

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2023**

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, Chris Kielblock, Larry Janssen, Alaina Kolpin, Amy Ernst.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Steve Schneider, City Engineer; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Kari Lucin, The Globe; Jaime Salinas, FORWARD Worthington.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2023
- Heron Lake Watershed Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023
- 2023-2024 On-Sale Liquor, Wine, Club and Sunday On-Sale License Renewals
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period of January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023
- Olson Park Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023
- Field House Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023
- Bills Payable Totaling \$3,553,483.00

PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONGRESSMAN BRAD FINSTEAD

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, introduced David Wing, District Outreach Representative for Congressman Brad Finstead. Mr. Robinson said that he gave Mr. Wing a tour of the City and highlighted all of the new amenities and also updated him on the continued flood mitigation project.

Mr. Wing said the District Office is located in New Ulm and he covers a seven county area on the

western side of the state. He noted Congressman Finstead will be doing some listening sessions in our area during the month of July. Council thanked Mr. Wing for attending.

APPROVED TASK ORDER NUMBER 22 WITH BOLTON AND MENK FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEY SERVICES AT THE INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Mr. Robinson said staff requested a proposal from Bolton and Menk to provide professional services for projects at the Industrial Waste Water Treatment Facility. The work will include:

1. Performing topographic and boundary surveys,
2. Preparing electrical easements identifying areas in which transformers are located,
3. Preparing construction documents for improvements to the facility's discharge outfall, and
4. Preparing construction documents to modify an existing manhole.

The fee for the work will be \$21,500.00. The professional services and construction costs will be paid with Equipment Revolving, Capital Projects, and Unreserved Undesignated Retained Earnings funds on hand. General tax dollars will not be used.

Council action is requested.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve Task Order Number 22 with Bolton and Menk, Inc.

APPROVED ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR STORMWATER POND

Steve Schnieder, City Engineer, said the City has addressed flooding in the community by improving drainage and creating holding areas until the water can drain away.

A Federal Transportation PROJECT grant in the amount of \$200,000 has been approved for the purchase of property to construct a stormwater pond along County Ditch 12 south of Oxford Street.

With the land purchase it allows for a holding pond to be constructed. The project and the other projects planned will allow for 76 structures to be removed from the FEMA flood plain requirements. The City has until June 30, 2024 to complete the purchase.

Mr. Schnieder said with the short time frame and the use of federal funding numerous requirements need to be met. The plan is to use Bolton & Menk since they have experience in this process and it will help ensure the process is done correctly and on time.

Staff is recommending that Council approve the hiring of a consultant to complete the process and

allow staff to enter into an agreement for services to start the acquisition process as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the hiring of a consultant to complete the process of the purchase of land for the stormwater pond.

APPROVED ENGINEERING SERVICE FOR THE APPLICATION OF FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG COUNTY DITCH 12 TO REDUCE FLOODING IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Schnieder said the City has worked with the AE2S consultants over past years to identify flooding issues in the community and obtain funding to do projects that will reduce flooding. The Phase 2 drainage improvements along County Ditch 12 have been identified and projects are ready to be implemented as soon as funding can be obtained.

He explained Council was presented with options in the County Ditch 12 Drainage Improvements Phase 2 Feasibility Study. Alternative number 3 was identified as the most cost effective and beneficial option that would meet the community goals.

Staff is recommending that Council approve the hiring of AE2S to continue to provide the services for identifying funding sources and applying for the funding to accomplish the improvements identified in the Phase 2 study to accomplish the projects in alternative 3.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to approve the hiring of AE2S for the stormwater improvements along County Ditch 12 to reduce flooding in the community.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Von Holdt - No report.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Ernst - No report.

Council Member Kielblock - No report.

Council Member Kolpin - Attended a YMCA Board meeting today, the YMCA CEO position closes on July 5th. Water World is doing great, would like staff to consider putting in concessions or vending machines.

Council Member Cummings - The Beach Bash will be on Monday, July 3rd with fireworks. The contributions go toward the Lake Association and other entities. Council Member Kielblock asked what the liability is to the City concerning the buoys in Lake Okabena. Council Member Cummings said the lake is under the County and DNR jurisdiction.

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Mr. Robinson said the Employee Recognition will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at the Pavillion. He said for all employees to be able to participate and enjoy it staff would like to close City Hall for 1 hour and is wondering if Council would be in favor.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to allow City Hall to close for 2 hours to allow employees time to attend the Employee recognition and let staff determine the 2 hours that it would be closed.

CLOSED SESSION UNDER MINN. STAT. §13D.05 SUBD. (3) - PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Mayor Von Holdt stated that Council would be going into closed session under Minnesota State Statute §13D.05 SUBD. (3) - Purchase or Sale of Real or Personal Property.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Kolpin, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to re-open the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk