

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 26, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.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; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; Jamie Pettit, KWOA, Dave Callister and Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers and Associates, Ken Moser.

**EVENT CENTER UPDATE / FINANCIAL DISCUSSION - EHLERS AND ASSOCIATES**

Council received an update from Dave Callister and Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers and Associates, on what the financial picture would look like if the event center were a “go” now. Mr. Callister noted things were somewhat bleak now as lenders were requiring up to 50 percent down from developers who might be interested in building/owning a hotel facility in conjunction with the planned event center. Two scenarios were presented, one with a developer owned hotel/City owned event center, and the other with a City owned hotel and event center. Mr. Callister also noted there was no question that the sales tax being generated would pay for an event center, the issue is on the private side.

Also discussed were tax increment financing and tax abatement options available for the project, and the possibility of building the event center and waiting for the hotel to come, or possibly building the event center next to an existing hotel.

Council thanked Mr. Callister and Ms. Kurtz for the information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Janice Oberloh  
City Clerk