

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday March 21th, 2022. Meeting was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall. 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, Larry Smock, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with roll call: Rick Wolfe, Chris Smock, Tony Lueck. Julie Gansen present. Missy Kremer absent. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Public Works), Sue Burger (Memorial Hall Manager), Jerry Klaren of Klaren Electric, Paul Engler of Engler/Oberbrockling insurance, Tricia Wagner representing ECIA, city engineer Jason Wenger of Burrington Group, Citizens Joe Bonert, and Gary Langel, Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater Operator) via phone.

FUND-FEBRUARY	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$3,495.04	\$14,315.26
MEMORIAL HALL	\$16,632.18	\$9,586.95
ROAD USE TAX	\$4,203.04	\$2,361.72
TIF-LMI SET ASIDE	\$1,243.90	\$1,243.90
WATER	\$6,637.12	\$4,088.42
URBAN RENEWAL	\$0	\$0
SEWER	\$5,932.51	\$4,556.89
LOCAL OPTION	\$4,751.03	\$0.00

Motion by Lueck, seconded by Wolfe to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda item as follow: Minutes of Feb 21 and March 3, 2022. February 2022 listing of claims and Treasurers Report. Liquor license request for Worthington Athletic Assoc. Building permit #1365 for 307 2nd St NE (Lueck) and # 1364 for 502 3rd Ave SW (Manternach). Meetings to attend (Virtual) for Council, Clerk and Mayor on March 22 regarding Residential TIF training and Statewide Mayors meeting on March 24 for the Mayor. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Gansen to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Citizen Concerns: Joe Bonert requested the council approve a building permit he filed on Monday, March 21. He had a signed approval by neighbor Alice Besler to submit. The mayor denied the request stating it needed to be filed by noon on March 16 to be on the agenda and more importantly must be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. The item will be added to the April agenda. There was also a formal concern form from Allison Gassman filled out by the mayor regarding a verbal request on allowing chickens to be raised inside of city limits. This matter will be tabled until April meeting so research can be done as to current city ordinance, past discussions, and surrounding community policies, etc.

Other Business: Tricia Wagner with ECIA presented information on the Keeping Iowa Beautiful program. The cost of the program is \$500.00 per year for up to 5 years. The ECIA staff will work with a committee of volunteer citizens and the council (Parks Committee Lueck/Kremer) to further the economic and cultural vitality of the region by supplying coaching and grant writing help to the community. The ECIA coaching staff and the community committee work to identify and set goals, apply for funding available and implement and follow through on plans to reach these goals. The mayor feels this could be a big benefit to the Worthington Community. If any citizens have questions regarding this program or would be interested in sitting on the committee, please notify Teri at City Hall. No further action was taken at this time and will be discussed further in the April council meeting. Deliberation and action on Water/Wastewater Affidavit operator position: Personnel committee reported there was one applicant for the position who was interviewed. The committee made recommendation on hiring for the position,

and wages and benefits were discussed, a contingent offer has been made to and signed by Austin Stelken for the position. The applicant must also be approved by the DNR, and paperwork will be sent in on this matter. Council also discussed Mike Lansing wage for Overseeing Operation Interim until Stelken can apply for and receive Grade 2 operator's license. Public Works: The fire departments furnace for the truck bay needed a new fan motor last week and was able to be fixed with universal product despite its age and will need to be replaced in the future. Hosch discussed trees for Memorial Park coming in May and where we stand on the arborist recommendation on the drenching for life extending for the trees. Council requested Hosch get ahold of the arborist so that when the new trees arrive, we are prepared and do it right. It makes no sense to plant new trees unless they will be properly taken care of. Council addressed a concern made by Dawn Davis regarding storm sewer and drainage on 1st Ave E. Mayor informed council of the history of the concern. Mayor Smock informed Davis that the city does not have plans for replacement, and it would be addressed with the 1st Ave E street project in the future. The council asked Hosch to see if he could find out where the water is bubbling up. And it was decided to be table the matter at this time. Jerry Klaren then brought up an issue with the roadway collapsing at the storm water intake in front of the Morning Star gas station since the 1st St N project a few years ago. Jason Wenger, city engineer will contact DOT regarding this matter and report back to the council. Hosch provided a materials list and labor estimate for repairs needing to be done on the city maintenance shop. Council requested Hosch get new bids for the work consisting of steel and labor for all 4 sides of the building and all work that needs to be done to prevent further and future damage, including a separate estimate for gutters. Council discussed the supply chain issue with building materials. Timelines for receiving the OHD and walk door would be 12-16 weeks. Motion by Lueck, seconded by C. Smock to order the OHD and walk door for the project. All Ayes, motion carried. Council also requested Hosch clean up the inside of the shop, perhaps making use of the upcoming Spring Cleanup Day. Jerry Klaren of Klaren Electric and Hosch informed council of an electrical issue with the outdoor warning siren at Memorial Park. There seems to be a break in the line and the siren has no power. Klaren and council discussed possible remedy and it was decided to locate and fix the break if possible. Klaren was confident this could be accomplished. Deliberation and action on skid loader purchase. Council heard from Gary Langel regarding need for a skid loader at this time and cautioned against purchasing something because we want it, not because we need it. Council heard from Hosch on final bid which included a backup camera. It has been researched extensively regarding need, trade value, price, and the fact the present skid loader requires new tires. Motion by C. Smock, seconded by Gansen to order skid loader per estimate including backup camera. All ayes, motion carried. Deliberation and action to approve pursuit of bids for 2nd St NE mill and overlay. Jason Wenger, city engineer with Burrington Group addressed the council regarding 2nd Street NE HMA Resurfacing project, showing core samples taken from the area. An RCTP grant for 25,000.00 has been applied for. He is confident the bid he provided for the grant is sufficient to complete the project and sewer funds can be used to fund manhole replacement to help with cost allocation on the water fund. Which in turn will help minimize loan needed to fund the project. Extensive discussion took place regarding timeline for project because of access to/from Memorial Hall and ballfield. Motion by Wolfe, second by Gansen to set a public hearing April 18 at 6:30 pm in city council chamber for 2nd Street NE HMA Resurfacing project. All Ayes, motion carried. Memorial Hall: Sue Burger reported an update on

