

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 22, 2020**

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, Amy Ernst, Alan Oberloh, Mike Harmon, Larry Janssen.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Jason Brisson, Assistant City Administrator/ Director of Economic Development; Jeff Faragher, Acting Director of Engineering; Deb Olsen, Staff Accountant, Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, Radio Works, Ryan McGaughey, The Globe; Ellen Hoefker, Drealan, Kvilhaug, Hoefker & Co. P.A.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA CLOSED / APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 8, 2020
- Water & Light Commission Minutes June 1, 2020
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of June 4, 2020
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit - King Turkey Day, Inc.
- Application to Block portion of Sidewalk
- 2020-2021 On-Sale Liquor, Wine, and Club On-Sale License Renewals, and Sunday On-Sale Liquor License Renewals
- 2020 Private Dock Application
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period of January 1, 2020 though May 31, 2020
- Bills payable and totaling \$1,880,318.12 be ordered paid

2019 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) ACCEPTED

Ellen Hoefker, of Drealan Kvilhaug Hoefker & Co. P.A., was at the meeting to present the City's 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Ms. Hoefker said their independent auditor's report included a clean unqualified opinion regarding the City's financial reporting, with no inconsistencies.

Following a brief review of the report, the motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to accept the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 10th STREET PLAZA PROJECT FUNDED WITH LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUE

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated Council approved the 10th Street Plaza project as part of Phase I of the local option sales tax projects. The Community Growth Committee, including Council Members Ernst and Oberloh, have approved the project design. Mr. Robinson said the project includes reconstruction of the paved area, a new shelter building, public restrooms, green space, a 10-foot trail and an area at the terminus of 10th Street dedicated for an art exhibit. Council's placeholder budget for this project is \$1.0 million. Staff is recommending Council approve the plans and authorize advertisement for bids to be received July 22, 2020 and considered at the July 27th Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve the plans and specifications for the 10th Street Plaza Project funded with Local Option Sales Tax Revenue.

CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING OPERATING GUIDELINES AMENDMENT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, explained the Center for Active Living Committee is requesting that Council grant approval to amend their Operating Guidelines, adopted January 14, 2013. Article II, Section 1 - Committee - states that "The Committee shall be composed of nine at large members, all of whom shall be citizens of Worthington. To be appointed by the City Council. In addition, one member of the City Council shall serve as a member." The Committee is requesting that there be eight members of Worthington and one member that may be a non-Worthington citizen but an active member of the CAL.

A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to approve the Center for Active Living Operating Guidelines.

ACCEPTANCE OF CARES ACT GRANT FOR THE WORTHINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT APPROVED

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated the Worthington Municipal Airport has been awarded a \$30,000.00 grant, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, dated April 23, 2020. Mr. Wietzema explained this grant was a result of congressional assistance for airports, due to lost revenue, caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. This grant will be used for maintenance projects located at the Worthington Municipal Airport. The Worthington Municipal Airport has to use these grant funds by 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the Acceptance of Cares Grant for the Worthington Municipal Airport.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2020 BITUMINOUS OVERLAYS

Jeff Faragher, Acting Engineer, stated bids were received on Friday, June 19, 2020. Duininck, Inc. was the only bid received and the amount of bid was \$345,411.45. Mr. Faragher stated staff recommends the approval of the project as the project includes the overlay of the following street segments:

Apel Avenue - Dover Street to Oxford Street
Elmwood Avenue - Liberty Drive to West Oxford Street
Knollwood Drive - 1st Avenue SW to South Shore Drive
West Gateway Drive - spot patch near TH 59/60

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to award the 2020 Bituminous Overlay

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kuhle - Noted the Chamber of Commerce sent out information on a small business relief program through DEED. This is a grant program not a loan and cannot be spent on non-qualifying expenses.

Council Member Jansen - No report.

Council Member Oberloh - Has been contacted by someone asking what the cost of a park bench is and asked if the amount could be put on the website. Historical Society has suspended their fundraising campaign for the time being. The Hospice Banquet has also been cancelled for 2020.

Council Member Cummings - The YMCA Cruise Dinner will be done virtually this year.

Council Member Ernst - Toured JBS with Mike Harmon with other community members to see the safety measures that have been put into place. Very impressed with everything being done. Council Member Harmon - Agreed that JBS is taking many precautions, representatives from Highland Manufacturing and Walmart were also on the tour.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated last week there were some issues with the splash pad regarding the tank not being able to be filled fast enough and the water was evaporating. The CARES Act Reform did not pass in the legislature. The City would have received a little over one million dollars. He explained that the City has not incurred a substantial impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. The money that would be received staff would like to see it go back to the businesses to aid in relief. The Governor has the authority to approve the funds so it is expected to see something

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come out later this week.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk