

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2011**

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. Absent: Carol “Zuby” Jansen, Honorary Council Member.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Dan Wycoff, Liquor Store Manager (6:35 a.m.); Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering (7:20) a.m.

Others present: Ana Anthony, Daily Globe; Glenn Thuringer and Dan Greve, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation.

**WORTHINGTON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WREDC)
2012 BUDGET AND 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED**

Glenn Thuringer, WREDC, presented a profit and loss statement for 2011 and proposed 2012 budget for WREDC. Expenses in personnel, lodging and conference travel were down in 2011, but the local bioscience conference came in at \$44,000, well over the budgeted amount of \$24,000.

The proposed 2012 budget included a 3% increase in expenses. Mr. Thuringer noted the income from the City, County, and Utilities were proposed to remain the same as last year at \$140,900. Following discussion, it was noted the proposed amount to come from the City was actually \$4,000 more than 2011.

Mr. Thuringer was also asking for additional funds from the 2011 Economic Development Levy for a computer and software (\$4,000), contribution towards a grant writer for a NSF grant (\$2,000) and for a major marketing campaign, for a total of \$14,000.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to approve the WREDC 2012 Economic Development Budget as presented.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Nelson and unanimously carried to approve the additional 2011 budget request.

2012 PROPOSED LIQUOR STORE BUDGET

Dan Wycoff, Liquor Store Manager, presented the proposed 2012 Liquor Store budget, which reflects an 8-9% increase in sales, and presumes no new store. The budget includes repair/replacement of two roof air units and a big cooler if they should fail. The anticipated capital use is \$23,000.

APPLICATION FOR STREET CLOSURE FOR HOLIDAY PARADE APPROVED

This item was taken out of order.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to approve an application for street closure from the Retail Committee of the Chamber of Commerce as follows:

Event: Holiday Parade
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Requested Streets: 10th Street from 1st Avenue to 6th Avenue

FINAL LEVY CERTIFICATION DISCUSSION

Council discussed the 2012 Levy, currently proposed at 11.9 % increase over 2011, with an effective increase of 4.3%. Union contracts are not yet settled, and Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted the City is looking at a 20% reduction in funding from the state. Council expressed their opinion at this time is to stay at the current level of 11.9%.

2012 STORM WATER BUDGET APPROVED

Staff presented the 2012 storm water budget for Council consideration, noting an additional \$23,000 is needed for the proposed budget, which includes \$8,000 to the ERS for two new items, the CIP is up \$3,000 for new revenues, and there is a \$4,000 increase for contract repair items. The budget translates to a 4.1% increase in rates.

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to approve the 2012 Storm Water budget as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk