

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Mike Woll, Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood and Honorary Council Member, Bob Tims.

Staff Present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director, Brad Cahpulis, Director Community/Economic Development, and Mindy Eggers, Assistant City Clerk.

Others Present: Peter Abelein, Munich, Germany and Laura Grevas, Daily Globe.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, explained the different budget items for his department. Mr. Chapulis stated that ground will be broken on the testing and training center in October and construction will begin. Mr. Chapulis stated that the terms of the agreement between the Economic Authority and the State of MN need approximately \$900,000.00 in a fund to pay the costs of the construction as they occur and the monies would then be reimbursed in eighteen months. A motion was made by Mike Woll, seconded by Ron Wood and unanimously approved to have the City of Worthington do an inter fund loan to the Economic Development fund with repayment in eighteen months.

Discussion was also held on the \$62,000 taxes and assessments on the land where the training and testing center will be located. Council requested that further information be furnished regarding this tax amount.

PRE-CERTIFICATION

Council held discussion on taking reductions in the ERS areas of the different departments. A suggestion was made by Ron Wood to take a \$50,000 reduction in Prairie View ERS. Mayor Oberloh suggested a 10% reduction in the general fund ERS and taking \$17,000 from the transfer for the Heritage Preservation funding. At this point the levy would be 7.48% and it was the consensus of the council that another budget meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th to have further discussion to reduce the levy amount for pre-certification in September.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mindy Eggers
Assistant City Clerk

