

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Alaina Kolpin, Amy Ernst, Larry Janssen.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Hyunmyeong Goo, Assistant City Engineer; Deb Olsen, Finance Director; Scott Hain, Public Utilities Manager; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Sam Martin, The Globe; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Abby Schmidt, ABDO.

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

- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023
- Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2023
- Water & Light Commission Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023
- Cross Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period of January 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
- Olson Park Campground Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
- Fieldhouse Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
- Bills Payable Totaling \$ 3,994,601.40

PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CANNABIS USE IN A PUBLIC SPACE

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the Minnesota Legislature approved the possession and use of cannabis effective August 1, 2023. Minnesota Statute 63 authorizes local units of government to adopt an ordinance establishing a petty misdemeanor offense for a person who unlawfully uses cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in a public place provided that the definition of a public place does not include the following:

- A private residence, including the person's curtilage or yard,
- Private property not generally accessible by the public, unless the person is explicitly prohibited from consuming cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products on the property by the owner of the property, or
- The premises of an establishment or event licensed to permit on-site consumption.

Fines for petty misdemeanors may not exceed \$300.00 per offense. Mr. Robinson said Council would need to set the fine amount.

Discussion was held by Council concerning the ordinance and if it was too soon to put something in place. Staff said the ordinance was drafted as other cities and Nobles County have already passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of cannabis in public spaces.

No decision or direction was given to staff other than to bring back at a later date.

2022 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR)

Mr. Robinson introduced Abby Schmidt, of Abdo to present the City's 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Ms. Schmidt said their independent auditor's report included a clean unmodified opinion regarding the City's financial reporting, with no inconsistencies.

Following a Powerpoint review of the report, the motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to accept the 2022 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Von Holdt - No report.

Council Member Janssen - No report.

Council Member Ernst - Attended the Driver's License for All gathering that the Cross Cultural Advisory Committee was a part of. It was very well attended.

Council Member Kielblock - No report.

Council Member Kolpin - Attended a PJC meeting last week and the committee is working to make sure that each entity is given all of the pertinent information concerning the impound building project. Attended a YMCA Board of Directors meeting, the new Director starts next Monday.

Council Member Cummings - Attended the PJC meeting and noted the estimates for the new impound building should be available in the next couple of weeks.

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Mr. Robinson said he also attended the Driver's License for All gathering. The Soccer League championships were held on Sunday. Staff is talking with Ehlers on a potential bonding schedule. On Wednesday, members of the MN Senate Housing & Homeless Prevention Committee will be in Worthington.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk