

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday January 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 Pro-Tem, Kay Risser called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with roll call: Marty Marugg, Steve Engler, Clarence Tuel, Kay Risser. Additional Attendance: Janson Wenger (City Engineer), Todd Hosch (Public Works). Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to appoint Gary Langel as the Mayor of Worthington. Ayes: all, carried. Gary Langel took his Oath of Office and appointed Kay Risser as Mayor-Pro-Tem.

Motion by Tuel, seconded by Marugg to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed minutes of 01/07/2019, December 2018 treasurer's report and current treasurer's report, Memorial Hall liquor license renewal (03/16/2019), and the clerks meeting on 03/19/2019. Langel stated there are no bills to be paid as there is no secondary signature on checks so we cannot pay bills currently and stated by Friday 02/25/2019 this will be taken care of. Risser inquired about the \$3,888 disbursement from the Memorial Hall. Manternach advised she wasn't exactly sure off hand but guessed it was most likely beer/wine/liquor purchases and advised she would get the accurate information after the meeting. Manternach explained there is now a 145/Urban Renewal account, which is a combination of all projects we will be re-paying with TIF funds. Motion by Risser, seconded by Engler to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Gary Langel went over citizen concerns and expressed his concern that council meetings need to be more structured and thus, the council is implementing a 3-minute time frame for citizens to voice their concerns. Council reviewed formal complaint regarding the noise issues, visual nuisance issues, and safety issues about Steve Steffens house. Council also reviewed the proposed abatement letter to send to Steffen. Manternach suggested if we send the abatement letter, we should pass a resolution making a list of all current visual nuisances in town and what years we plan to take care of such nuisances. Council decided to have Langel speak with Steffen and Manternach would attend this meeting prior to sending the formal abatement letter. Citizen inquired when the property next to city hall would be cleaned up. Manternach advised it should have been done in December and she has had a hard time getting in touch with the excavator. Manternach explained we have to go with the current excavator as this company is the only one in the area that does asbestos removal and excavation. Citizen inquired if we were going to do anything about barking dogs. Manternach explained that the citizen needs to come to city hall and fill out a formal complaint form before anything else can be done.

Langel opened public hearing at 6:51PM regarding the 2019 Worthington Commercial Urban Revitalization Area. Tuel inquired if there was any news when they were going to open the gas station. Manternach advised they will be waiting on us as our final pass of the Urban Renewal Area Amendment will be on 02/04/2019. Public hearing was closed at 6:52PM.

Langel opened public hearing at 6:52PM regarding East Avenue Storm Sewer Project. City engineer and citizen discussed existing intake, slope/elevation, and size of new intake. Citizen expressed concern about signing easement, Wenger advised he would sit down with citizen and go over measurements. Public hearing was closed at 7:00PM. Council reviewed and considered bids for the East End Storm Sewer Project. Wenger advised 14 bids were submitted for the project, 13 bids were opened, 1 bid was not opened due to an incorrect bid bond form and was considered non-responsive. Wenger advised the bids ranged from \$74,260.25 to \$107,923.00 with Tschiggfrie out of Dubuque, IA being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Risser to designate the lowest responsible responsive bidder as Tschiggfrie. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed water/wastewater reports. Manternach advised there was a 27% water loss in December and Mike Lansing would keep an eye on that over the following months. Tuel inquired about seal fail on pump one. Manternach advised the figure for a new pump is figured into the new budget. No update on public works.

Council discussed holding an appointment on 02/04/2019 for the open council seat. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Marugg to have any interested persons submit their name and phone number to the clerk's office prior to 6:30PM on 02/04/2019. Ayes: all, carried.

Motion by Risser, seconded by Marugg to hold a special budget meeting workshop for FY 2020 on Thursday 01/24/2019 at 6:30PM at City Hall. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed the now open committee/board positions. Manternach advised the BI-County Ambulance board member position has been filled by Mel White. Tuel volunteered to attend the Emergency management commission annual budget meeting on 02/06/2019 in Epworth. The superintendent position is filled by Gary Langel. Motion by Risser, seconded by Tuel to appoint Gary Langel as Superintendent. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed estimate on floor scrubber. Hosch advised the current floor scrubber is not sucking up water. Hosch advised he would get numbers on how much it would be to fix the current floor scrubber and did add that the floor scrubber is 20 years old.

Council discussed and reviewed estimate of under \$1,000 on lowering the stage, ship lapping the side of the stage, and laying the floor on the Memorial Hall stage. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Tuel to approve work and estimate done on Memorial Hall stage.

Council reviewed and discussed proposal from Midwest Business for a leased printer. Motion by Risser, seconded by Engler to lease printer from Midwest Business Products for \$88.91/month.

Council reviewed and discussed potential for different council/mayor pay and different meeting schedules. Council determined it was not possible to go down to one meeting per month and tabled council rate of pay change.

Council reviewed and discussed fire department monetary request for FY 2020. Council reviewed workers compensation for the fire department. Manternach relayed figures: premium started at \$3,552, then raised to \$6,118.00 due to more firemen and claim history. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Engler to pay the fire department \$6,000 for FY 2020.

Council reviewed resolutions and ordinances. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18 A resolution approving OB LLC 5th Addition. Roll call. Ayes: Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Risser. Carried. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Risser to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19 A resolution approving OB LLC 6th Addition. Roll call. Ayes: Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Risser. Carried. Motion by Engler, seconded by Marugg to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20: A Resolution Adopting the Proposed Plan for the 2019 Worthington Commercial Urban Revitalization Area. Roll call. Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Risser. Carried. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to consider motion to introduce and approve first reading of ORDINANCE #185: An Ordinance Designating an Area of Worthington, Iowa, as the 2019 Worthington Commercial Urban Revitalization Area. Roll call. Ayes: Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Risser. Carried. Motion by Risser, seconded by Engler to consider motion to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meeting prior to this meeting with respect to ORDINANCE #185. Roll call. Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Risser. Carried. Motion by Risser, seconded by Marugg to consider motion for final passage and adoption with respect to ORDINANCE #185 An Ordinance Designating an Area of Worthington, Iowa, as the 2019 Worthington Commercial Urban Revitalization Area. Roll call. Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Risser. Carried.

Motion by Marugg, seconded by Tuel to adjourn at 7:55PM. Ayes: all, carried.
Minutes prepared by Lauren N. Manternach (City clerk/treasurer).