

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2009**

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.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community / Economic Development (7:03); Brian Kolander, Finance Director (7:09).

**POTENTIAL SALE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

Council and staff discussed a letter from JBS indicating their interest in purchasing the City's Industrial Wastewater Treatment facility. Discussion included benefits to the City of ownership of the plant, available capacity for the city, trading opportunities with the municipal facility, liabilities, retention of assets, and future growth. Consensus was to let JBS know Council will continue discussions on this. Council also agreed we need to seek professional guidance to represent our interests on this, and told Mr. Haffield to prepare his suggestions to bring them back to Council at a future date.

**MINNESOTA WEST FACILITY CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

City Administrator Craig Clark reported that he, and Aldermen Wood and Woll had visited with Mike Fury, Minnesota West, and Matt Widboom, representing the Minnesota West Foundation, regarding their inquiry on whether the City would have any interest in partnering with them on their \$4.2 million field house expansion project. They are anticipating being a high priority project with the Legislature for the bonding bill this upcoming session, but anticipate being short roughly \$600,000 of that amount. Council discussed possible economic development benefits from the project. Brad Chapulis stated any subsidy over \$150,000 was subject to the Business Subsidy Act, which means job creation was required. Council agreed they would like to see the project go but need additional information.

**HOSPITAL SALE PROCEEDS**

Council briefly discussed the hospital sale proceeds agreeing that they need to have a conversation soon on setting up restricted pools of money with flexible priorities so the funds don't hurt future LGA allotments or requests to the State for funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

Janice Oberloh  
City Clerk