

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

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, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Aldermen absent: Scott Nelson (excused).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: none.

CANVASS OF BALLOTS - 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

As required by law, the election returns from the 2010 General Election held Tuesday, November 2, 2010 were canvassed. The City Clerk distributed the oath of office to Council for their service as the Canvassing Board.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Ten Haken and unanimously carried to that the following candidates for election to the offices named are declared elected as shown by the canvass of said election returns for the following term:

Mayor	Four Year Term	Alan Oberloh
Alderman First Ward	Four Year Term	Ronald (Ron) Wood
Alderman Second Ward	Four Year Term	Mike Kuhle

2011 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Prairie View

Council reviewed the proposed 2011 budget for Prairie View Golf Course. Alice Hoffman, Clubhouse Manager, noted memberships were up by 100 over last year. Also, the number shows for the buildings-repair and maintenance was incorrect and should be reduced by \$1,200. Alderman Kuhle suggested raising the sales revenues creating more incentives, and questioned whether Dakota Golf had agreed to take over management of the Golf Course. Craig Clark, City Administrator, responded he hoped to have that finalized by Monday for presentation at the first Council meeting in December. Mr. Clark noted that would mean an additional \$11,000 for manager costs to the current salaries that will be turned over to them. Dakota Golf will have a built in incentive to do better as they realize a bigger profit the more they sell.

Council questioned a decrease to the Grounds keeper's salary. Kevin Black replied that a portion of it had been moved to the street department for snow removal. Mr. Black added that he budgets the equivalent of three full time plus additional part time personnel, although he has no full time

employees according to the City's definition. His budget for equipment rental includes \$20,000 for equipment lease. Discussion was also held on Prairie View and the relation/impact to the Country Club. Alderman Ten Haken noted we need to do what's best for the taxpayers.

FINANCING OF MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT

Council and staff continued the discussion from the November 4, 2010 Council meeting regarding the best option for financing of the Memorial Auditorium renovation/addition project. Brian Kolander, Finance Director, noted he had verified that the City could use the existing sales tax funds to buy down the bond issued to finance the Auditorium project. Discussion was held on whether to bond for the entire \$6 million now or just the \$1.9 for the Auditorium. Consensus was it would be better to bond only for the Auditorium costs at this time.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to bond for the Memorial Auditorium improvements and to buy that bond down by \$800,000 to \$1 million or whatever that number is, with the current sales tax collection, with the City to purchase the bond back at market value.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Administrator Craig Clark noted staff had done some crunching and expenditures are down across the board. Council discussed LGA and how it could be affected now after the election. It was also agreed on that the City should issue an annual report to the citizens on spending, particularly the hospital dollars. Perhaps there could be some additional communications from the Administrator to keep the public informed.

FINAL LEVY SET

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to set the final levy at 3.2 percent over 2010. Certification will be at the December 13th Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk