

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING, APRIL 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Scott Nelson. Due to his absence from the city, Alderman Wood participated via conference call as Mayor Oberloh determined it necessary due to the emergency nature of the meeting.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk, Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities.

Others present: Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe; Chad Cummings, Justine Wettschreck, KWOA.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACTS NECESSARY
FOR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FROM THE APRIL 9-11, 2013 ICE STORM**

Mayor Oberloh provided Council noting the State of Emergency declared by him at 9:30 this morning, pursuant to MS 12.29. Other cities in the county are also declaring a state of emergency. Per the statute, the declaration invokes necessary portions of the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster plans, and may authorize aid and assistance under those plans. Craig Clark, City Administrator, explained that the Mayor's declaration also granted the ability to circumvent some bidding laws for the response and recovery effort that would otherwise be required.

Council concurred and authorized staff to use the means granted by the declaration to move forward with the response and recovery effort, including emergency purchases and bids.

Obtaining a Federal Declaration would require us to meet a certain level of damages/costs from this region. Congressional reps will be contacted for their support with the President when it reaches Federal level, and Ms. Card from the Department of Public Safety - Homeland Security Department, did affirm that it would be a continuing event.

Mayor Oberloh said that Mr. Clark was looking for Council concurrence that we have to make a good faith effort and think that we're going to get compensated because if we don't, the City bears the cost. We do have a storm fund but it is capped at \$200,000 so we will probably be looking for Council to increase that for events like that.

Jim Eulberg, Public Works director noted there are not extra snow removal dollars available, and added that we will need to contract with specialty tree trimmers.

Mr. Clark said the Mayor's declaration cannot be continued for a period in excess of three days and then it would be Council's responsibility to extend it if necessary.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to extend the declaration as necessary.

Mayor Oberloh provided a recap of the State of Emergency meeting he called today at 12:30 p.m. with City Staff, representatives from Nobles County including Joyce Jacobs - Nobles County Emergency Management Director; representatives from both medical clinics, the hospital, the media, and Amy Card from the Department of Public Safety Homeland Security Department via conference call.

Director of Public Safety, Mike Cumiskey, provided an update to Council regarding his department, and Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities, also provided an update regarding the loss of transmission lines and the rolling outages in Worthington.

Word has also been put out through the media that residents should haul their downed branches to the curb and the City will be picking them up, and the annual spring pickup will be pushed back.

Mr. Clark will notify Council by 6:00 a.m. tomorrow morning if the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for 7:00 a.m. will occur or if it will be cancelled due to the storm emergency situation.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Graber, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried by those members on-site to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk