

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday October 21, 2019 6:30PM. The City of Worthington reserves the right that the order of the agenda is at the discretion of the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor, Gary Langel, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with roll call: Marty Marugg, Steve Engler, Clarence Tuel, Chris Smock, Kay Risser. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Public Works), Sue Burger (Memorial Hall Manager), Stacie Tobin (Librarian), Ron Leuchs (resident), Tony Lueck (resident).

<u>FUND-SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
GENERAL	\$33,155.08	\$27,798.41
MEMORIAL HALL	\$6,131.33	\$7,883.63
ROAD USE TAX	\$3,918.69	\$1,169.01
TIF	\$4,946.71	\$12,650.21
WATER	\$4,178.82	\$51,919.46
URBAN RENEWAL	\$12,650.21	\$84,518.81
SEWER	\$7,443.56	\$3,807.56
LOCAL OPTION	\$13,475.51	\$21,597.25

Motion by Tuel, seconded by Engler to approved the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of 09/16/2019, listing of bills to be paid from September 2019, September 2019 Treasurer’s Report, Steve Steffen building permit for a cement driveway, Steve Steffen building permit for a portable storage building, a \$50 budget workshop meeting on December 3rd, 2019 in Cedar Fall’s for the clerk to attend, and a clerk meeting on December 10th in Peosta for the clerk to attend. Langel asked the clerk to give a summary of why the total cash balance has receded over the past five months. Manternach explained the gradual decrease is due to borrowing money from ourselves for the East End Storm Sewer Project, Gas Station Forgivable Loan, grant to Farmer’s Best for economic development, the purchase and clean-up of the Rick Rave property. Manternach advised all of these projects have been set up to be repayable by TIF money. Engler inquired if the water fund was in the negative due to the two water main breaks this summer, Manternach confirmed. Smock inquired if the Steffen building permit for the portable building was a trailer type portable storage building, Langel advised if it is 24ft wide it probably would not be a trailer type storage building. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Smock to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Citizen Concerns: Manternach advised she did receive multiple written concerns about barking dogs at a specific residence and has followed up per the ordinance specifications.

Memorial Hall: Burger advised she has 4 weddings left in 2019, 10 weddings booked for calendar year 2020, and 3 weddings for 2021. Burger stated the new floor scrubber has been hooked up, and the floor has been resurfaced. Burger mentioned raising the rent and adding a gratuity fee on the bar bill and reflecting this in the bartender wages. Council agreed to have Burger look further in to what other venues charge for a gratuity fee and rent. Burger added she would like the council to consider getting rid of the linens as they take too long to press and we only charge \$4/linen. Burger has been pressing linens off the clock and Manternach stated she shouldn’t be expected to work off the clock. Engler inquired if Burger could look into what it would cost to pay for this service and pass this charge on to the customer or potentially rent them through Reisburg. Burger confirmed.

Library: Tobin advised the laptop now has all the books on it, instead of keeping track of them by hand. Langel inquired of boxes of books sitting on the floor and inquired if they could be put on the shelves. Manternach advised we will be getting new bookshelves sometime this

fall/winter through the DRA grant we were awarded. Risser suggested opening the library during times when kids get off the bus stop to encourage kids to come to the library after school to do homework or have a reading session as well as opening while events are going on in town. Risser mentioned the hours could be changed in the summer to help fit the kid's schedules. Risser also suggested contacting the daycares in town to see if something could be facilitated with a reading time at the library as well as contacting the elderly in town to deliver books to them.

Water/wastewater: Lansing was not in attendance at the meeting but asked Manternach to relay that the auto dialer at the water tower is going to be discontinued in December and it will be \$2,500 to replace and he needs to order this as soon as possible.

Public Works: Hosch advised the subdivision has been crack-sealed and Gene Schlichte let the city use his equipment to grade the property next to city hall. The City wants to extend a thank you to Gene. Council discussed selling the dump truck and setting a price. Motion by Risser, seconded by Smock to set the price of the dump truck to \$8,500. Ayes: all, carried. Council and Hosch discussed alley near the Besler/Sausser property. Council instructed Manternach to look into the entire process of vacating an alley and if an easement would be needed.

Other Business: Motion by Tuel, seconded by Marugg to open public hearing at 7:15PM on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement. Ayes: all, carried. No citizen comments. Motion by Risser, seconded by Engler to close public hearing at 7:18PM. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed a main street reconstruction in FY 2021 and suggested to revamp the estimate to get the estimate lower. Council discussed allowing the 4-H group to sell baked goods and provide hot coco during Santa. Motion by Risser, seconded by Marugg to allow the 4-H group to hold a bake sale during Santa. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed allowing a cell phone stipend for Lansing. Council advised to see what Dyersville pays for a cell phone stipend, prior to making a decision.

Resolutions/Ordinances: Motion by Smock, seconded by Risser to approve RESOLUTION #2019-55: A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE III, TRAFFIC CODE. Ayes: Smock, Risser, Tuel, Engler, Marugg. Carried. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Tuel to approve RESOLUTION # 2019-56: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT, PROVIGIN FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A \$49,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION VEHICLE ACQUISITION NOTE AND PROVIGING FOR THE LEVY FOR THE TAXES TO PAY THE SAME. Ayes: Marugg, Tuel, Engler, Risser, Smock. Carried.

Updates: Trick or Treat- Thursday October 31st from 5:30-7:00PM. Santa-Sunday December 8th from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Music in the Park-we have received \$955 in donations, our next meeting we will decide who and when to book. Ballpark Restrooms-Not Quite Brothers has been booked for Feb. 29th, received \$3,000 grant from Dyersville Area Community Foundation, -we will have raffle tickets next week. Employees are reviewing their job descriptions and updating them. We are starting a 20-year Capital Improvement Plan; please submit any improvements you see that need to be done so Manternach can work them in to the plan. Park Drive is completed, request for reimbursement has been submitted to the Secondary Roads Department. Cameras have been installed and programmed at the ballpark. Budget will be coming up.

Minutes prepared by Lauren N. Manternach, City Clerk/Treasurer.