

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET), AUGUST 19, 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: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll, Ron Wood, Mike Kuhle. Aldermen absent: Bob Petrich (excused).

Staff present: Gary Hoffmann, Interim Administrator; Brian Kolander; Finance Director, Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: none.

Brian Kolander, Finance Director, gave an explanation of the levy limits set for 2009, noting we have an extraordinarily large cut to make the first time around. Council determined that instead of cutting as we go along they would meet with department heads to hear their information and then start the cutting process.

BUDGET DISCUSSION COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, gave a synopsis of the construction industry last year, noting the valuation chart has not been updated for 12 years. Mr. Chapulis noted the department revenues have been covering about 30-33% of department expenditures. Discussion was held on the possibility of adding another full time employee and possibly taking over the rental inspections once the Housing Partnership has completed the initial round. Mr. Chapulis noted he has overlooked some critical steps following up on the inspections due all the paperwork that comes with inspections and not enough staff. The contract with the Housing Partnership expires at the end of the year. Council discussed the addition of staff at length, in addition to the Worthington Rediscovered program. Council also received an update on the Tax Increment Financing District #7.

BUDGET DISCUSSION - ENGINEERING

Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, gave a synopsis of the water and sewer projects, noting the “broken” infrastructure in the Runnings/O’Reilly’s area. Mr. Haffield also noted the Swift TIF District is required to de-certify in 2011 and whatever is not utilized will be dispersed to the City, County, and School District. The Ryan’s Road intersection was also discussed as another large project for the City, and the priority of the backage road there and whether it would go north.

Equipment Revolving Schedules, department vehicles, GPS systems and the federal funding for the airport projects were talked about at length. Mr. Haffield noted the 27th Street project should be bondable but the City share is tax levied when the bonds come due. Alderman Ten Haken requested a draft of bond history. The north Highway 59 big infrastructure costs have not yet been addressed but Mr. Haffield stated we need to address the professional costs so we’re ready to go on that project. Further discussion was held on additional property acquisition in that area. A case for development of this area will not be brought to Council until direction is given on the budget. It is hopeful,

however, that the bike trail project goes yet this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk