

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Mike Woll, Ron Wood (6:04 p.m.). Honorary Council Member: Kevin Donovan.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator, Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: none.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

Craig Clark, City Administrator, presented a review and update of the City of Worthington's Strategic Plan. Mr. Clark reported the following:

Low Hanging Fruit

- Storm Water Plan - Council has given preliminary approval and design is being work on and expected to be done by the end of 2012
- Event Center - on task and scheduled to be completed by March of 2013
- Auditorium - done
- Testing and Training Center - with the exception of the A/V equipment, is done
- Support of MN West Housing and Expansion Efforts - the ball is in MN West's court for moving forward - thinks they are hoping the City would come forward with some cash
- Letter to Education Institutions - done
- RMS/CAD - done
- ARMER - on track for May start date
- Dispatch consolidation - no agreement reached with other counties
- HWY 59 N. Infrastructure design improvements - moving toward spring start date this year

In the Works

- Railroad quiet study - did that with TKDA - achievement would be too costly
- Golf Course Issue - agreement with Dakota Golf in place

Further Prioritized

- Old YMCA/Complete Senior Center - authorization to go out for bid for the senior center will be on the next Council agenda
- Campbell Soup lot redevelopment/Fire Hall - will be completed October 2012
- Clear ED policy - Established by the ED Ad Hoc Committee and approved by Council
- Trail System - have had a lot of internal discussions - between trails and complete streets - looking at multi-modal focus on trails
- Training activities for Council/Staff/Community -
- Lake/Dam Improvements - Discussed at 2012 budget cycle - no interest in putting funds forward - working with college on a regional retention pond
- Information/Communication Specialist/Position assessment - done some work with WGTN-

3 and looked at the possibility of hiring a person with some of those funds in a partnership with the city and school or other resources to move that along

- Sports Complex - have RFP's out and met today and selected 4 firms to bring in for final presentation for selection

#### On-going

- Finish Park planning - \$250,000 to the Park Advisory Board to advance projects
- Public Safety plan - will be discussed April 9th
- Public Works plan - not much there, the discussion is on a new combined facility
- Move City into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology - still have areas we can work on but did update the web page

Discussion was held at length on various other issues that have come forth since the strategic planning session in 2009. Honorary Council Member Kevin Donovan noted he had no idea about the Strategic Plan but was impressed and stated the City needs to get the information out to the community. Council members agreed another session should be scheduled to continue this discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk