

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday April 18th, 2022. Meeting was conducted in the Council chambers. 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, Larry Smock, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with roll call: Rick Wolfe, Chris Smock, Tony Lueck, Julie Gansen present. Missy Kremer arrived at 6:35. Additional attendance: Sue Burger (Memorial Hall Manager), Austin Stelken (Water/wastewater Affidavit), Jason Wenger (City Engineer), Eldon Trumm, Gary Langel, Allison & Jonathon Gassman, Jeremiah Howell, Joe Bonert, and Nick Kamp (Citizens).

FUND-MARCH.	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$10,030.14	\$16,460.19
MEMORIAL HALL	\$2,928.78	\$7,860.72
ROAD USE TAX	\$1,622.63	\$4908.54
TIF	\$5599.85	\$0
WATER	\$6,744.22	\$12257.80
WATER DEPOSIT	\$0	\$100.00
SEWER	\$6,399.08	\$11,237.34
LOCAL OPTION	\$4755.10	\$0

Mayor Smock requested the building permit #1367 for 206 1st St S (Bonert) be moved to general business, and city clerk noted under Resolution 6 c. Resolution # 2021-17 is a typing error and should read #2022-17.

Motion by Lueck, seconded by C. Smock to correct error and move building permit #1367. All Ayes, motion carried. Motion by Gansen, seconded by Wolfe to approve the rest of the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda consisting of minutes of 03/21/2022 and 3/31/2022, March list of bills to be paid, March 2022 treasurer's report, Dubuque Co sheriff reports, White porch, Kass shop, Kamp demolition, S & S addition and Hanson solar panels building permits, Last Straw liquor license renewal and a cigarette permit renewal for Morning Star Gas Station. Motion by Gansen, seconded by Wolfe to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Citizen Concerns: Gary Langel presented information and pricing regarding the benches for outside the Memorial Hall funded by memorial money from the Olsem family. He also talked about having spoken to the Steger family regarding Glen Steger memorial money. We will put together a list to present to the Steger family about possible project funding. Motion by Lueck, seconded by C Smock to allow city clerk, Sue Burger and Gary Langel to purchase benches with memorial plaques for the front of the Memorial hall not to exceed budget of memorials given for this project. All Ayes, motion carried. Nick Kamp asked if he need a building permit to fill in the Steffen lot area recently purchased. Mayor Smock informed Nick a building permit was not required. After review of Bonert building permit #1367 to cut curb, it was decided the permit needed the approval of DOT to cut said curb. Motion by Lueck seconded by Wolfe to approve Building permit #1367 for 206 1st St S for Bonert to cut curb contingent on the approval and proper permit provided by the DOT. All ayes, motion carried.

Water/wastewater: Mayor introduced and welcomed Austin Stelken as the new Wastewater affidavit operator. Austin reported on the water loss calculations for the quarter and that he flushed the hydrants the week of April 13th. Public Works: Public works employee Todd presented new estimate numbers for steel repairs and gutters on the maintenance shop building and reported fixing the electrical going to the siren at Memorial Park. He is still going to replace the breaker box and this should be done next week. City engineer Jason Wenger reported on the roadway collapsing at the storm water intake in front of the Morning Star gas station and suggested we may have to pay for this ourselves and it would be wise to do this in conjunction with the 2nd St NE HMA project. He is still awaiting final confirmation from the DOT and will give us more information at a later date. Mayor Smock provided notes from the meeting he and Todd had with the arborist regarding the new trees being sent for the Memorial Park. Todd has a revised list of trees we will be receiving, since the arborist suggested we stay with the oak variety in the park. He also talked at length with Todd and Larry regarding what it would take in regards to time and money to save the existing trees. He will have to take a better look once the trees have started to bud later this spring. The arborist notes are available at city hall if anyone wished to review them. Memorial Hall: Burger advised the walk-in cooler went out and the thermostat needed to be fixed. Todd reported that Prier Brothers had suggested we put glass front coolers in the back of the bar. After discussion on

