

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 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; Cristina Adame, Communications & Relations; Lori Henning, HR Assistant/Compensation Specialist; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Sam Martin, The Globe; Randy Davis, Cable 3 TV; Juan Palma, Angie Palma, Kianna Palma and Don Peters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

The Mayor stated a corrected copy of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024 has been added to the agenda. Council Member Cummings asked what the correction was. Mindy Eggers, City Clerk, responded Larry Janssen was inadvertently listed as present but was absent.

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the noted correction to the Special City Council Meeting minutes of June 26, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024
- City Council Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024
- Water and Light Commission Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2024
- Water and Light Commission Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2024
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period of January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024
- Olson Park Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024
- Field House Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024
- Bills Payable Totaling \$1,100,322.57

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-45 APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said State Statute 204B.21 Subd, 2 states that election judges for precincts in a municipality shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality at least 25 days before the election at which they will serve, which this year is July 19th for the August 13, 2024 state primary election. In addition, the statute provides that municipalities may by resolution authorize the City Clerk to appoint additional or alternate judges should the need arise for the primary election after the July 19th deadline.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-45

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

APPLICATION FOR NEW OFF-SALE BEER LICENSE - SNAK ATAK #33 APPROVED

Mr. Robinson said an application for a new Off-Sale Beer License has been submitted by Snak Atak #33, 1704 Oxford Street. All the required paperwork has been received, and a successful background check has been completed. The license period is July 15, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

The motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to approve the new Off-Sale Beer License submitted by the Snak Atak #33.

PROPOSAL TO RENT JET SKIS ON LAKE OKABENA APPROVED

Mr. Robinson said the Park and Recreation Advisory Board heard a presentation at the July 2, 2024 meeting from Angie and Kianna Palma, about a jet ski rental program which she is proposing for Lake Okabena. Staff has worked with the Palma's to identify the area of the Centennial Boat landing which would be a suitable location for these rentals. Kianna presented her business plan to Council and explained it would be named Baja VibeZ. She explained she has an enclosed 24 foot trailer with concession windows that she would use to house all of her equipment and work out of for her business. Training will be provided to customers and they would need to be 18 years old to ride alone and 21 years old to have a passenger. In the future she hopes to add additional items for rent such as bikes and scooters which would also need to be approved by the Park & Recreation Advisory Board and City Council.

Council Member Janssen asked if they own any land. Staff replied no and would be handled with a concession license like in 2020 when Council approved an electric boat rental project with another local resident. The Palmas were informed the same set of standards established at that time would need to be followed. They include:

- 1 million dollar liability insurance policy, with the city named as co-insured
- A waiver signed by all users
- Fees associated with use of city property (\$375.00 annual concessions permit)

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Weber with the following members voting in favor: Weber, Cummings, Ernst, and Kielblock. Voting against the same motion was Council Member Janssen. Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS NO.'S 2024-07-46 AND 2024-07-47 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee received and approved requests from two parties to place benches in city parks. The request are as follows:

- The Rickers Family to place a bench at the Bandshell in memory of Marty Rickers.
- The Worthington Windsurfing Regatta and Music Festival Board of Directors to place a bench in Lakefront Park, in memory of Dr. David A. Reeves

The donations meet all the requirements of the Park Donation policy.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-46

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-47

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-48 FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer, said Council approved the preparation and submission of an application for County Ditch 12 Phase 2 funding on June 26, 2023. The City was granted \$250,000 by the State and there is a 20% local match requirement for the right of way land acquisition.

Council is asked to approve the agreement and the resolution required to confirm the City of Worthington agrees to the terms of the funding agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-48

RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

APPROVED LAND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Goo said the land purchase agreement for two parcels related to the County Ditch 12 funding have been prepared. The appraisal and estimate are complete and conversations with the property owners have been conducted. The property owners have already signed the purchase agreements and the closing is in the process of being scheduled.

Council Member Cummings stated that this allows an additional 76 homes to be removed from the flood plain.

A motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to approve the land purchase agreements.

APPROVED CIVIL ENGINEERING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Mr. Goo said the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (SWMPIC) is a private, nonprofit organization that serves job seekers and employers, assisting people in discovering careers and gaining meaningful employment. SWMPIC reached out to the City about a recent Worthington High School graduate who will be attending the University of Minnesota for civil engineering to see if there would be interest in allowing the individual to intern in our Engineering Department. He explained the Engineering Department plans to have this student help with updating GIS information, shadowing our technicians for construction field experience, and assisting with material testing. This would provide valuable civil engineering experience to the student and be a great help to the department. Mr. Goo noted the intern would start on July 10th and work until August 23rd.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to approve the Civil Engineering Internship Opportunity.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Von Holdt - Attended the LMC Conference in Rochester.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Ernst - No report.

Council Member Kielblock - Attended the Planning Commission meeting and said there is a vacancy on the Commission if anyone is interested.

Council Member Weber - No report.

Council Member Cummings - Thanked staff for the help in getting things set up for the Beach Bash, more money was made this year and has already been distributed to the organizations.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Robinson reminded Council about the CGMC Regional meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m., at the Event Center. The Liquor Store will be having a fundraiser on Saturday with all proceeds going to Sunset Hospice Cottage. SEH Architects will be at City Hall to look at options for a remodeling project.

CLOSED SESSION UNDER MINN. STAT §13D.05, SUBD. 3 (A) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Von Holdt announced that Council would be going into closed session under Minn. Stat § 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) Performance Evaluation of the City Administrator. Those not entitled to stay left the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to reopen the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Mindy Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk