

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

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

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Deb Olsen, Finance Director; Angela Thiner, Assistant City Clerk.

Others present: Emma McNamee, The Globe; Joe Sanow, Nobles County Attorney; Jason Johnson, Jay Milbrandt.

PRESENTATION BY NOBLES COUNTY ATTORNEY - JOE SANOW

Joe Sanow, Nobles County Attorney, provided a review to Council of the duties of the Nobles County Attorney. He gave a summary of case counts from 2018 - present noting counts have been steady. Mr. Sanow stated the City contributes 25% of operating expenses for his office. He added there will be a slight increase for 2023 due to the contract with Eckberg Lammers Firm out of Stillwater. He explained contracting with Eckberg and Lammers will provide training opportunities to Public Safety Department at no additional cost.

Council Member Kolpin questioned if the 25% the City taxpayers contributed to the operating budget of the Nobles County Attorney's office could be less as they also pay Nobles County taxes which is where a portion of the remaining 75% of the budget comes from. Mayor Kuhle stated that was a policy discussion and felt Council should meet with Nobles County Commissioners. Mr. Sanow stated the current agreement between the City and County expires in December of 2023.

Council thanked Mr. Sanow for the update and Mr. Sanow thanked Council for the opportunity.

REVIEW PROPOSED ICE ARENA OPERATIONS BUDGET

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, reviewed the operating budget for the ice arena. City staff has met with ISD 518 staff and has heard from the Nobles County Fair Board with both groups giving their approval.

Council discussed the budget. Council Member Kolpin stated she had heard concerns from people regarding Council supporting the hockey arena vs. the golf course. Council Members Ernst and Kielblock added they had also heard the same concerns. Council Member Kielblock stated he felt the \$30,000 for personnel is under estimated. Additional discussion took place regarding the budget. Council Members Kolpin and Ernst stated they felt more comfortable with the idea after seeing the budget numbers.

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kolpin to approve the

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operation of the ice arena for a 1 year. Council Members voting in favor of the motion: Ernst, Kolpin, Cummings, Janssen. Council Member Kielblock voted against the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Angela Thiner
Assistant City Clerk