

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 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, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: none.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK SESSION

Council discussed items identified as priorities in the Strategic Planning Session they completed in 2009, and whether those priorities have changed in light of recent public comments received on some of the projects.

Included in the discussion was the proposed bike path installation on Collegeway. Council has received several comments from residents in that area who are opposing the project. Craig Clark, City Administrator, reminded Council that Council had identified trail expansion in their strategic plan. The time line for the project is short but is necessary if the project was to be eligible for 2011 MnDOT funding. Following a lengthy discussion, consensus was that Council was still behind the trail project, but wanted to be sure they explored all the options and provided time for public comment on this particular project. Mr. Clark will set up a public meeting at the YMCA for input.

Council also discussed the current and proposed new fire hall, including funding, equipment, amenities, and future growth. Alderman Wood was in favor of bonding for the project, while Alderman Kuhle noted we're not aggressive enough in looking for other funding with the hospital dollars here. Several Council members noted they would like to see the firemen promoting the project to the community instead of the Council.

Discussion was also held on the proposed Senior Center project at the former YMCA facility. Craig Clark provided a brief update on where we were with the clean up of the site. Alderman Kuhle noted he had voted for the project but it was the one his constituents seemed most unhappy about during his campaign. Alderman Ten Haken suggested we needed to communicate better with the public than we do now and make sure they have the facts about our projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk