

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Pro Tem Chad Cummings with the following Council Members present: Alaina Kolpin, Larry Janssen, Amy Ernst and Chris Kielblock. Mayor Mike Kuhle, absent.

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

Others present: Emma McNamee, The Globe; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Marl Brodin, Max Brodin, Joshua Schuetz, Community and Economic Development Associates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

The Mayor Pro Tem stated that Administration *Item F. 6. Loan Request from Community Asset Development Group for the Grand Flats Residential Apartments* would be removed from the agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- City Council Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2022
- Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2022
- Water & Light Commission Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit - Nobles County Ducks Unlimited
- Application for for Parade Permit/to Block Streets - King Turkey Day, Inc.
- Applications for Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses - King Turkeys Day, Inc.
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit - St. Mary's Church
- Bills payable and totaling \$1,161,780.66 ordered paid

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED CHILDCARE PRESENTATION**

Joshua Schuetz, Community and Economic Development Associates, gave Council an update on the childcare project that they are currently working on in the community. Mr. Schuetz said that the goal is to expand childcare in Nobles County as there are approximately 400-700 spots that are needed.

Mr. Schuetz said they have been making contacts with the larger employers and have also talked to a developer. They are also going to be working with First Childcare Finance. Mr. Schuetz said daycare regulations are very strict, especially infant care which is highly needed so it's important to find a sustainable solution.

Council Member Kolpin said the First Children's Finance has the ability to determine space and cost so that will be helpful when determining a location.

Mr. Schuetz said that they will update Council regularly. Council thanked him for the update.

**SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM "T-Z" (TRANSITION ZONE) TO "R-4" (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) APPROVED**

Pursuant to published notice this is the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance to amend Title XV of the city Code of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota to Rezone Property from "T-Z" (Transition Zone) to "R-4" (Medium Density Residential District).

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in your July 25, 2022 Council Agenda.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to give a second reading to the proposed ordinance

**SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XV OF THE CITY CODE OF WORTHINGTON, NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA - APPENDIX E: TABLE 5, SCHEDULE OF USE REGULATIONS APPROVED**

Pursuant to published notice this is the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance to amend Title XV of the City Code of Worthington, Nobles County, Minnesota - Appendix E: Table 5, Schedule of Use of Regulations.

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in your July 25, 2022 Council Agenda.

The motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to give a second reading to the proposed ordinance

**APPROVED ACQUISITION OF HYDRAULIC MOBILE STAGE**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said quotes were sought for a hydraulic mobile stage unit that may be utilized by various groups for a number of community events throughout the year including the Regatta, Beach Bash, International Festival and Turkey Day. Funding for the stage was

authorized to be used from the City's 2022 ARPA allocation of \$715,744.02 that was received on July 1, 2022.

Mr. Robinson said a Request for Quotes (RFQ) was issued on July 6, 2022 with a deadline of July 27th. Progressive Products, Inc. of Pittsburgh, KS was the only quote received. Their quote was for \$213,800.00. In addition, there is an estimated cost for delivery and on-site training of \$6,000.00, which brings the cost to \$219,800.00. The estimated cost for the mobile stage was \$220,000.00. The quote submitted by Progressive Products meets the minimum specifications in the RFQ.

Mr. Robinson noted the City is planning to use a third party that has operators that are familiar with set up and delivery.

A motion was made by Council Member Kolpin, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the acquisition of the hydraulic mobile stage from Progressive Products.

#### **MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM LIGHTING AND RIGGING EQUIPMENT APPROVED**

Mr. Robinson said staff at Memorial Auditorium is requesting the following equipment that is available for purchase from the Luverne School District. The equipment was purchased a couple of years ago for use in their previous performing arts auditorium but was not utilized in their new performing arts auditorium.

Mark Brodin, sound and lighting technician for the Memorial Auditorium said the proposed equipment will allow to put more lighting towards the back of th stage which we do not have the ability to do right now and it will also allow for lighting of the screen and backdrops. He said the equipment was only used for one season before being put in storage. The equipment is valued at \$25,000.00 but the Luverne School District has agreed to the price of \$12,000.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of the used lighting and rigging equipment from the Luverne School District for \$12,000.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-51 ADOPTED REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT NO. 97 TRUNK**

Steve Schnieder, City Engineer, said the platting of the Worthington Bio Science Industrial Park Second Addition is cause for the reapportionment of the water main improvement assessments levied against the parcels within the plat. Mr. Schnieder explained it is appropriate to reapportion the special assessments to each of the new parcels in the manner that would have been used if the parcels had existed at the time of the original assessment. The City has received the petition to reapportion the assessments in such a manner.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-51

A RESOLUTION REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT NO. 97 TRUNK

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Cummings - Attended the CGMC Conference in Red Wing. There was a lot of discussion on childcare, multi-family housing and workforce issues. Mayor Kuhle received the Distinguished Rural Leadership Award.

Mayor Kuhle - No report.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Ernst - No report.

Council Member Kielblock - Attended the CGMC Conference as well, thought it was a great experience with good sessions. Attended a Joint Transit Authority Board meeting, Dial-A-Ride riders are up to the to pre COVID levels.

Council Member Kolpin - Attended a HRA meeting, housing is at full capacity right now.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Robinson said the fieldhouse flooring in the main entryway is being replaced as there was a color lot matching issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers. MCMC  
City Clerk