

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following members present: Larry Janssen, Chris Kielblock, Chad Cummings, Amy Ernst, Alaina Kolpin.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Steve Schnieder, City Engineer; Hyunmyeong Goo, Assistant City Engineer; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Kari Lucin, Daily Globe.

TENTH STREET TREE DISCUSSION

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said in an effort to keep the downtown looking nice he would be open for direction concerning the trees from 5th Avenue to East 9th Avenue. He explained from the beginning it's been hard to keep them alive and if they do survive they get too big for the grate. He said one option could be to add above ground planters to plant the trees in and then after a couple of years the trees could be transplanted to a different location in the City or flowers could be planted in them. Discussion was held by Council but no firm decision was made.

DISCUSSION HELD ON COUNTY DITCH 12 FLOOD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 2 FEASIBILITY REPORT

Justin Klabo, AE2S, presented the Feasibility Report for improvements to County Ditch 12 to mitigate flooding and improve drainage in the community as it relates to the FEMA floodplain.

Mr. Klabo said while the Phase 2 project would not impact the street flooding that occurs on streets during storms it will allow 76 structures to be removed from the floodplain. Four possible alternatives were shown to Council for consideration. Consensus of the Council was Alternative 3 which would place the pond in a grassy area south of Oxford Street rather than in a residential area where homes would need to be purchased and torn down.

Steve Schnieder, City Engineer, said that the City was awarded a \$200,000 federal grant to be used for the purchase of the property to construct the pond. The total project cost is slated to be between \$3.5 million and \$3.8 million. Mr. Schnieder said staff will also be applying for funding for the actual construction of the project once the property for the pond is secured. He noted the City has one year to finalize the acquisition of the land.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, CMC
City Clerk