

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 17, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Mike Kuhle with the following Council Members present: Alan Oberloh, Amy Ernst, Mike Harmon, Larry Janssen, Chad Cummings.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Jason Brisson, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Economic Development; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschrek, Radio Works; Ryan McGaughey, The Globe; Brad Hellinga, JBS; Kathy Heridia, JBS; Cliff Shreiner, Worthington Hockey Association; Steve Johnson, Worthington Hockey Association.

**LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX RECEIPTS**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated \$224,892.94 in half cent sales tax dollars has been received year to date. There is a one time fee of \$22,032.44 that is charged by the state to implement the tax. Mr. Robinson explained the 2020 collections are behind due to the pandemic and everything being closed down, he said it may take awhile to regain lost funds.

**LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUNDED FIELD HOUSE PROJECTS**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated that the field house project is moving forward using the current footprint of the building. The current budget for the project is 3.5 million dollars.

Brad Hellinga and Cathy Heredia, JBS were in attendance to announce a proposed donation which falls under their Strengthen Long Term Community Infrastructure campaign. They will be donating 1 million dollars towards the field house project but would like naming rights and would like the donation to be spent in addition to the 3.5 million dollars allocated for the project. Mr. Hellinga stated if Council approves the donation and allowing for naming rights they will submit an application to secure the donation.

Council Member Oberloh stated a formal request should be brought forward to Council for approval of the naming rights.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to accept the 1 million dollar donation from JBS and adding it to the already allocated 3.5 million dollar field house project.

**LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUNDED ICE ARENA IMPROVEMENTS**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated while the ice arena project is not part of the Phase 1 half cent sales tax the arena is in need of some repairs before the new season begins. Cliff Schreiner,

Worthington Hockey Board Member explained that one of the first things that is needing repair is the roof. Insulation needs to be added to the west and south walls and the glycol pipes under the floor needs to be repaired. The next step would be the addition of a dehumidification system that would help in being able to maintain ice for a longer period of time. Mayor Kule asked if this is a permanent solution or a band-aid. Mr. Shreiner stated that these are projects that need to be done to maintain the building. Steve Robinson said an architectural firm from North Dakota would be consulted on the project. Council Member Oberloh asked if the funds could be borrowed from the hospital proceeds. Mr. Robinson stated that was an option.

A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to advance \$500,000 to the Worthington Hockey Association for the roof and insulation repairs.

#### **CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated the Center for Active Living Committee is requesting that one of the nine committee members be allowed to be a non-Worthington resident. He explained the member would have to be an active member of the CAL. Council Member Harmon stated currently there are 232 members from Worthington and 38 non-Worthington members. Council Member Oberloh asked what the City's share is to run the CAL, Mr. Robinson stated \$102,000 noting the Director is a YMCA employee. Council Member Cummings asked if the member would be an additional member or in addition to the membership in place. Mr. Robinson stated that the By-Laws reflect nine members.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Harmon and unanimously carried to allow for one of the nine members on the Center for Active Living Committee be a non-Worthington resident.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers MCMC  
City Clerk