

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 26, 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, Bob Petrich.

Staff present: Gary Hoffmann, Interim Administrator; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Mike Cumiskey and Tim Gaul, Public Safety Department; Brian Kolander, Finance Director (7:35 a.m.).

Others present: Jason Hively, Iverson Ruevers Law Firm.

**CLOSED SESSION UNDER MINN. STAT. 13D.05 SUBD. 3 FOR PURPOSE OF
DISCUSSING LITIGATION - PENA VS. CITY OF WORTHINGTON**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to close the meeting.

Mayor Oberloh called for a roll call vote to identify those present for the closed session: Janice Oberloh, Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll, Mike Cumiskey, Tim Gaul, Jason Hively, Ron Wood, Mike Kuhle, Bob Petrich, Gary Hoffmann, Alan Oberloh.

Following the closed session, the motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to re-open the meeting at 7:32 a.m.

BUDGET DISCUSSION - PUBLIC SAFETY

Mike Cumiskey, Director of Public Safety, reviewed his department budget with Council, noting the following:

- they were working for a 10% reduction in fuel use.
- the ERS includes a new squad and a new animal control vehicle (looking for vehicles with a higher mpg rating and looking to downsize for animal control).
- they picked up another \$5,000 for the new canine vehicle through the County Attorney's office.
- planning for two Detective vehicles - they have \$25,000 put away for each of them (they're looking for year-old Malibus) and that should leave some in the ERS for the canine car.
- fund 3331 contains funds for a one-time purchase of voice over internet phones.
- fund 3319 includes funds for the Regional Radio Board (required to be eligible to receive matching fund grants).

Fire Department budget (3319) this is an actuarial year, budget includes physicals for new firefighters and fitness tests. A brief discussion was held on the search for a ladder truck. The one truck that was bid was already 20 years old. Chief Cumiskey said his intention was to find a truck with the money we have that would last us for 30 years.

- Gambling proceeds are down.
- Animal Control is a large problem. The Animal Control person is 3/5's time but works the other 2/5's time at City Hall. Of his 3/5's time for animal control, 90% is in the city and 10% is county related.
- Animal Licensing - 500 sold within the city. Alderman Woll noted that Pitt Bulls and feral cats were still a problem in town.
- The prosecution budget is up \$36,800. Our agreement with them is 25% of whatever the County's budget is for prosecutions. Chief Cumiskey will check on that figure.
- Funds for the new radio system are not in the budget but a portion of the funds for the dispatch upgrade are included.

Alderman Ten Haken expressed his concern that the City is not only asked to pay for half of the new system, but our residents also pay 30% of what the County levies for it. Discussion continued on possible cuts to bring the budget in line with levy limits.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Petrich and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk