

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday, November 20, 2017.

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: Jason Wenger (City Engineer), Todd Hosch (Street Superintendent), Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater Operator), Stacie Tobin (Librarian).

Motion by Feldmann to approve agenda. Seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried. No questions regarding *bills to be paid* or 11-06-2017 minutes. Burger questioned if we should have a Treasurers Report every meeting. Manternach responded the Treasurers Report would only be once a month but the *bills to be paid* would be every meeting.

Meetings to attend: Manternach inquired if she could attend the Government Accounting 101 Workshop. Manternach reported it would be \$75.00.

Motion by Marugg to approve consent agenda in addition to Government Accounting 101 workshop. Seconded by Engler. Ayes: all, carried.

Citizen concerns: Manternach reported a phone call was received from a citizen in regard to a barking dog; council directed as of now to send letter. Lansing reported a complaint was received from a resident regarding three telephone poles across their property and creek. Wenger pointed out these poles are not Alliant's and we will need to follow up to get rid of these.

Other business, wastewater and operations report: Lansing advised he would get back to calculating the water loss once the new system is up and running. Lansing reported Dyersville would be purchasing a new sewer jet and questioned if Worthington would be interested in purchasing/renting from Dyersville. Lansing pointed out our current unit is from 1976 and if it breaks it would be very costly. Lansing provided preliminary figures if Worthington and Dyersville were to purchase this, Burger instructed we would revisit in the future.

Hosch inquired if it would be possible to get a set of pallet forks. Hosch suggested he could use the skid loader to hang the Christmas lights, but if we purchased the pallet forks, he would use them for more than just hanging lights. Feldmann suggested to barrow the pallet forks this year and add them to the budget to buy next year.

Hosch inquired if he removed snow fast enough by himself or if the council would prefer Cody Kelchen, the back-up driver, to help him speed up the snow removal process. Feldmann suggested if there is heavy snowfall to contact Kelchen. Hosch confirmed he should use his best discretion per every snowfall if he needs to call Kelchen for backup.

Stacie Tobin, librarian, questioned if the library could be open Mondays in addition to being open Wednesdays and Saturdays. Risser questioned if it would be from 2-6 on Mondays. Tobin confirmed. Motion by Tuel for the library to be open 4 hours on Mondays from 2-6, effective 11-27-2017. Seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried. Risser inquired if the fire extinguisher could be moved in the library. Manternach advised it could be moved but it does have to remain waist high to be accessible to children.

Reviewed Municipal Leadership Academy information. No additional interest on council behalf.

Council reviewed resolution 2018-07. Manternach informed council the resolution needs to be approved prior to submitting TIF on 12-01-2017 and we could have a second meeting for this.

Motion by Feldmann to approve Resolution 2018-07: Resolution Approving Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2017 with Burger giving all council members a call with TIF numbers prior to signing off. Seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried.

Clerk and Council Concerns. Feldmann: none. Risser: questioned if there are issues with new computer. Manternach responded there are some issues with the transfer of the software, but we are currently working through it and the computer runs great. Risser also inquired where we are

with the new lights in the industrial park. Burger informed he is working with Alliant and REC to progress the project. Tuel: none. Marugg: questioned who was in front of the Lahr house laying new concrete. Council responded it was a gas company laying a new pipe. Engler: inquired if Feldmann had talked to Mike Sauerbry, who is the new owner of the school, regarding the playground equipment. Feldmann informed council Sauerbry would lease the ground to us, but he would prefer to sell the equipment for \$5,000 and have the equipment moved. Council discussed parking issue when events are going on at the school and the liability to the owner of the school with this. Burger suggested he would speak with the owner and continue this discussion with him. Burger questioned where we are with the 136 Project walk-through. Wenger responded it is becoming difficult to get everyone's schedules to jive up with the holidays but he would contact us when the date is established. Wenger also informed council we cannot get reimbursed for the Dorsey and Whitney \$5,000 legal fee for the 136 Project. Motion by Risser to adjourn at 8:01. Seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all, carried.

Minutes prepared by  
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