

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP, JUNE 29, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood; Mike Woll.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent; Myra Onnen, Neighborhood Services Officer; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC NUISANCE ISSUES AND RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE

Council and Staff discussed several properties identified by Council as those with issues or concerns and conformance with our nuisance code and rental housing ordinance. Mayor Oberloh stated his frustration with the current process and the lack of satisfaction regarding properties that staff has targeted as non-compliant. Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director, said City Attorney Mark Shepherd is looking at our ordinance to see if it could be changed to allow an officer to write a citation instead of waiting for the County Attorney to charge the offenders. Alderman Woll said County Attorney Gordon Moore said the cases are not being submitted in a manner that would allow it to go through the Courts - photos are not enough, there needs to be more record keeping. Mr. Chapulis said of the 1253 registered rental units, 70% of them are in compliance. The majority of the issues found during inspections are electrical, no or non-working smoke detectors, and lack of locks on windows and doors.

Council agreed that perhaps time would be better spent in pursuing the approximately 350 rental units that are not in compliance and are the most egregious, and that publication of citations in the newspaper and possibly on the website would be a good tool. Staff also provided information on the Crime Free Multi Housing program as a tool for rental property owners.

Mayor Oberloh suggested that Council meet again on the issue after Chief Cumiskey visits with the City Attorney, and then perhaps have both Mark Shepherd and Gordon Moore at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk