

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Ron Wood, Mike Woll, Scott Nelson (12:10). Honorary Council Member: Bob Timms.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Mike Cumiskey, Director of Public Safety; Chris Dybeveck, Police Captain; Bill Bolt, Police Sergeant; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Lynn Olson, CEO Sanford Medical Center; Rick Von Holdt, Fire Chief; Dave McNab, Worthington Ambulance Service; Jennifer Weg, Director of Nursing, Sanford Medical Center; Peter Abelein, Munich, Germany; Kari Lucin, Daily Globe.

AMBULANCE AID DISCUSSION

Mayor Oberloh noted the reason for the meeting was to discuss the ambulance call noted in the Daily Globe where a request for backup by the Fire Rescue was made due to the unavailability of ambulance personnel, and the request was denied by the Public Safety Department. Mayor Oberloh took comments from Public Safety personnel, Hospital personnel, and Fire Department personnel, all providing their views on the situation, including Hospital staffing, frequency/rate of calls, and First Responder and EMT training. When called into question, Lynn Olson noted the staffing level of the local hospital was the same as when it was owned by the City of Worthington. Captain Dybeveck noted he made the call to deny Fire Department backup based on the level of training of the Police personnel already at the scene, and that he felt it was not an emergency situation. In addition, Mr. Dybeveck noted the Fire Department cannot transport.

Mayor Oberloh noted it seemed like this was more of a "turf" situation, and added that any additional costs that may occur due to additional back up should be the concern of the Council, not staff. Alderman Kuhle said the health and welfare of our citizens should be the main concern, and this should have been worked out earlier.

Dave McNab stated that his opinion was that we needed to come up with a contingency plan for when these types of situations arise, which have occurred approximately six times in the past two years. All present agreed that everyone needed to work together on this, and that it is important to improve communication between the entities involved.

Mr. Olson stated he thought it could be worked out with a couple of additional meetings, and he will work with City Administrator Craig Clark to move forward with resolution of the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk