

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday August 16th, 2021. 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 6:30PM with roll call: Steve Engler, Tony Lueck, Ron Leuchs, Chris Smock, Marty Marugg. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (public works), Mike Lansing (water/wastewater operator), Jason Wenger (city engineer), Sue Burger (memorial hall manager), Eldon Trumm (resident).

FUND-JUNE.	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$14,965.39	\$12,358.57
MEMORIAL HALL	\$5,100.44	\$3,947.10
ROAD USE TAX	\$4,266.41	\$2,178.28
TIF	\$393.11	\$13,477
WATER	\$6,523.17	\$7,909.17
URBAN RENEWAL	\$26,954	\$13,477
SEWER	\$5,001.76	\$7,880.64
LOCAL OPTION	\$18,779.92	\$24,088.88

Motion by Marugg, seconded by Leuchs to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda which consisted of minutes of 07-19-2021 and 07-30-2021, July 2021 listing of bills to be paid, July 2021 treasurer’s report, building permit for Rodney Coohy, and The Last Straw liquor license. Langel advised himself, Smock, and Leuchs met with Coohy to review plans for his submitted building permit. Council further discussed Coohy building permit in detail regarding grading and future plans for intake area. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Lueck to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried

CITIZENS CONCERNS: Trumm advised he didn’t have concerns yet. Langel again informed Trumm his time to speak on items on the agenda was during citizen concerns, and not interjecting during the rest of the meeting during council discussion.

WATER/WASTEWATER: Lansing reviewed water main break on East end of town with council and provided pictures. Lansing reminded council that a plan will need to be developed to start replacing the water and sewer mains throughout town as they are at the end of their life expectancy. Jason Wenger, city engineer reviewed pay application #3 with the council. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Smock to approve pay application #3 to Dave Schmitt Construction. Ayes: all, carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Hosch advised a home built in 2019 has not yet seeded their grass and it has been over a year. Langel instructed Manternach to call homeowner to inform them of ordinance.

MEMORIAL HALL: Burger and council discussed change to rental contract. Burger advised she would like to see the following verbiage be added: if a couple gets married in the hall, they must have the reception there. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Smock to approve rental contract addition that a marriage in the hall, must be accompanied by the reception in the hall. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed pay benefit for Memorial Hall employees transitioning from a wedding on Saturday September 18th through the Benefit the Vets concert on Sunday September 19th. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Leuchs to approve pay after midnight on the night of the wedding is overtime for employees. Ayes: all, carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Manternach advised the state is providing \$9,500 to municipalities for

technology and the city was able to purchase a desktop, and 7 laptops through this funding. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Engler to appoint Manternach as representative to place order for Worthington jurisdiction for BUYIT program. Ayes: all, carried. Manternach presented an itemized expense report to the council, requesting that this spreadsheet accompany all receipts turned in to city hall for spending accountability purposes. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Smock to approve the itemized expense report. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed having Not Quite Brothers back to Memorial Hall with opener High Bank Boys. NQB offered to play at the hall if they could take the door and the hall could have the bar. Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to approve Not Quite Brothers playing at Memorial Hall on March 19th, 2022, with the city supplying the security and being reimbursed by the band. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed rubber mulch vs. wood mulch for under the swing set. Manternach advised the initial rubber mulch expense would be around \$2,700, Hosch advised the initial wood mulch would be around \$1,000 and we need to re-fill it every year for around \$100. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Marugg to approve purchase of rubber mulch for swing set area. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to approve trick-or-treat on October 31st, 2021 from 5:30PM-7:00PM. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed building permit requirements per the building permit ordinance. Langel suggested Manternach follow up with building permit committee on this matter, so it can be discussed in more detail.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: Manternach presented a request for increase in wages during her last 10 months of employment, detailing all the additional duties she has taken on and the experienced skillset required for this job. Trumm interjected from audience during council discussion and encouraged council to hire a replacement now and immediately terminate Manternach. Langel countered by saying that was not an agenda item, then proceeded by calling for a motion for the wage increase. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Smock to approve Resolution #2021-17: A Resolution Approve a Request for an Increase in Wages. Ayes: Engler, Lueck, Leuchs, Smock, Marugg. Carried. Council reviewed Resolution #2021-18. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Lueck to approve Resolution #2021-18: A Resolution Appointing Commissioners to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority from the City of Worthington, IA. Ayes: Engler, Lueck, Leuchs, Smock, Marugg. Carried.

CLERK/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE UPDATES: Manternach provided council with updated 10-year plan for the city and reviewed 2020 Census numbers with council. Numbers dropped from 401 in 2010 to 382 in 2020. Manternach advised she did a re-count based off her general knowledge since we have five new homes in town since 2010, and came up with 395. Manternach suggested, if there are more new homes in the next two years, the council might want to consider a re-count, depending on the cost, as we receive about \$175 per capita, per year for local option sales tax, and around \$125 per capita, per year for Road Use Tax.

Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Lueck to adjourn at 7:48PM. Ayes: all, carried. Minutes taken and prepared by Lauren Manternach, City Clerk.

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Gary F. Langel
Mayor

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Lauren N. Manternach
City Clerk

