

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday February 19, 2018.

Mayor, Bill Burger, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
GENERAL	\$3,597.80	\$13,532.19
MEMORIAL HALL	\$2,415.62	\$1,540.47
ROAD USE TAX	\$6,948.65	\$1,447.40
TIF	\$0	\$0
WATER	\$5,534.58	\$3,696.46
SEWER FUNDS	\$4,526.91	\$5,416.46
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$84.64	\$350.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,489.64	\$0

Roll Call: Marty Marugg, Steve Engler, Clarence Tuel, Kay Risser, Dan Feldmann. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Street Superintendent), Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater operator), Joe Kennedy (Dubuque County Sheriff)

Motion by Feldmann to approve the agenda, seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Tuel to approve consent agenda, seconded by Engler. Ayes: all, carried.

Joe Kennedy with the Dubuque County Sheriff Department provided an update with the contract with Worthington. Kennedy advised they are happy with the contract at this point and there haven't been any issues on their end. Kennedy also advised they were able to find the people who were breaking into vehicles about three weeks ago. Manternach inquired if they would be open to renewing the contract. Kennedy advised as long as we are content with the contract, they are also satisfied at this point. Kennedy did advise there could be an increase in the contract amount to correspond with wage increases. Lansing inquired what has been the biggest offenses they have seen. Kennedy advised the burglaries in town as well as a traffic stop where they found 65 grams of Meth in the vehicle. Lansing also inquired if the Dubuque County Sheriff Department handled barking dog complaints. Kennedy advised they can only enforce state code and they cannot enforce the city ordinances. Kennedy advised in regard to barking dog complaints, the city can write up a letter regarding the barking dog complaint and the Dubuque County Sheriff Department will serve the letter to the resident for free. Kennedy added at the beginning of the month the City of Worthington is getting a statement showing the activity throughout the month. Burger added when the sheriff delivers a letter from the City regarding a nuisance, it seems to be a lot more effective.

Water/wastewater update: Lansing advised with the temperatures warming up, the frost will continue going further into the ground, so anyone with potential issues need to be keeping a close eye.

Street Superintendent update: Hosch advised he was gone Saturday and Cody Kelchen came in to move snow, he said he did a good job and got everything done he needed to.

Council discussed State Revolving Fund (sewer loan) and looked into paying it off faster than anticipated. Manternach suggested taking the 34,000 we currently have in the debt service account and paying it toward the sewer loan now to save on interest in the future. Manternach suggested continuing to take out the \$13/per month per account until May, then lowering the amount we put toward the debt service account to \$8.75/account for June and July, and paying it off in July. Manternach suggested to continue to take out \$6.50/per month per account to a special retainage account for the sewer fund. Manternach advised if we follow this plan there will be roughly \$14,000 going in to this special account and \$14,000 which will be going in to

the sewer fund account for operations. Motion by Risser to approve the plan to pay off the sewer loan, seconded by Marugg. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed estimate for the Worthington Memorial Hall Bridal room. Burger went through the list of estimates and advised it would cost roughly \$5,393 for this room. Engler inquired if vanity was included in estimate, Burger confirmed. Tuel inquired if we can be going in the negative for this room. Manternach advised we really shouldn't be going in to debt in a proprietary fund but we can barrow from another fund. Council reviewed finances for the bridal hall. Motion by Marugg to approve the bridal room, seconded by Risser. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed Dr. Pepper Snapple Grant. Council advised clerk does not need to present grants to council that will not cost any money to the City. Council advised to provide updates on any grants the clerk is pursuing under clerk/council concerns.

Council reviewed TIF amendment. Clerk inquired if TIF amendment should include the purchase price of the lot with three acres as she is working on amending the current TIF with Dorsey & Whitney. Council confirmed to table the amendment for two weeks until we know more information on the purchase price on the lots.

Clerk and Council Concerns: Marugg: none, Engler inquired if any money came back from the DOT, Burger advised he spoke with the Engineer, Jason McDermott, and said it should be coming very soon. Tuel none, Risser inquired if we have received the 25MPH signs, Manternach confirmed and advised we could not put them up yet because the ground was frozen. Feldmann informed council on the budget numbers from the last meeting and where the \$155,000 that was in question came from. Manternach advised council of Sewer Sinking Fund which was in question last meeting. Manternach explained the Sewer Sinking Fund was another fund which was set up for the Debt Service Sewer Account, Manternach advised we will be getting rid of one of these account so money is not paid out of two different accounts for the same thing. Motion by Tuel to adjourn at 7:40PM, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes, all: carried.