

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 26, 2009**

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, Mike Woll. Aldermen absent: Ron Wood (excused).

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Council discussed information regarding assessment rates paid by cities in the area compared to the rate we pay to the Nobles County Assessor's office, which is the highest. The Administrator will continue to research the fees and contact the Nobles County Assessor.

Discussion was also held on paying off the pool loan with the use of hospital sale proceeds and then levying back over the next 20 years, and what that levy amount would be.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to use \$4.5 million of the hospital sale proceeds to pay off the aquatic center and collect it back through the levy at a rate of \$120,000 a year for 20 years beginning with the 2010 budget, with the intent of putting the funds into long term investments each year and tying that back to the building replacement fund.

Also discussed was the possibility of using hospital sale proceeds for paying off the loan from Worthington Public Utilities that was used for the land purchases for the new industrial area just off the North Highway 59. The amount remaining on the loan is somewhere between \$900,000 and \$1 million. Following discussion on which funds, legacy or impact, to use, the motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to pay off the loan to Worthington Public Utilities with use of hospital legacy dollars.

Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director, presented extensive background information on several things accomplished by his department in the community, and various grants applied for and received, noting that his budget includes \$170,000 reimbursement through programs and grants, the equivalent of two full time employees. While the Police budget was down approximately 10%, the fire department budget was up approximately 15% due to pension input.

Brian Kolander, Finance Director, reminded Council the EDA levy still needs to be discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Janice Oberloh  
City Clerk