

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2010**

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 Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Honorary Council Member: Robert Tims.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering (7:20 a.m.); Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director (7:56 a.m.).

Others present: Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; Peter Abelein, Munich, Germany.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Craig Clark, City Administrator, provided a brief background on the proposed 2011 budget, noting the overall budget has a general tax levy of \$1.9 million - an overall total of a net \$2.9 million, which represents a 9.91% increase over 2010. Mr. Clark noted the increase was due largely to debt service, however, project assessments still need to be added. The operating budget effectively showed an increase of less than 1%. The City also received a certification letter of an additional \$325,000 in LGA that could be expected from the State. Mr. Clark presented some “shock absorbers” that would allow us to ride the year out as the legislative session moves forward should the additional LGA not come through, and stated the budget currently includes a buy down of \$50,000 from hospital dollars.

Council reviewed the 2011 proposed budgets for Council/Administrator/City Clerk and Finance Departments. Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted that we did not have final numbers for debt service from staff due to medical leaves in a department, but they were trying to get caught up. Discussion was held on the previous designations of the hospital sale funds. Alderman Kuhle requested that a list of the designations be provided with the budget information. Mr. Kolander reported there is still approximately \$5.4 million to come in from the hospital sale, with approximately \$216,000 of interest available.

Council questioned the increase in data processing costs when there was one less person in the department. Staff will check on that information. Also discussed was the purchase of computers and software of various departments, with additional information provided by Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, on software used in his department. Mr. Haffield also discussed the Clean Water Partnership with Council and its impact on the budget.

A general discussion was held on the Highway 59/Industrial Park interchange, and the replacement of the dam/walkway bridge, and whether there may be funding available. The major hangup with the interchange is the floodway crossing. This budget includes the design of the interchange at \$300,000. Mr. Haffield thought the rough estimate for the walkway bridge was \$40,000.

The CIP for the airport includes the apron reconstruction project (for federal aid), which will be put

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in the CIP that goes to the State in the fall. Other airport projects include a 6 bay T-Hangar at \$642,000, with total State funding of \$449,000, of which \$349,000 is a repayable loan, for a total local share of \$534,000. The 2011 proposed budget also includes \$300,000 for streets - contract maintenance, with a reserves buffer of \$100,00. Mr. Kolander noted we would probably bond in 2011 for 2009 and 2010 projects. The first debt service to come off would be in 2018 at approximately \$60 plus thousand, and in 2020 we have about \$200,000 coming off.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk