

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Meeting was conducted via Zoom due to pandemic. 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, Gary Langel, called the meeting to order at 6:40PM with roll call: Ron Leuchs, Marty Marugg, Chris Smock (Zoom), Tony Lueck. Steve Engler. Additional attendance: Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater Operator), Sue Burger (Memorial Hall Manager).

FUND-OCTOBER.	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$36,007.66	\$17,185.58
MEMORIAL HALL	\$4,265.58	\$6,712.79
ROAD USE TAX	\$2,358.70	\$1,915.15
TIF	\$2,699.33	\$0
WATER	\$6,115.20	\$2,926.63
URBAN RENEWAL	\$0	\$0
SEWER	\$5,977.86	\$3,026.63
LOCAL OPTION	\$5,280.76	\$0

Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Marugg to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda which consisted of minutes of 10-19-2020, October 2020 listing of bills to be paid, and October 2020 Treasurers Report. Lueck inquired what the McDermott bill was for. Manternach advised that was for the remaining clean-up of the retention pond trees and the project is now complete. Lueck inquired of the \$100 water deposit payments for two utility customers. Manternach advised this is the water utility deposit utility customers receive back after one year of timely payments. Langel inquired if the \$3,277.15 claim for Roling Sanitation included the large garbage pickup day. Manternach confirmed and advised the large garbage pick-up day cost \$1,498.75 and in 2019 it cost \$1,436.50. Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Citizen Concerns: none

Memorial Hall Updates-Langel/Manternach/Burger discussed Reynolds press conference at 6:00pm this evening and that it appears as though there would be no more weddings this year due to the restriction of 15 people for indoor events due to pandemic. Manternach advised she would follow up with bride on options.

Water/Wastewater Update: Lansing advised last month he flushed the water hydrants and advised he is having water smell (sulfur) complaint from one resident on Park Drive about every two weeks. Lansing advised he is working on the solution. Lansing advised on the wastewater side he has been doing manhole inspections, found a couple small projects we can start to stop the infiltration issues.

Public Works: Council reviewed estimate for new expression swing and bays at Veterans Square. Manternach advised we did receive the Alliant Energy grant for \$1,000 which brought our total grants for this project to \$3,000. Lueck inquired if we could check with other cities on their plans for any playground equipment to see if we could get the freight split. Manternach advised she would follow up with the company and other cities regarding freight. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Smock to proceed with ordering the new 6-bay swing set and expression swing pending freight concerns.

General: Council discussed easement issue and Black Hills gas line going through prescriptive easement. Manternach advised Black Hills is waiting on a final decision from the city on this easement issue. Manternach also advised the attorney opinion is that we can cite a prescriptive easement through this area. Smock added he does not think we should continue with original discussed plans, as that scenario creates issues for the future council and property owner in 50+ years. Council agreed. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Smock to proceed with obtaining a utility easement from resident for the price per square foot of the assessed value of the lot, not to exceed \$3,500 and to restrict building over the utility. Ayes: all, carried.

Resolutions/Ordinances: Council reviewed proposed following resolutions. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Lueck to approve RESOLUTION #2020-37: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TIF CERTIFICATION FORMS. Ayes: Leuchs, Lueck, Smock, Marugg, Engler. Carried. Motion by Smock, seconded by Engler to approve RESOLUTION #2020-38: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON TO REQUEST FEMA MONIES OR COVID-19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELIEF MONIES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19. Ayes: Smock, Engler, Lueck, Leuchs, Marugg. Carried. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Leuchs to approve RESOLUTION #2020-39: A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDING TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION: CHAPTER 3 TRAFFIC CODE. Ayes: Lueck, Leuchs, Marugg, Smock, Engler. Carried. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Leuchs to approve RESOLUTION #2020-40: A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDING TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 10-BUILDING PERMITS AND REGULATIONS. Ayes: Marugg, Leuchs, Lueck, Smock, Engler. Carried.

Clerk/Council/Committee Updates: Manternach advised Dave Schmitt Construction has moved the Water Looping Main Project to spring. Leuchs inquired of the Kamp drainage issue. Manternach advised she met with Steve Ludwig, Nick Kamp, and Jason Wegner. Manternach advised we are waiting for Greiner to start the project. Marugg inquired where we are at with the pit bull lawsuit. Langel updated council. Smock expressed concern about sheriff activity. Langel instructed Manternach to get sheriff here next meeting to review agreement and requested breakdown of sheriff activity in our zip code over the year. Langel relayed mask mandate information to council.

Motion by Marugg, second by Lueck to adjourn at 7:49PM. Ayes: all, carried.

Minutes prepared by Lauren Manternach, City Clerk.

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Gary F. Langel  
Mayor

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Lauren N. Manternach  
City Clerk