

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, 6:30 A.M., JULY 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Ten Haken, Woll, Wood, Kuhle, Petrich.

Staff present: Gary Hoffman, Interim Administrator: Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others: Darrell Stitt, KWOA.

DISCUSSION ON USE OF HOSPITAL SALE PROCEEDS

Gary Hoffmann, Interim Administrator, distributed a handout of proposed sources and uses of funds, noting that General Manager of Worthington Public Utilities had inquired as to what Council's intent was for payback of the loan to the City; were they keeping the payback plan or repaying from the hospital sale proceeds. Alderman Woll noted he did not want to use the hospital funds for the payback.

Alderman Ten Haken suggested Council start considering what happens if the half-cent sales tax does not pass in the fall. Need to decide and possibly use that information for the sales tax campaign. Council also discussed whether the "self loan" is the way to go. Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted that if we borrow to ourselves and pay it back it would be subject to levy limits.

Use of a portion of the funds for economic development and housing was also discussed. Council reviewed a draft proposal for a Worthington Housing Fund provided by Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development. Council talked about the merits of setting up designated "buckets" of money and segregating the pots for future councils. Alderman Woll suggested we set something up for a traditional endowment that would be used interest only, which would help our rating. Alderman Woll left the meeting at 7:30 a.m.

Alderman Wood noted he consistently hears from the public to not spend the principal. The idea of using funds for economic development and requiring businesses to also bring in their research teams was discussed. Bed Tech would be a good local company to grow. At the suggestion of Alderman Kuhle, Council agreed they need to meet to discuss the "green park" ideas.

Mayor Oberloh expressed a concern over information he had received that the former Hospital Board was replacing the Healthcare Foundation Board. Council strongly opposed that idea. The Mayor and another representative from the Council will meet with Jason Vote to discuss the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk