

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 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. Aldermen absent: Mike Kuhle (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Laura Grevis, Daily Globe; Peter Abelein, Munich, Germany.

BUDGET AND PRE-CERTIFICATION DISCUSSION

Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted we did not have final numbers yet on the potential bonding, but it appears they may be lower. Council discussed the Equipment Revolving Schedule based on a suggestion from the previous budget meeting for a 10% cut to ERS across the board. Mr. Kolander reported we have put in approximately \$10,000 more per year than we've taken out for the past nine years, and there is approximately \$2 million in reserves now. Mayor Oberloh noted that if we go for a 10% cut across the board it should also apply to the Public Utilities department as a Council directive. Discussion was also held on adding to reserves for the new pool.

Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted the County was not going to bring the Testing and Training Center in this year for assessments. Council questioned why there were assessments coming in when most of it came from the \$2.5 million from the State. Following discussion, Council agreed the level to pre-certify at would be 4%, and suggested the following additional adjustments to decrease the proposed budget:

	<u>Levy Increase Over 2010</u>	
\$2,871,589	7.48%	Proposed budget after initial cuts and PV correction
-20,000	6.7%	Reduction to Aquatic Center funding
-50,000	4.86%	From overlay budget
-15,000	4.30%	Bio Science property assessments not brought in
<u>-20,000</u>	3.55%	Mayor's 1% across the board cut
\$2,766,589	3.55%	

Following further discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to pre-certify the Proposed 2010 City of Worthington Tax Levy at 4%.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried adjourn the meeting at 8:19 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk