stated the SEH architect and engineer were at City Hall to take a look at the renovation options.

HTG will be here to look at the Arena.

There is a special city council meeting on Thursday at noon with MnDOT to discuss Hwy 59. Pheasants Forever will be conducting a prescribed burn at Prairview soon. Two more Cecilee lots have been sold which leaves 5 remaining.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Angela Thiner
Assistant City Clerk