

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 26, 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: Bob Tims.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Chris Dybevick, Police Captain; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Kevin Black, Prairie View Groundskeeper (7:32 a.m.); Alice Hoffmann, Prairie View Club House Manager (7:34 a.m.).

Others present: Peter Abelein, Munich, Germany.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director, provided an update regarding the Public Safety Department including programs, projects, and statistics, noting they are working on continual improvement of the department overall. Chief Cumiskey pointed out that the Neighborhood Services Officer has been transferred from Public Works to his department and is included in this budget proposal (Code Enforcement) at a proposed budget of \$74,203.

The proposed Public Safety budget includes 24 patrol officers, the same as 2009, and they are in the process of hiring the 23rd officer. Alderman Wood stated that if you look at the total Public Safety proposed budget of \$8.187 million, and back out the costs of the proposed fire hall (\$4.1 million) and the Armor system (\$.75 million) which are coming out of other dollars, it appears we're looking at a budget that is about 3 to 4 percent up, which is a normal budget. Council and staff discussed downtown parking and the possibility of rewriting the ordinance regarding that issue to establish fines by Council resolution, and to increase the amount of those fines.

Chief Cumiskey also noted an opportunity to send two Sergeants to Management Program Training in Sioux Falls, SD for the full fall semester at a cost of \$2,500 per person. Mr. Cumiskey was requesting Council approval of the use of reserves for the training. The Police Captain and Public Safety Director will pick up any supervisory hours created by the absence of the two sergeants.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve the request for two sergeants to participate in the Management Training Program in Sioux Falls.

Council reviewed the proposed budgets for Prairie View Club Golf Links. Alice Hoffman, Club House Manager, noted the Advisory Board met yesterday to run some numbers which will be used to set the rates for next year. Without those numbers it is difficult to have accurate revenue numbers for the proposed budget. Discussion was held on the new membership rate and how it would be brought up to the regular membership rate. The best guess for new membership revenue in 2010 is approximately a \$4,000 increase, but not all the numbers were available yet. Council also questioned the flat revenues from beer sales. Alderman Wood noted the figures can't be right as the financial

statements for July indicated beer sales were ahead of budget. Mayor Oberloh noted the projected 2010 revenues were \$20,000 less than 2009 revenues, and questioned why the budget would be presented with incorrect numbers. Alderman Kuhle requested that the numbers for Prairie View be separated out from the rest of the recreation fund so they can really take a look at it. Alderman Woll noted that with the level of concern in the community about supporting the Course has risen again. Following further discussion, consensus was to defer the conversation until complete information could be obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk