

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING, APRIL 19, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson.

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

Others present: Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe; Justine Wettschreck and Chad Cummings, KWOA; Suzanne Murphy; Sonny Armand; David Price; Don Larson (1:05 p.m.); Jay Larson (1:06 p.m.).

APRIL 2013 ICE STORM/DISASTER UPDATE

Craig Clark, City Administrator, provided an update to Council regarding the aftermath of the April 9-11, 2013 ice storm. Mr. Clark said staff has been talking with the emergency management folks, including what is and is not reimbursable should the Presidential declaration for FEMA come through. Record keeping / documentation is key, but the requirements are very complicated. Approximately 50% of the City trees have damaged crowns but the intent is to save as many as possible. Estimated cost of the damage from the storm is \$1.25 million, and collectively with the rest of the region, has surpassed the required \$7.2 million necessary for the Federal declaration. Word from the LMCIT is that most of the trees are not covered, nor is stump grinding. FEMA reps will be here next Tuesday for review of our initial submission.

Jim Eulberg, Public Works Director, provided an update regarding his department, noting they were working six days a week opening roads and clearing branches and limbs, along with the local contractors, allowing Sundays off. We are approaching the 70 hour limit on initial emergency contracts for the response and recovery, after which, new contracts must be bid in accordance with regular bidding requirements.

Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; noted his department was receiving some calls on tree trimming businesses that have come to town, and also noted that the Police Reserves were being used for traffic control during the debris removal.

Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities, indicated that the electric service was pretty much back to normal, but “far from normal”. Nobles Coop Electric had earlier reported they were back up to full power at 7 p.m., but then lost another line at 7:30 p.m.

**AWARD OF BIDS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TABLED UNTIL
AFTER UPCOMING MEETING WITH FEMA**

Jim Eulberg, Public Works Director, reported that he had sent out eight RFP’s for Disaster Response and Recovery Services, with the following two bids received and opened at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th:

CERES Environmental Services, Inc.	\$603,375.00
TAG Grinding Services, Inc.	\$982,750.00

Bids include services for hazardous tree removal of various size categories, loading, and hauling.

Mr. Eulberg noted that he had been told by the local tree trimmers that the bids were unreasonably low, and the City should be diligent. The tree numbers were estimates only - for the purpose of obtaining the bids. Representatives from both companies were present and said they could mobilize tomorrow if necessary. References had been checked but not “scoured” through.

Council voiced several questions and concerns. Mayor Oberloh asked if perhaps the award should wait until after the meeting with FEMA representatives on Tuesday when we learn more about their requirements.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to continue the meeting, to 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 to allow for the discussion FEMA before awarding the bid.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk