

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council  
Monday, May 15, 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: Public Works Director, Todd Hosch; Water/Wastewater Operator, Mike Lansing; Highway 136 Project Engineer, Jason Wenger.

Motion by Feldmann to approve the agenda, seconded by Risser, all ayes, carried.

Starting with maintenance issues, Feldmann asked to discuss alternative action to abate grass nuisances, as he felt the current practice of sending a letter with a 10 day notice to abate is not practical. This issue spurred with him realizing that someone in the City was mowing their neighbor's lawn because it was not getting taken care of. It was agreed that Faust will send a letter to the owner stating if their lawn is not properly taken care of, the City will mow it once/week and assess the costs to their taxes. This will be their only warning for the year.

Hosch gave the council various quotes on estimated costs to replace his sweep-all or the repair costs for the current one. The council would like time to further review the information, and it will be discussed at a date closer to the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Lansing reported that everything was well on both the water and sewer side. The only issue the City is running into is the battery life of the current water meter handheld device. Because the current handheld is so old, there is no longer a battery replacement for it. Motion by Risser to approve purchase of new handheld replacement, software updates, and the annual support fee, seconded by Engler. Ayes: Risser, Engler, Tuel, Marugg. Nays: Feldmann. Motion carried.

For citizen concerns, the council had been asked if they would consider buying a load of compost for the citizens to use. The council agreed it would not be in the City's best interest to invest in this.

The second part of citizen concerns, consider adding monthly yardwaste charges, was an item Feldmann wanted to discuss. He said he has been hearing good things from citizens on the yardwaste zone, and some people have told him they would not mind if the City would charge a small monthly fee for the use of this service. Burger said he would like to first see if yardwaste expenses could be taken out of any LOST monies before pushing these fees off to the citizens. Faust will check into this inquiry and will be further discussed at the next council meeting.

At 7:08 PM, Burger closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing to hear questions and comments in regards to awarding the bid for the Highway 136 Improvements Project and for the offers for the sale of Lot #11 of Sunset View Subdivision. Wenger gave a quick recap of the bid letting, but there were no further questions or comments to report. In regards to the sale of Lot #11 of Sunset View Subdivision, the interested buyers had rejected the City's counteroffer, so Lot #11 will remain for sale to the public.

At 7:14 PM, Burger closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

Motion by Feldmann to approve Resolution #2017-24, A Resolution Approving and Making Award of Contract for the Highway 136 Improvements Project, seconded by Tuel. Roll call. Ayes: Marugg, Engler, Risser, Feldmann, Tuel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuel to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Treasurers Report, and Budget Breakdown, seconded by Marugg, all ayes, carried.

With the council considering adding yardwaste charges to the monthly utility bills, the council agreed to wait to pass Resolution #2017-25, A Resolution Proposing Amending Chapter 5 of

Title VI, Adding Section 6-5-5, Provisions Pertaining to Refuse Rates, so the resolution died due to a lack of motion.

Motion by Feldmann to approve Resolution #2017-26, A Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Amendment to Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, seconded by Marugg. Roll call. Ayes: Risser, Feldmann, Tuel, Engler, Marugg. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Faust wanted to briefly review the building permits ordinance with the council, as there were a few differences of opinion on what types of projects needed a building permit and which did not. The council felt the current system works well, and they do not have any arguments or concerns to report. They ultimately agreed to leave the wording alone as of now and leave the judgement up to Faust on whether a building permit is needed or not.

There were no more changes to discuss on Resolution #2017-21, A Resolution Setting Community Center/Memorial Hall Rental Rates for Special Groups, so after a few minor changes, the resolution will be set to pass at the next meeting.

After brief discussion on the next course of action for Rick Rave's property, the council would like to give Rave one last chance to work with the City before further action is taken. If the City is not contacted by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the council will discuss the next action at the next council meeting. The City had been receiving multiple complaints about the wellbeing of a resident's dogs, so the council feels the sheriff should be called to perform a welfare check. Motion by Feldmann to call the Dubuque County Sheriff to perform a welfare check on the dogs, seconded by Risser. All ayes, except for Engler, who chose to abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Feldmann to adjourn at 8:18 PM, seconded by Engler, all ayes, carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Robyn Faust

City Clerk/Treasurer

Revenues: General Fund \$31,974.98; Ball Park Lights \$5,000.00; LOST \$4,219.54; TIF \$14,810.63; Road Use \$3,174.45; Debt Service \$2,236.00; Water \$3,495.07; Sewer \$4,079.86; Hall \$64.25