

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CONTINUATION OF AUGUST 21, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET)
6:30 A.M., AUGUST 25, 2008**

The meeting was continued 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, Bob Petrich.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSION CONTINUATION - PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Director, briefly touched on the airport budget, noting the airport was pretty well tapped out at what they can generate for revenues. They will be refurbishing the beacon at the airport at about \$8,500, but 80% of that is reimbursable from the State of Minnesota. Mr. Laffrenzen discussed hangar rents, ag land rents, storage rents and fuel sales. On the expenditure side, a part-time person has been hired to do mowing at the airport as opposed to contracting with Integrity Aviation, resulting in a cost savings to the City. Repairs are up due to the need to replace the door on the hangar used by Steve Jackson, and the high estimate for that project is \$13,000.

Park Department Budget - Mr. Laffrenzen discussed several projects, including the bike trail to be completed near Prairie Elementary to Olson Park. It is still hoped to complete that project this fall. at a list of possible cuts he had emailed out to Council earlier. The largest project looming over the Park budget is the refurbishing of the soccer fields. Mayor Oberloh noted the previous Administrator, Joe Parker, had put the burden of raising funds for that project on the Soccer Association and Swift before the City would kick in, and asked why we would waiver from that. The school district will not support the adult soccer league as event though alcohol is not allowed at the events it always finds its way in. The College has worked through the "Mighty Ducks" program and established two fields (not full size) on their property for the youth soccer program There is currently nothing in the Park budget for refurbishing the Buss soccer fields. The Cherry Point Park was taken out of the budget as the Park Board determined the Orchard Knoll Park was the priority. Other projects discussed was the U.P. Railroad property at the 16th Street Crossing.

Prairie View Clubhouse - Council reviewed the proposed 2009 Prairie View Clubhouse budget with Alice Hoffman, Clubhouse Manager, and discussed proposed rate changes and increased sales, and the rental of the event room. Also talked about was the full-time status of the Manager's position, with Alderman Wood noting there was no reason for a full-time person when the course shuts down in November. Ms. Hoffman indicated she had used comp time in the past during the winter, and started with sales in February. Alderman Ten Haken stated the golf course was initially intended to be a revenue source, and it is his intention that a new administrator should look at a golf course management company for Prairie View. Discussion continued on the need for a full time Clubhouse Manager. Jim Laffrenzen defended the position.

Prairie View Greens - Kevin Black, Course Superintendent, noted that the biggest problem with his

expenses is fuel, which is also affecting fertilizer costs. Mr. Black said his fertilizer costs are up 40% this year. Discussion was held on leasing equipment as opposed to purchasing and funding the ERS. Mr. Black also added that seal coating the parking lot at Prairie View will not fix it, something needs to be put in the budget for overlay.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk