

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday December 21st, 2020. Meeting was conducted in the Community Center and with the option to call in via Zoom due to pandemic. 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: Ron Leuchs, Marty Marugg, Chris Smock, Tony Lueck. Steve Engler. Additional attendance: Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater Operator), Todd Hosch (Public Works), Sue Burger (Memorial Hall Manager), Jason Wenger (City Engineer), Rick Wolfe (Fire Chief), Julie Ostwinkle (citizen), Joe & Abby Bonert (citizens), and Eldon Trumm (citizen).

FUND-NOVEMBER.	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$16,758.18	\$14,518.34
MEMORIAL HALL	\$11,768.63	\$3,510.86
ROAD USE TAX	\$8,764.15	\$2,647.68
TIF	\$13,379.51	\$15,996.00
WATER	\$5,537.52	\$3,712.90
URBAN RENEWAL	\$15,996.00	\$0
SEWER	\$5,743.49	\$3,889.81
LOCAL OPTION	\$10,174.62	\$5,741.04

Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda which consisted of minutes of 11-16-2020, November 2020 listing of bills to be paid, and November 2020 Treasurers Report. Langel inquired on the payment to Missy Kremer. Manternach advised we bought the Santa mailbox from Missy. Leuchs inquired what the GO Dorsey and Whitney payment was for. Manternach advised that was for legal preparation for the General Obligation loan for the dump truck. Motion by Engler, seconded by Leuchs to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Sheriff Joe Kennedy provided update to council and citizens regarding presence of law enforcement and breakdown of reports council receives at the end of each month. Council expressed concern of being charged for domestic issues etc., in which other towns would not be charged for. Sheriff Kennedy advised any hours over 20, the city is not charged for, and if we would request the DCSD for specific duties, we would not be charged.

Joe & Abby Bonert and Julie Ostwinkle discussed sewer issue with council. Bonert's requested to erect a garage spanning two parcels in which a sewer line runs under the abutting line of the two parcels. Bonert's and council agreed garage should not be built on top of sewer line. Bonert's inquired if council would re-route sewer line diagonally and to the North of the proposed garage. Council's concern was the cost to do that, estimated at \$51,000. The project would have to be paid for in increased rates, possibly as much a \$7/month per resident. Additional council concern, was the city has already approved a \$7/month increase for a different project - a water looping main starting early next year. Lansing advised we are unable to see if the sewer line needs to be replaced, as the sewer line only has a 4-inch access point, and it would not work to televise. Lansing advised lifespan of clay pipe lasts between 50-100 years and we have documentation that this pipe was in that location in 1966, making it at least 54 years old. Council and Bonert's discussed easement issue as well. Council confirmed we do not have a utility easement in this area but legal counsel for the city has advised we are able to cite a prescriptive easement. Ostwinkle advised her counsel told her the city would have had to maintain and have knowledge of that pipe for over 10 years to cite the prescriptive easement, and

currently council and employees only had knowledge of that pipe for the last 3-4 years and city has not maintained it. Council agreed at this point that we would need additional legal knowledge to proceed with this discussion. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Lueck to table this discussion and action. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed the Municipal Survey responses and graphs. Manternach advised we received 43 responses in, out of 181 questionnaires that went out.

Memorial Hall Updates: Burger advised Winterfest would be conducted online this year but committee would utilize hall for set up and picture taking. Burger inquired what an appropriate rent would be. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Smock to charge \$500 for weeklong use of hall for Winterfest. Ayes: all, carried.

Water/Wastewater Update: Lansing provided pictures to council of issue with water tower, sewer manholes, and calcium deposit buildup in sewer mains. Lansing advised we need to get a plan started to replace these throughout the town. Manternach advised Lansing and her will be working together to get a comprehensive plan in place for water line/sewer line/sewer manhole replacement with street replacement throughout town.

Public Works: Motion by Smock, seconded by Marugg to approve Mayor signing Dave Schmitt Construction contract. Ayes: all, carried.

Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Engler to approve setting additional special meeting for max levy public hearing on 01/04/2021 after the assessed values are released to cities. Ayes: all, carried.

Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Marugg to open public hearing on amendment to Ordinance Title III Community Protection: Chapter 3 Traffic Code at 8:50PM. Ayes: all, carried. No comments, questions, concerns. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Engler to close public hearing at 8:50PM. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Leuchs to waive second and third readings. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Engler to open public hearing on amendment to Ordinance Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 10-Building Permits and Regulations at 8:52PM. Ayes: all, carried. No comments, questions, concerns. Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to close public hearing at 8:52PM. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Leuchs seconded by Engler to waive second and third readings. Ayes: all, carried.

Resolutions/Ordinances: Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Lueck to approve ORDINANCE #194: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION: CHAPTER 3 TRAFFIC CODE. Ayes: Leuchs, Lueck, Smock, Engler, Marugg. Carried. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Leuchs to approve ORDINANCE #195: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 10-BUILDING PERMITS AND REGULATIONS. Ayes: Marugg, Leuchs, Engler, Lueck, Smock. Carried. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Leuchs to approve RESOLUTION 2020-41 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE EASTERN IOEA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FROM THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON. Ayes: Lueck, Leuchs, Engler, Marugg, Smock. Carried.

Clerk/Council/Committee Updates: Langel formally wants to thank the Worthington Fire Department for quickly responding to the flooding issue in the Community Center. Thank you WFD!

Motion by Lueck, seconded by Marugg to adjourn at 8:59PM. Ayes: all, carried. Minutes prepared by Lauren Manternach, City Clerk.