

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 24, 2021**

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: Chad Cummings, Chris Kielblock, Larry Janssen, Alaina Kolpin and Amy Ernst.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Jason Brisson, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Economic Development; Troy Appel, Public Safety Director; Alex VanSomeren, Police Officer; Bryant Schroder, Police Officer; Christina Shorter, Police Officer; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others present: Julie Buntjer, The Globe; Tiffany Neugebauer, Julie Linder, Brittany Schroeder, Brock, Braelynn, Bria Schroeder, Todd & Kim Schroeder, Rochelle & Pat Shorter, Cole Shorter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

Mayor Kuhle stated the following items would be added to the agenda:

- Consent Agenda Case Items - 4. City Council Business - 4. *Additional 2021-2022 On-Sale Liquor, Wine, Club and Sunday On-Sale License Renewal and 6.a. Additional Bills Payable*
- *Case Items - City Council Business - F.6. On-Sale Liquor License Application - Nobles County Fair Association/Worthington Speedway*

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the noted changes.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021
- Application to Block Streets - Worthington Okabena Windsurfers
- Application for Temporary On-Sale Liquor License - Lake Okabena Improvement Association
- Application for Parade Permit to Block Streets - Cultural Awareness Organization/Worthington International Festival
- 2021-2022 On-Sale Liquor, Wine, Club and Sunday On-Sale License Renewals
- 2021 Private Dock Application
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2021 through April 30,

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- General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021
- Bills payable and totaling \$2,082,753.23 be ordered paid

**INTRODUCTION AND OATH OF OFFICES FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS ALEX VANSOMEREN, CHRISTINA SHORTER AND BRYANT SCHROEDER**

Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, introduced Alex Vansomerren, Christina Shorter and Bryant Schroeder to City Council.

Officer Vansomerren grew up in Hudson, Wisconsin and graduated from the Hudson High School in 2014. After high school, he attended and graduated from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, with a degree in Law Enforcement. Alex started with the PD on August 17, 2020, and is currently working full-time afternoon shifts for the department.

Officer Shorter grew up in Worthington and graduated from the Worthington High School in 2018. After high school, she attended and graduated from Alexandria Tech in 2020, with a degree in Law Enforcement. Christina started with the PD on September 7, 2020, and is currently working full-time afternoon shifts for the department.

Officer Schroeder grew up in Worthington and graduated from the Worthington High School in 2007. After high school, he attended and graduated from Minnesota West in 2011, with a degree in Law Enforcement. Bryant started with the PD on October 19, 2020, and is currently working full-time afternoon shifts for the department.

Following administering of the Police Officers Oath to Officers Van Someren, Shorter and Schroeder by the City Clerk, Council offered their congratulations.

**THIRD READING AND ORDINANCE NO. 1169 ADOPTED TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA - CHERRYWOOD PUD #10**

Pursuant to published notice, this is the time and date set for the third reading of a proposed ordinance to amend Title XV of the City Code of the City of Worthington, Nobles County Minnesota which will amend the development requirements of Planned Unit Development (PUD #10) Cherrywood Addition.

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in your April 26, 2021 council agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to give a third reading and subsequently adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1169

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA - CHERRYWOOD PUD #10

(Refer to Ordinance File for complete copy of ordinance)

**THIRD READING AND ORDINANCE NO. 1170 ADOPTED TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM "T-Z" (TRANSITION ZONE) TO "M-2" (GENERAL MANUFACTURING DISTRICT)**

Pursuant to published notice, this is the time and date set for the third reading of a proposed ordinance to amend Title XV of the City Code of the City of Worthington, Nobles County Minnesota to rezone property from "T-Z" (Transition Zone) to "M-2" (General Manufacturing District)

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in your April 26, 2021 council agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to give a third reading and subsequently adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1170

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM "T-Z" (TRANSITION ZONE) TO "M-2" (GENERAL MANUFACTURING DISTRICT)

(Refer to Ordinance File for complete copy of ordinance)

**SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA TO REZONE THE PROPERTY FROM "R-1" - ONE FAMILY DETACHED AND "R-2" - ONE FAMILY, LOW DENSITY DISTRICT ZONING TO A PUD DISTRICT #14**

Pursuant to published notice, this was the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance to amend Title XV of the City Code of the City of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota to Rezone the Property from "R-1" - One Family Detached and "R-2" - One Family, Low Density District Zoning to a PUD District #14

The proposed PUD will establish general and specific development requirements for the property, including, but not limited to: minimum square footage, roof pitch, garage size, and exterior building materials. The legal description of the subject property under consideration is as follows:

All of Glenwood Heights Second Addition in the City of Worthington according to the plats thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Nobles County, Minnesota.

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in the May 10, 2021 council agenda.

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

**APPROVED APPLICATION FOR 3.2 ON-SALE BEER LICENSE - WORTHINGTON AREA YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the Worthington Area Youth Baseball Association has submitted and On-Sale Beer License for the 2021 baseball season. The license period is May through August, 2021.

