

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Nobles County Farmers Room 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; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Laura Grevas, Daily Globe: John Valliere, Effective Golf Course Systems; various interested citizens.

PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

John Valliere, President of Effective Golf Course Systems, reviewed their Operations Analysis for Prairie View Golf Course with Council. Mr. Valliere reported on industry trends, adding that Prairie View is a sound operation, the course is in excellent condition and could be put up to any Minneapolis public course, and it is under good management with dedicated, efficient workers. The biggest weakness of the course is lack of marketing, and Mr. Valliere suggested several tools that could be used to promote the course. Based on their research of the course, EGCS determined the following options available to the City:

- Close Prairie View
- Close Prairie View and convert the country club to a public facility
- Close Prairie View but allow daily fee play at the Country Club
- Retain both courses
- Sell the Prairie View course to a private entity with a deed restriction that it be maintained as a public golf course for future use.

EGCS was advocating the fourth option with a concerted effort to improve both operations by marketing and promotion.

Several comments were also received from citizens in attendance.

Mayor Oberloh thanked Mr. Valliere for his presentation also thanked those who were at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk