

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council
Monday, October 2, 2017

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

Roll call: Dan Feldmann, Kay Risser, Marty Marugg, Clarence Tuel and Steve Engler. Absent: none.

Additional Attendance: Public Works Director, Todd Hosch; Gary Langel, Joe Kennedy, Dave Riniker, Chris Krapfl and Sarah Helle.

Motion by Tuel to approve the agenda, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all. Carried.

Joe Kennedy, Dubuque County Sheriff and Dave Riniker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, were present to discuss how the contract and coverage in Worthington was going. They presented invoices for August and Septmeber. Question was asked if they could enforce City Ordinance – Kennedy stated they would enforce State Code, but not City Code. They can deliver letters from City to residents. Both parties feel the contract and coverage are going well.

Consent agenda: Tuel had comment on Minutes from 9/18/17 on interactions between Council and Hwy 136 Contractor. Darla Tucker Building Permit was discussed. The end of driveway will only be 4’6” from lot line. Her neighbor was contacted and is ok with the distance from lot line. A variance will be given so that her driveway can be placed as written on building permit. Bills were reviewed. Worthington Daybreak Liquor License paperwork is complete. Motion by Marugg to approve Consent Agenda, with variance given for Tucker driveway, second by Risser. Ayes: all. Carried.

Under Citizen Concerns: Gary Langel thanked Clerk Helle for her time spent helping Worthington.

Highway 136 Project update. Engineer Jason Wenger was unable to attend, however he sent an email with project updates to be shared. Mayor Burger read email. Items included: Intakes being installed, concerns that need to be addressed with driveways, Electrical Easement from Darla Tucker, Budget Projection: at this time still appear to be under budget, Pay application from August was never received, and DOT has decided to maintain the 3” HMA surfacing.

Mayor Burger will be in attendance when the driveways are re-examined for approach grade on Wednesday. Per Council if grade at Kamp’s meet the requirement for approach grade, but is still deemed too much by Council, Mayor Burger and Councilman Tuel have the authority to approve it being changed.

Chris Krapfl asked about the poles by bridge being taken down.

Chris Krapfl asked to use the Community Center for Boys Scouts, now through April. No concerns from Council.

Motion made by Risser, seconded by Feldmann to approve Trick or Treating to be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Ayes: all. Carried.

Hiring of new City Clerk was discussed. Risser, Engler and Burger did the interviews. Discussion took place that all candidates did a great job. Risser, Engler and Burger recommended to the Council that based on the interview and experience, Lauren Manternach be hired as the new City Clerk.

Motion by Feldmann to approve Resolution # 2018-4, “Resolution Hiring and Setting City Clerk/Treasurer Wage and Benefits”. This included hiring Lauren Manternach at a rate of \$14.00/hour with a \$.50 increase in 3 months and 6 months. Ayes: all. Carried.

Mayor Burger called Lauren Manternach and she accepted the offer as stated. She will begin training immediately as her schedule allows and will start full-time on October 16.

Clerk and Council Comments: Marugg: lightswitch in Community Center needs replaced; Tuel: question on Hall being used for funerals, etc at a lesser rate; Engler: stated why he had decided not to be put on ballot in November, but stated he would be ok with a write in; Risser: asked about putting non-emergency sheriff number on water bills, told Council old library books will be placed outside on shelf with free sign (on nice days) and thanked Todd and Mike for all their extra help during this transition time; Feldmann: spoke with Mike Sauerbry, new school property owner, about the desire to lease the playground area to the City. Sauerbry will be asked to come to next meeting.

Motion by Feldmann, seconded by Tuel to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by:
Sarah Helle
Interim City Clerk

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ATTEST:

William Burger, Mayor