Mr. Robsinson said under State Statute 340A.403 3.2 Percent Malt Liquors Licenses, Subdivision 1. Issuance by county or city.

*The governing body of a city or county may issue off-sale or on-sale licenses for the sale of 3.2 percent malt liquor within their respective jurisdictions.*

Under Subd. 2. Temporary licenses.

*(a) A club or charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization may be issued a temporary on-sale license for the sale of 3.2 percent malt liquor.*

*(b) The temporary license may authorize the sale of 3.2 percent malt liquor in any school or school buildings.*

*(c) Temporary licenses are subject to the terms set by the issuing county or city.*

Mr. Robsinson stated that the City Attorney advised that the Council could impose certain terms that are reasonable.

Jason Turner, WAYBA Board member, said that the Board decided to move forward with this after going to other communities that allow this. They would be selling the beer at Jr. Legion, Legion, and amatuer games. Money raised from the beer sales will go towards making improvements to the facility, paying officials and off setting fees for players. Mr. Turner said they posed this to the School Board and received no resistance to the idea. He said that it will be a controlled environment and no-one under 18 will be in the concession stand and a board member will be at all games.

A motion was made by Council Mmber Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin to approve the 3.2 On-Sale Beer License for the Worthington Area Youth Baseball Association with no

restrictions.

### **SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Kuhle provided a summary of the Performance Evaluation of Administrator Steve Robinson completed during a closed session at the Regular City Council meeting on May 10, 2021. He reported the evaluation was satisfactory.

### **ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION - NOBLES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION/WORTHINGTON SPEEDWAY**

Mr. Robinson said an application for an On-Sale Liquor license has been submitted by the Nobles County Fair Association for the 2021 racing season. He explained they previously applied for and received a 3.2 On-Sale Beer License but due to the difficulty of getting 3.2 beverages from the distributor for the entire season they are applying for an On-Sale Liquor License.

Under State Statute 340A.404 Subd. 1a. it allows racing facilities to acquire an on-sale liquor license:

*States a City may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to an auto racing facility located in the city. The license may authorize sales both to persons attending any and all events at the facility, and sales in a restaurant, bar, or banquet facility located on the premises of the auto racing facility. The license authorizes sales on all days of the week. The license may be issued for a space that is not compact and contiguous, provided that the licensed premises may include only the space within a defined area as described in the application for the license. The races will be held on Saturday evenings commencing on Saturday, May 22nd. The license period is May through August, 2021. All the required paperwork, fees*

All of the required paperwork and insurance certificate listing the City of Worthington as additional insured have been received.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the On-Sale Liquor License for the Nobles County Fair Association/Worthington Speedway.

### **APPROVED SCHAAP SANITATION CONTRACT**

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, explained the five-year agreement for Residential Refuse Collection, Recycling Collection, and Yard and Tree Disposal between the City of Worthington and Waste Connections of Minnesota (Schaap Sanitation) expires on June 30, 2021. The new five-year agreement would start on July 1, 2021 and expire on June 30, 2026.

Schaap has provided refuse collection and disposal within the City for many years and owns the landfill site west of the city.

The terms of the new agreement are generally the same as previous agreements and include:

- Schaap shall provide each resident with two 95-gallon containers, one for refuse and one for recyclables
- Weekly pick up for refuse and every other week pick up for recyclables on established regular routes
- Any residence that is owned or leased by a person aged 62 or more shall be eligible for senior rates
- Schaap shall provide a yard waste disposal site for leaves, grass clippings, trees and bushes at the Hwy 59/60 Recycling Center
- For an annual fee of \$3,965.00, the City shall have use of the yard waste disposal site for leaves, grass clippings, trees and brush from public owned property
- For a fee of \$1.00/ton, the City may dispose of street sweepings at the sanitary landfill
- The cost of service is subject to an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, and
- The adjusted monthly rates effective July 1, 2021 is \$19.60 per residence (\$17.60 senior rate) for refuse. A fee of \$3.91 per residence for recyclables and \$1.25 charge for yard waste. This adjustment represents no increase for 2021.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the new Schaap Sanitation Contract.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Kuhle - No report.

Council Member Janssen - Reported that the Public Arts Commission is looking for new commission members.

Council Member Ernst - The Water & Light Commission presented Elena Harmon an award for Mike's work on the Commission. His Memorial Service will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and a celebration of life will be held at Centennial Park at 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Kielblock - No report.

Council Member Kolpin - Attended a City, School, County meeting. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and a parent group is putting together an escort around the lake for the graduates.

Council Member Cummings - Attended a PJC Joint Powers Board meeting. The County and City looking at land north of the Prairie Justice Center and collaborating on a cold storage building for the seized vehicles.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

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Mr. Robinson introduced Matt Selof, the new City Planner. Mr. Selof said that he is originally from Polk City, IA and graduated a couple of weeks ago from Iowa State. Looks forward to working for the City of Worthington.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC  
City Clerk