

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 28, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson. Honorary Council Member: Jerry Eykyn.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Kevin Black, Brad Chapulis, Rick Von Holdt, Scott Hain - at various intervals.

Others present: Aaron Hagen, Daily Globe; Justine Wetschreck, KWOA; Ryan Weber, United Prairie Bank; Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf Management (7:28 a.m.).

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Storm Water Discussion - Council considered a potential increase to the storm water budget Capital Improvement Reserves. In addition to an endless array of projects, Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, noted that there is also the larger flood control projects to look at. The current storm budget reflects a 0% increase. Discussion included the potential bonding for the \$4,388,590 match for the North Industrial Park development should that project proceed, but if there is no project, there would be no bond. Staff will be presenting a master plan for flood mitigation for Council approval possibly at the first meeting in November.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle and seconded by Council Member Wood to approve a 0% increase to the proposed 2014 Storm Water Budget, with the following members voting in favor of the motion: Kuhle, Graber, Wood, Nelson; and the following members voting against the same: Sankey. Motion carried.

Brian Kolander, Finance Director, and Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, reported that notification had been received that the City's Municipal State Aid street money is being increased from \$60,000 to \$115,000, based on a change to the formula to move to the minimum percentage amount of 25%. Council consensus was that the additional funds should be used for 401 projects.

Prairie View Golf Cart Lease/Rough Mower - Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf Management Company, presented information regarding proposals for cart leases for Prairie View Golf Links. Proposals were obtained from Club Car and EZGO, which looked at both electric and gas carts, new and used carts, and 5 and 6 year leases. The proposal from EZGO also included a buy back option. Mr. Jansa was recommending electric carts on a 5 year lease from EZGO at \$3,240 per month for six months/30 carts with the buy back option. The cart shed at Prairie View would require retrofitting for plug ins for the carts at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the 5-year lease with EZGO for 30 electric carts at a cost of \$3,240 per month, with the buy back option at the end of the lease.

Council and staff discussed options presented for lease of a large area rough mower for Prairie View Golf Links. Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted Council could approve internal financing for the equipment if they so choose.

Following discussion, the motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to approve internal funding with the not to exceed amount of \$52,000 as included in the budget, at 4.5% for 4 years for the Jacobson mower.

#### Purchase of Fire Truck

Council discussed the possibility of purchase of a tanker truck for the Worthington Fire Department with Fire Chief Rick Von Holdt, who told them that there really is not need for a tanker truck within the city, but rather it is needed for the rural Worthington Township area where there are no hydrants. Estimated cost is \$149,000. Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted there may be an option with Worthington Public Utilities if they would upsize when they replace their current tanker. The fire department budget could pay for the upsizing and they would offer storage of the tanker at the fire hall.

Council consensus was to move forward with the arrangement with utilities and not approve the purchase of a new truck.

#### Increase in Zoning Fees

Council considered a request from Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, for approval of an increase in zoning fees that would double the fees across the board. Mr. Chapulis noted the last increase in zoning fees was implemented in 1995 or prior. The requested increase would result in a \$1,000 to \$1,200 increase in revenue to the 2014 budget. While the actual fees will be brought to Council for approval by Ordinance, staff was requesting Council approval to add the increased revenues to the 2014 budget.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Sankey and unanimously carried to approve the additional revenue in the 2014 budget.

#### Liquor Store Transfer to General Fund

Council Member Kuhle noted the large cash reserve in the Liquor Store budget and suggested we look at increasing the amount of the transfer from the Liquor Store reserves to the general fund. Craig Clark, City Administrator, noted the reserve amount includes building and inventory. Mayor Oberloh asked if the meeting could be continued to 7:00 a.m. Wednesday to allow staff to get a better idea of the cash on hand for the Liquor Store.

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Scott Hain, General Manager Worthington Public Utilities, joined the meeting for a brief discussion regarding the possibility of the Public Utilities and the Fire Department sharing a tanker truck. Mr. Hain said the utility tanker is in use approximately eight to nine months every year.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wood and unanimously carried to continue the meeting to 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk