

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present: Chad Cummings, Alaina Kolpin, Chris Kielblock, Larry Janssen, Amy Ernst.

Staff members present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Deb Olsen, Finance Director; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director.

Others present: Emma McNamee, The Globe.

**APPLICATION FOR PARADE / PERMIT TO BLOCK STREETS(S) - ST. MARY'S CHURCH APPROVED**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said an Application for Parade Permit / to Block Street(s) has been received from St. Mary's Church for their march on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30p.m. Pablo Gonzalez has been designated as the Safety Officer for the event and a certificate of insurance naming the City of Worthington has been received.

The requested closure is for the following streets:

7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
12<sup>th</sup> Street from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
13<sup>th</sup> Street from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to approve the application for parade permit / to block street(s).

**2023 INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET APPROVED**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the Industrial WasteWater Plant is run by Woodard & Curan. The facility is in need of renovations and \$24 million dollars has been budgeted for 2023. There are currently three options that have been given to JBS and are as follows:

- JBS would be pay the full amount of the renovations and pay the annual costs
- The City would pay the cost under a revenue bond
- The City and JBS would split the cost of the project

Mr. Robinson said more land would help in the renovations there has not been success in acquiring any to date. He said at this point it is in JBS's hands on how they would like to proceed.

A motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and

unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Industrial WasteWater Fund Budget.

### **2023 STORM WATER BUDGET APPROVED**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said staff recommends a 5.7% increase for the 2023 Storm Water Budget. Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said they will continue to jet storm sewer lines twice a year. He said there are also catch basins that need to be fixed, some will be hired out and some will be done by our staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Storm Water Fund Budget.

### **2023 STREET LIGHTING BUDGET APPROVED**

Staff presented the proposed 2023 Street Lighting Budget. Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said there is no proposed change from the 2022 Street Lighting Budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Street Lighting Budget.

### **2023 AIRPORT FUND BUDGET APPROVED**

Staff presented the 2023 Airport Fund Budget. Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said there are no significant changes to the Airport Fund Budget for 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Airport Fund Budget.

### **2023 LIQUOR STORE FUND BUDGET**

Mr. Robinson said the 2023 Liquor Store Fund Budget was presented for Council review at the last special council meeting. He clarified the projected cost of the improvements to the parking lot of \$275,000.00 is already in the budget. Depending on how bids come in the additional funds could be taken from reserves.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Liquor Store Fund Budget.

### **2023 BUDGET / FINAL CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Robinson. said he wanted to reiterate the certification recommendation that Council made at

the last special meeting.

He noted after Council discussion it was suggested transferring \$200,000 from the city's safety promotion and loss control reserve fund and also taking \$25,000 from the proposed Community Relations and Communications position as the hiring would not take place in the first quarter of the year. With these changes it would bring the budget under the pre-certification level.

Mr. Robinson said with the proposed adjustments it would bring the current tax levy rate to 55.77%, which is an 8.9% decrease from last year. Council agreed with these changes.

Certification of the 2023 Budget will take place at the December 12<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, CMC  
City Clerk