

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 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: Dennis Weber, Larry Janssen, Amy Ernst, Chris Kielblock, Chad Cummings.

Staff present: Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Troy Appel, Public Safety Director; Cristina Adame, Communications & Relations; Pat Shorter, Fire Chief; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Sam Martin, The Globe; Hanh Hguyen, Nobles County SHIP Coordinator; Luke Ewald, Nobles County SHIP Co-Coordinator; Diego Guevora, JBS; Roberto Castillon, JBS.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- City Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2024
- Local Board of Appeals/Equalization Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024
- Application for Temporary On-Sale Liquor License - Lake Okabena Improvement Association
- Application for Temporary On-Sale Liquor License - Forward Worthington
- Application to Block Streets(s) - Forward Worthington Agribusiness Committee
- Application to Block Streets/Sidewalks - Forward Worthington
- Bills Payable Totaling \$1,862,829.60

PRESENTATION (SHIP STAFF - ACTIVE LIVING PLAN)

Matt Selof, Community Development Director, said the City of Worthington often works with SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) staff on projects in Worthington. Two representatives are in attendance to update Council on the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership and the City's Active Living Plan.

Hanh Hguyen introduced herself as the new SHIP coordinator for Nobles County. Luke Ewald, introduced himself and said he serves as the Co-Coordinator for Nobles County.

Mr. Ewald explained they are a grant source and can offer help in grant writing services in obtaining funding for specific infrastructure and non-infrastructure plans. Mr. Selof said funds could be obtained that would update the current Active Living Plan. Mr. Ewald said the grants are 100% funded and the grant application process opens in November with grants awarded in January.

THIRD READING AND ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 1204 TO AMEND TITLE VII OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO ALLOW FOR MOTORIZED GOLF CART OPERATION ON CITY STREETS WITH ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT

Pursuant to published notice this is the time and date set for the third reading of a proposed ordinance to Amend Title VII of the City Code of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota, to allow for Motorized Golf Cart Operation on City Streets with Issuance of a Permit.

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in the May 13, 2024 Council Agenda.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1204

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE VII OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO ALLOW FOR MOTORIZED GOLF CART OPERATION ON CITY STREETS WITH ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Ordinance)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-37 REGARDING LAWFUL GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the Worthington Hockey Association has submitted an application for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application which would allow them to sell pull tabs at the Forbidden Barrel Brewing Company, 900 Third Avenue. The Hockey Association currently has permits for pull tabs at The Tap, Mav Grill, and VFW.

The motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-37

A RESOLUTION REGARDING LAWFUL GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-38 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Robinson said the Fraternal Order of Eagles - Aerie 3282 recently contacted the Worthington Fire Department and has donated \$3,000.00 to aid in purchasing fire equipment.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-38

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FUNDS

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-39 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR MOTORIZED GOLF CART PERMITS

Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, said pursuant to the proposed golf cart ordinance, permit fees are to be established by resolution. Staff proposes a 1 year permit at \$25, a 2 year permit at \$35, and a 3 year permit at \$45. The proposed amounts are the same as the current ATV fees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-39

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-40 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Appel said Jeanine and Marv Spomer generously donated \$5,000 to the Worthington Police Department to benefit public safety programs. The contribution will be utilized as part of a future public safety equipment purchase.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-40

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FUNDS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-41 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Appel said JBS generously donated \$10,000 to the Worthington Police Department as a contribution to cover expenses related to a future drone purchase and related training.

Diego Guevora and Roberto Castillon representing JBS introduced themselves to Council and said they were happy to make the donation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-41

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FUNDS

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MILL AND OVERLAY

Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer, said bids for the Mill and Overlay project on Lake Street, Sterling Avenue, and Industrial Lane were opened on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The lowest bid was submitted by Duinck Inc., is \$534,327.25. Given that this bid is approximately 20% lower than the Engineer's estimate, staff is considering adding Linda Lane to the project as a change order.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to award the bid for the Mill and Overlay project to Duinck, Inc. in the amount of \$534,327.25.

AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST AVENUE SOUTHWEST TRAIL

Mr. Goo said bids for the First Avenue Southwest Trail were opened on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. The lowest bid was submitted by McCuen Construction Inc., in the amount of \$175,235.00.

The motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to award the bid for the First Avenue Southwest Trail to McCuen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$175,235.00.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Von Holdt - Said he has been asked to do the "Welcome" at the Elk's State Convention being held at our local lodge on June 21st. He will also be attending the CGMC Conference.
Council Member Janssen - No report.

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Council Member Ernst - No report.

Council Member Kielblock - Attended the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting.

Council Member Weber - Attended the YMCA Board meeting, they are kicking off their fundraising campaign.

Council Member Cummings - Attended the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting. Attended the Joint Transit Authority meeting and are working to discontinue the city bus route and only have Dial -A-Ride.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Reminded Council the Golf Cart Ordinance will go into effect after it has been published and recorded at the Nobles County Recorder's Office.

Staff is starting to work on the 2025 budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Mindy Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk