

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 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; Hyunmyeong Goo, Assistant City Engineer; Cristina Adame, Communications & Relations; Josee Briones, Intern; Angie Hurtado Rivera, Intern; Rosa Abdela, Intern; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2023
- Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023
- Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023
- Application for Parade Permit to Block Streets - FORWARD Worthington
- Bills Payable Totaling \$1,179,613.18

ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY - CHERRY POINT STORM OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS APPROVED

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the quote for the Cherry Point Storm Outfall Improvements project was awarded to Henning Construction in July 2022 but the work was delayed pending acquisition of easements for work on private property. Mr. Robinson explained the drainage system consists of an open ditch and stormwater pipe crossing over private property. No recorded easements exist for the stormwater utility. A realignment is being done to the system by moving the stormwater pipe further from a home to provide room for construction activities. The width needed for construction, along with the new location puts the needed easement onto the neighboring property. The property owner is not interested in having a utility easement on their property since the lot is narrow and the easement will make the land unusable. The owner has offered to sell the lot to the City for \$6,400.

Staff's opinion is that it would be less expensive for the City to purchase the parcel than go through eminent domain to acquire an easement or purchase the land.

Staff is working with the City Attorney on the acquisition and recommends the City purchase parcel #31-1103-500 to complete the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the land acquisition of Parcel #31-1103-500 in the amount of \$6,400.00.

APPROVED AND AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SHELL STREET

Steve Schnieder, City Engineer said bids were opened on Friday, July 7, 2023 for the reconstruction of Shell Street from Lake Avenue to Ninth Avenue. The bid results are as follows:

IDEAL Landscape - \$387,132.50
Henning Construction, Inc. - \$410,757.00
Duininck, Inc. - \$619,944.50

Mr. Schnieder said there was an error in the Engineer's Estimate and the correct amount is \$475,380.00. He noted that this did not affect the bidding process.

Mr. Schnieder said that there is not a specific start date for the project but the completion date is scheduled for October 20th.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to award the bid to Ideal Landscape in the amount of \$387,132.50.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Von Holdt - Attended the last known Civil War Veteran Ceremony. Did an interview with Zoe Todd of CNN at the Memorial Auditorium on July 4th. Will be taking part in the opening ceremonies at the International Festival.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Ernst - No report.

Council Member Kielblock - Said the Memorial Auditorium will be hosting the MN State Arts Board this week.

Council Member Kolpin - Said the International Festival kickoff will be held at the Memorial Auditorium on Thursday evening and a community breakfast will be held on Friday morning and the public is invited.

Council Member Cummings - The Beach Bash was a great event and the International Festival will be held this weekend.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Robinson said Paige Schultz is the new Liquor Store Manager. Interviews will be held tomorrow for the Assistant Manager position.

The Assistant Finance Director position closed today and a new police officer also started today along with a Utility Water employee.

The North Humiston Water & Sewer Reconstruction project came in under the Engineer's Estimate. This project will be funded by the TIF spending plan.

The sealed bids for the demolition of the former Lakeshore Station are due at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12th.

The lights have been replaced at the JBS Fieldhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk