

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 29, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent; Scott Rosenberg, Park Department Superintendent; Kevin Black, Prairie View Greens Superintendent; Merle Rabenberg, Street Supervisor; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Andy Johnson, YMCA.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Public Works - Recreation - Andy Johnson, YMCA Executive Director of the YMCA, noted to Council that they are requesting a 3% increase in the agreement with the City for managing the City's recreational programs, citing increased expenses of which transportation for is the biggest issue for traveling teams. Mr. Johnson updated Council on how the summer programming went, noting that revenue from day passes for the municipal pool was over budget. Alderman Kuhle asked if there would be any interest in the Y taking over the Beach Nook at Centennial Beach. Mr. Johnson said he would take that inquiry to his Board. The Y has a good relationship with the Senior Center and is working on recruiting new board members.

Prairie View Greens and Grounds - Kevin Black, Greens Superintendent, noted his budget included a 1% increase for 2013, but that the 2012 budget had seen some maintenance savings due to the drought. Discussion was held on the Equipment Revolving Schedule, listed replacement of a greens mower at a cost of \$24,000. Mr. Black noted that some items on the EMS could be pushed out further for replacement. Council requested that the schedule be "cleaned up" to reflect the changes.

Included in the Capital Improvement Program for 2013 was \$25,000 for the development of an additional irrigation well for the golf course that would allow them to water the course throughout the season. Mr. Black said there were two options, with the least expensive being to locate a well near the current well used by the Course. Locating near the existing well would reduce the cost of the well to \$10,000 to \$12,000 as the electricity supply is already there. Mr. Black said he was requesting that Council approve up to \$1,500 from the 2012 budget to install a test well on the suggested site.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Wood to allow up to \$1,500 for a test well. Motion died for lack of a second.

Following further discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Wood and seconded by Alderman Woll to expend up to \$1,500 for the test well, with the following voting in favor of the motion: Wood, Woll; and the following Aldermen voting against the same: Kuhle, Ten Haken, Nelson -

motion failed.

Following additional discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Woll and seconded by Alderman Ten Haken to expend up to \$1,500 for the a test well. The following Aldermen voted in favor of the motion: Ten Haken, Wood, Woll; and the following Aldermen voted against the same: Kuhle, Nelson - motion carried.

Public Works - Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent, and Merle Rabenberg, Street Supervisor, discussed the proposed 2013 budget with Council, including part-time temporary help, replacement of lights at the City warehouse, equipment, and sign replacement. Mr. Laffrenzen also provided information on the spring clean up.

Council discussed the following recommendations from the Park Board for the 2013 Park budget:

- Keep the \$5,000 for the Beach Nook operation in the budget
- Don't overlay the Centennial tennis court - cost savings of \$30,000
- Irrigation system at Sailboard Beach at a cost of \$35,000 from park reserves
- Purchase of two out front mowers with approval from Council as a 2012 expenditure (cost savings would be \$24,787 if purchased in 2012 rather than 2013)
- Purchase of a new Bobcat-tool machine to clear snow from the new trail system - purchase price is \$47,000 (while MnDOT will be responsible for the maintenance along the Hwy 60 project for two years, the City will assume the responsibility after that, which may even require an additional person)
- Purchase ball/burlap trees for Tenth Street except to not replace those in front of the current Avera Clinic - cost savings \$600

Following discussion on the recommendations, the motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to amend the 2012 budget to approve the purchase of two out front mowers and not fund the ERS in 2013 for the equipment.

Airport - Council briefly reviewed the proposed airport budget, which Mr. Laffrenzen said represents no impact on the operating levy for next year - in daily operations the revenues will exceed expenditures, however, crop rental figures will be impacted. Hangar rentals and rent amounts were discussed.

Memorial Auditorium - Margaret Vosburgh, Memorial Auditorium Manager, noted that there are still some items not clarified following the renovation of the auditorium, including the gas, water, and electrical bills. The school contract has been increased to \$18,500 but should be at \$22,000 to cover all the costs associated with their rental. Ticket sales appear to be back up.

Due to the time, Council determined to move discussion of the remaining departmental budgets to

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the next Special City Council meeting scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on September 4, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk