

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday, May 21, 2018.

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

Roll call: Marty Marugg, Steve Engler, Clarence Tuel, Kay Risser, Dan Feldmann. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Public Works).

Motion made by Feldmann to approve agenda, seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda. Burger inquired what the payment was to the Iowa DOT for, Manternach replied it was for the paint for the streets. Motion made by Engler to approve consent agenda, seconded by Marugg. Ayes: all, carried.

Hosch advised a new lawn mower with the trade in would run \$5,231 which is what the council budgeted for in FY '19. Hosch advised we were told we can pay this when our FY '19 starts in July. Motion made by Risser to purchase lawn mower, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all, carried.

Hosch discussed fuel barrel with council and advised the fuel barrel with a stand is not allowed in town per fire marshal code. Hosch advised the garage door is acting up at the shop and he had it looked at but nothing was wrong. Council advised to keep an eye on it to see if the issue persists. Burger relayed information to council regarding Farmer's Best Popcorn moving to town and potentially building on the Rick Rave property adjacent to city hall. Council discussed purchasing property and decided to set public hearing date to June 4th to purchase this property. Motion made by Feldmann to set public hearing date to purchase Rick Rave property, seconded by Tuel. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed city wide garage sales and agreed the clerk should go ahead and plan this for the fall. Council discussed trash pick-up day and told clerk to call Roling Sanitation to see what exactly is included in the cost and if the city can decide what residents set out. Burger stated he would be asking for a motion on this the next meeting.

Council discussed extra handicap porta-potty at the ball diamond. Burger stated the new cost with this would be \$68/week and we are currently paying \$42/week. Motion made by Engler to get the handicap restroom, seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed reimbursing resident for mowing lawn at Trenkamp's house. Council agreed the city should be mowing any lawns in violation of our ordinance and charging at a rate we see fit. Burger advised to send a letter to residents in violation first and we will proceed from there. Clerk/council concerns: Manternach inquired what council would like to do at this point with Ehlermann resident as they still have not paid their water bill and they already received the shut-off notice. Manternach advised per a previous meeting the council decided they did not want to shut off residents on a Friday because they would have to wait until Monday to get their water back on, even if they paid over the weekend. Manternach advised no attempt was made by Elhermann's to reach out from Friday-Monday regarding the shut-off. Council advised to shut off the water. Manternach inquired what to do about Schlie resident as he cannot pay his bill until June 1st. Manternach advised we cannot shut off his water as he is a tenant in the apartment building and the water would be shut off for the entire building. Council advised to get in contact with the landlord and state if someone doesn't pay the bill that the water for the entire building will be shut off.

Council advised they would like to see a new ordinance that landlords are responsible for city utility bills so we do not constantly run in to these issues. Feldmann inquired if we could get this ordinance changed right away. Manternach advised we could but it might not help this situation as any current landlord/tenant relationship would be grandfathered in to the old ordinance.

Manternach advised she would reach out to the landlord. Manternach advised we would be talking about the REAP grant next meeting and building a sidewalk through the Memorial Park. Manternach advised council to start thinking about plans for this. Manternach advised there will be a large wedding at the Memorial Hall and the bride wants to set up a tent outside. Sue Burger

advised there is also a tournament going on that day as well. Council advised to set up the tent on the west side of the building toward the back of the building. Council inquired if people will have beer/liquor outside under the tent. Manternach thought they would, however we added the outdoor liquor license for the Bellamy Brothers event, so the outdoor liquor license would cover this event as well. Manternach advised here has been a \$149,000 check cut from the state for the 136 project, but we have yet to receive it. Feldmann: advised the street sign on 136 is bent. Risser inquired on cop car, Manternach advised we have not had any inquiries on it. Tuel: none. Engler: inquired about the back of the school lot, Burger advised Sauerbry is being evicted. Manternach advised she has spoke with Jake Willey, the nephew of the owner of the school who is handling everything. Manternach relayed to Jake that the city would still be interested in offering TIF for the use of the yard and playground equipment in the back. Manternach told Willey he would need to make a decision on this by December 2018. Marugg advised the creek next to his house is starting to wash out the sides. Hosch advised to let the grass grow a little longer.

Motion made by Tuel to adjourn at 8:05PM, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all, carried.

Minutes prepared by Lauren N. Manternach (City Clerk/Treasurer)