the Olsem family donation. There is a 500.00 donation in the Memorial Hall fund that was given in memory of Marvin and Betty Olsem to be used for benches in front of the Memorial Hall. Council requested Sue bring estimates for the benches to the next council meeting. Gary Langel offered to help find suitable benches within price range as he has done so in the past. Paul Engler with Engler/Oberbroeckling insurance answered questions by the council on renewal of the City insurance policy. Rates are up slightly but must account for inflation indexes. Cyber insurance coverage was validated. Motion by Smock, seconded by Gansen to approve insurance renewal. All Ayes, motion carried. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Wolfe to open public hearing. Roll call. Ayes, Wolfe, Gansen, C. Smock, and Lueck. Absent Kremer. Motion carried. The floor was open and there were no comments, questions, or concerns. Motion by C. Smock, seconded by Wolfe to close public hearing. Roll call. Ayes, Wolfe, Gansen, C. Smock, and Lueck. Absent Kremer. Motion carried. Resolutions/Ordinances: Motion by Gansen, seconded by C. Smock to approve RESOLUTION #2022-04: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON FY '23 BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2023, AND VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON. Roll call: Gansen, Wolfe, C. Smock, Lueck. Absent Kremer. All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Wolfe to approve RESOLUTION #2022-12: A RESOLUTION HIRING AND SETTING WATER, WASTEWATER AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR WAGE AND BENEFITS. Roll call. Ayes: Lueck, C. Smock, Wolfe, Gansen. Absent Kremer. Motion Carried. Motion by C. Smock seconded by Gansen to approve RESOLUTION #2022-13: A RESOLUTION SETTING WAGE FOR WATER/WASTEWATER INTERTIUM OVERSITE WAGE. Roll call: Ayes: C. Smock, Wolfe, Gansen, Lueck. Absent Kremer. Motion Carried.

Council/Clerk/Committee updates: Council wants to remind citizens of the Spring Cleanup Day (large item garbage pickup) on April 16. There is information on what will/will not be taken, and possible cost involved posted at city hall, the post office, Fidelity Bank and Morning Star Station. Information is also listed on website and Facebook. If tags are needed contact Teri at City Hall. The city is still working with a developer for the Sunset subdivision. Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to authorize Mayor to contact Gogel canceling lease of the land. All Ayes. Motion carried. Council followed up on a bequest from the Glen Steger Estate for \$3,500. to be used to paint WORTHINGTON on the water tower. The mayor has discussed potential issues regarding viability, time frame, and potential additional cost with the executor of the will and they would be open to using the money on another project in town. They would like to see the council bring to them alternatives they could consider. Discussion followed with no alternatives found at this time. Matter will be tabled until the April council meeting. Any citizen with suggestions please contact Teri at City Hall. Mayor advised council changes will need to be made to and updated in the city employee handbook. C. Smock requested the city investigate changing the speed limit sign location as you leave town going North on Hwy 136. The sign is posted while still in town raising the limit to 45 mph. City clerk will contact DOT about possibility of implementing this change. Motion by Leuck, seconded by C. Smock to adjourn at 9:32PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Teri Smock, City Clerk.

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Theresa Smock
City Clerk

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Larry Smock
Mayor