

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday, July 16, 2018.

Mayor, Bill Burger, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll call: Marty Marugg, Clarence Tuel, Kay Risser, Dan Feldmann. Steve Engler absent.

Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Public Works), Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater Operator), Jake Willey, Eldon Jaeger, and Tim Winter.

Motion made by Feldmann to approve the agenda, seconded by Marugg. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed minutes of 07-02-2018, listing of bills to be paid, and the Linda Tobin building permit. Burger advised we will have to bill the Athletic Association for the D & S lawn care bill we received. Burger also advised to speak with Kathy Lueck at church to see how much of the bill they typically pay for the porta potty. Council discussed with citizen if building permit was needed for blacktopping driveway. Council ultimately decided since dirt was being moved, a building permit was needed. Motion by Tuel to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried. Citizen Concerns: Citizen came in concerned about Steve Steffen building on property. Citizen inquired if a building plan was submitted. Burger advised a building plan was not, but a building permit was submitted. The building permit was approved by the council as the building permit stated the building would be for a garage. The council agreed if Steffen uses it for anything other than a garage they can say something, but if it is used as stated on the building permit, they cannot. Rick Wolfe/Car Cruise: Rick Wolfe inquired if 2nd Avenue could be shut down for the fire department on September 1st, 2018 for water ball and for the car show Steve Dunkel organized. Council agreed Dunkel would need to come to a council meeting so we knew exactly what streets needed to be shut down for the car show. Council agreed the water ball for the fire department could be approved. Motion by Risser to approve water ball, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all, carried. Water/wastewater Update: Lansing relayed he learned the lift station control is obsolete and when it breaks, we will need a new one. Lansing informed council we had a visit from DNR and they questioned the chlorine residuals and suggested to switch from combined chlorine to free chlorine which will change the smell of the water for a little bit due to the pipes adjusting to the new chlorine. Lansing stated this change will take place in early August in order to be in compliance with the suggestions from the DNR. A letter informing residents of this will be sent closer to this date. Lansing advised radium levels were tested and the result came back at 4.9 with 5.0 being the limit before we have to build a plant to eliminate the radium. Lansing added 3 years ago, the levels tested at 4.9. The plant can cost, on average, one million and there might be a grant to apply to receive partial funding. Lansing stated at this point, the looping of the water main on 3rd St. West Court is no longer taking precedence as the interior of the water tower also needs to be painted and the cost for something like that ranges from \$37,000-\$40,000. Public Works Update: Hosch informed council of tree branch which fell on the power line in Memorial Park and took out the power at the Memorial Hall. Manternach advised the insurance company was contacted and insurance would not cover something like this as it was not a storm which caused it. Hosch advised the new pull top on pole will have a generator hook up. Hosch and council discussed seal coating streets and decided Park Drive, the road to the water tower, and the alley in 3rd St. West Court took precedence to be seal coated. City Hall Building Doors: council reviewed door style. Burger advised with installation and cost of doors, total cost would be roughly \$6,000. Motion by Tuel to purchase doors and hire Daryl Ostwinkle to install, seconded by Marugg. Ayes: all, carried. Labor Day meeting: Motion made by Feldmann to move Labor Day meeting on Monday September 3, 2018 to Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 6:30PM, seconded by Marugg. Ayes: all, carried. Old School TIF: Burger relayed information which was discussed at meeting with Jake Willey, Kay Risser, Bill Burger, and

Lauren Manternach. With this potential agreement, the city would TIF the property and provide Willey his taxes back over the next twenty years in order for Willey to make improvements on the property to potentially bring more business to Worthington. In addition, the city will have use of the ball field/playground for the next twenty years, the city will have use of the gym for community use one time per month in the spring/summer/fall months and two times per month in December, January, February, and March for the next twenty years, city will have the option to purchase the ball field/playground for \$1 at the end of twenty years, Willey will maintain field and equipment, Willey cannot sign the Business Property Tax Credit during the course of TIF, and if Willey sells the property, this agreement needs to transfer with the property. Council decided they would like public input on this matter and would come back to it at a later council meeting. Gogel Farm Lease: Council reviewed Iowa farmland rental rates from information provided by the ISU extension office and decided to change the rental rate to \$244/acre/year. Motion made by Risser to change the rental rate, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all, carried. Stage for Bellamy Brothers: Council again discussed stage for Bellamy Brothers and potentially removing roughly 10ft. of glass block so the Bellamy Brother committee could easier build the stage. Burger advised this project is not at the expense of the city. Motion made by Risser to take glass out of Memorial Hall stage in order to build stage for the Bellamy Brothers at the committee expense. Motion died. Council briefly discussed resolution for REAP grant. Motion made by Feldmann to approve #2019-01: REAP Grant Application, seconded by Marugg. Roll call. Ayes: Risser, Marugg, Feldmann, Tuel. Nays: none. Carried. Clerk and Council Concerns: Tuel suggested to send thank you to March family for trimming the tree on Highway 136. Risser expressed gratitude toward everyone involved in bridal room as post on Facebook received a lot of positive feedback. Motion made by Feldmann to adjourn at 8:28PM, seconded by Marugg. Ayes: all, carried.

Minutes prepared by:
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