the pros and cons Council decided this was not a viable option and requested Todd get an estimate on the compressor which will need to be replaced and is budgeted for in the 2023 budget. Joe Bonert suggested getting some type of App that would alert staff if the temperature were to rise too high in the cooler. Sue also informed council she has been getting requests for rental of the Memorial hall for graduation parties. The inquiring clients would like to bring in their own alcohol or serve alcohol outside, Sue has not allowed this and council agreed she is right in following the city policies regarding this matter. Other Business: The council discussed request from citizens Allison and Jonathon Gassman on revising chicken ordinance. Council was presented with the current ordinance which does not allow chickens within city limits as well as a sample ordinance from neighboring community allowing chickens. Mayor mentioned the current ordinance could stand and council has the option of offering a one-off exception to the ordinance to allow the Gasmann's to keep chickens. After questions and discussion, the council decided to table the request at this time and will revisit at the next council meeting. Motion to table until next meeting made by Lueck, seconded by Gansen, all ayes, motion carried. City clerk reports the DRA grant program will be open on May 1. Possible ideas for grant request are new blinds and carpet for the community center. Other ideas brought up were a new slide for Memorial Park. At this time there was discussion in regards to a gaga ball court at the Memorial park, perhaps replacing the current volleyball court area. Parks committee will look into this and report back to council. Kluesner Sanitation has requested to change the garbage pickup day to Thursdays beginning April 28. Kluesner will put stickers on all garbage cans on April 22 and city clerk will post notices around town and at city hall. Motion to change garbage pickup day to Thursday by Gansen seconded by Kremer. All ayes, motion carried. City clerk would also like to remind all citizens on how the totes need to properly placed at the curb. At least two feet apart and with the metal bar in the center of the totes facing out to the street. City clerk reported she is still waiting to hear back from DOT regarding posted speed limit sign heading North on 136 on the outskirts of town. Council member Kremer brought to the attention of the council a dog concern. There are loose dogs in her neighborhood. Mayor Smock, also the animal control officer, requested Kremer fill out a formal complaint form and the city would send a written warning to the offending animals' owners. Nick Kamp requested and received a current copy of the flood plain map. City engineer Jason Wenger briefly commented on how it could possibly effects homeowners. Deliberation and action on enrolling in the ECIA Keep Iowa Beautiful Program. Motion by C. Smock, seconded by Gansen to approve paying \$500.00 for a year to enroll in the program. All Ayes: Motion carried. The next step will be recruiting citizens to serve on a community "betterment" committee for this program.

Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal year 2023 Budget. Motion to open public hearing on proposed FY2023 budget by Lueck, seconded by C. Smock Roll call. Ayes: Wolfe, Gansen, Kremer, C. Smock, Lueck, Motion carried. No comments, questions, or concerns. Motion to close public hearing on proposed FY2023 budget made by Lueck seconded by Kremer. Roll call: Wolfe, C. Smock, Kremer, Gansen, Lueck. All Ayes. Motion carried. Review of bids and Designation of Lowest Responsive, responsible bidder for 2nd St NE HMA Resurfacing project presented by Jason Wenger city engineer. Jason presented the bid tabulation of bids opened at city hall on Monday April 18 at 1:00. There were three bids with one being returned to bidder unopened due to incorrect bond paperwork. Motion to designate Tschiggfrie as the lowest responsible bidder made by C. Smock, seconded by Lueck, all ayes. Motion carried. Hearing on Proposed 2nd St NE HMA resurfacing project. Motion to open public hearing on Proposed 2nd St NE HMA resurfacing project by Lueck, seconded by Wolfe. Wolfe, Kremer, C. Smock, Lueck, Gansen. All Ayes, motion carried. No comments, questions, or concerns. Motion to close public hearing on Proposed 2nd St NE HMA resurfacing project by Wolfe seconded by Kremer. Roll call. Wolfe, Gansen, Lueck, Kremer, C. Smock. All Ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTION #2022-15: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON'S FY '23 BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2023 AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON. Motion by Lueck, seconded by C. Smock to approve Resolution #2022-15. Roll call: Lueck, C. Smock, Wolfe, Gansen, Kremer. All Ayes. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION #2022-16: A RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND CONFIRMING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORMS OF CONTRACT & ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR 2ND ST NE HMA RESURFACING PROJECT Motion to approve Resolution #2022-17 by Kremer, seconded by C. Smock. Roll call. Ayes: Wolfe, Gansen, Kremer, C. Smock, Lueck. All Ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-17: A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET WHICH RUNS JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. City clerk reported they are still working on amendment numbers but they will be finished and ready for publication before the required May publication date. Motion by Wolfe seconded by Lueck to approve resolution 2022-17. Roll call. Ayes: Wolfe, Lueck, Kremer, C. Smock, Gansen. Motion carried.

CLERK/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE UPDATES: Mayor reported on the Sunset subdivision Phase 2 project. There was a conference call regarding a timeline with bonding attorneys Dorsey Whitney and we will continue to move forward with this project at this time. City Clerk reported Lonesome Road a high energy country band has been scheduled to play Sat June 25 from 6-10 pm. for Music in the Park. Tickets are officially being sold at City Hall for the Bellamy Brothers and John Conlee Benefit the Vets concert on Sun Sept 18.

Motion by C. Smock, seconded by Lueck to adjourn at 8:36PM. Ayes: all, carried. Minutes prepared by Teri Smock, City Clerk.

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Theresa Smock
City Clerk

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Larry J. Smock
Mayor