

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011**

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. Honorary Council Person: Carol "Zuby" Jansen.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Ana Anthony, Daily Globe.

**2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND PRE-CERTIFICATION OF 2011 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2012**

Craig Clark, City Administrator, reported that the city has lost \$8,271,000 in LGA since 2003. If we had to levy back the LGA and MVC loss it would result in a 20% increase in taxes. Mr. Clark pointed out that the departmental budgets that have come forward have either been cut, flat, or in some cases only a slight increase, and includes a wage freeze for all City employees. The budget as presented increases the levy by 15.9%, and Council considered several options to reduce that amount, including using a TIF that will be coming off line. Following discussion, Council determined to reduce the ERS budget by \$100,000, reduce the overlay budget by \$25,000 and add \$1,300 back into the budget for dandelion spraying, which together, would reduce the levy to 11.4%. Council noted that, once set, the pre-certification number cannot be increased but can be decreased at the final certification.

Following further discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to pre-certify the 2011 Tax Levy collectible in 2012 at 11.9%

**EVENT CENTER DISCUSSED**

Council and staff discussed event center plans. Staff noted that the entities interested in the project were looking for additional participation from the City because of the economy. Several options for operation of the facility were discussed. Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development, noted specific information from potential partners was at this point still confidential. It was agreed that an additional meeting would need to be scheduled to further discuss the issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, CMCM  
City Clerk