

Worthington City Council meeting Monday February 16th, 2026. Meeting held in City Hall council chambers. Mayor Chris Smock called meeting to order at 6:30PM with roll call: Tony Lueck, Rick Wolfe, Kim Sheehy present. Sara Schirmer called in. Also present: Burger (Memorial Hall) Hosch (public works) Jesse Geordt (developer) and Ben McDermott (Cascade communications) and citizen Isaac Manternach.

JAN 2026 TREASURERS REPORT

FUND	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$ 3,903.24	\$ 13,399.11
MEMORIAL HALL	\$ 14,760.75	\$ 5,432.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$ 3,080.54	\$ 2,657.17
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$ 8,041.81	\$ 0.00
URBAN RENEWAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
WATER	\$ 6,540.58	\$ 3,877.04
SEWER	\$ 6,359.61	\$ 4,310.22

Motion by Wolfe, second by Lueck to approve agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Sheehy, second by Lueck to approve the consent agenda consisting of Jan 19 2026 council meeting, Jan 26 work session minutes, Jan 2026 claims listing, Treasurers Report, Building permit 2026-1429: (March) 101 1st St N garage addition. Worthington Athletic Assoc beer license concession stand, Clerk to attend IMFOA conference in Des Moines April 15-17. All Ayes: Carried. Council reviewed letter of intent to fill open council seat received from Isaac Manternach. Motion to approve appointing Manternach to open seat made by Lueck, second by Sheehy. Roll call. Ayes: Wolfe, Schirmer, Lueck, Sheehy. Motion carried. Manternach took oath of office and joined council at table. Ben McDermott (Cascade Communications) addressed council on putting a building in town, and possible limitations. Public Works: bid on salt storage building for budget. Memorial Hall: Motion by Lueck second by Schirmer to purchase two tickets to Dyersville Area Chamber meeting to be held at Worthington Memorial Hall Wed. March 25. City thanks MidwestOne bank for \$800.00 grant for community center upgrade project. Clerk asked for clarifications on for sale property 212 Park Dr questions being asked. It is a residential property, council would not consider commercial building there, Clerk will investigate procedure and cost for getting dwelling condemned and talk to city engineer on possibility of filling ravine that runs through the property. Council member Wolfe, who is the fire chief, advised it is too close to other properties to allow a controlled burn. Clerk has a petition at City Hall for residents to sign in support of the 1st Ave E mill and overlay project. Or drop off a letter of support by March 1st. Jesse Geordt with CJK provided an update on the sunset subdivision. The bonding attorney asked to reschedule a call in to discuss possible economic development options. After council discussion, Motion by Lueck second by Sheehy to offer Ken and Tara Braurer a three-year economic development forgivable loan for purchaser of 209 1st Ave W property if they open a store front eating establishment. Roll call: Wolfe, Schirmer, Manternach, Sheehy, Lueck All Ayes, motion carried. Council discussed FY2027 budget and max levy amounts. Motion by Sheehy, second by Lueck to keep the regular city council meeting on March 16 and keep the additional meeting for tax levy public hearing on March 23. All ayes, motion carried. Clerk/Council/Committee updates: Fireman’s Drive thru breakfast Sunday March 1st 7am til noon, Tyler Richton and High Bank Boys at Memorial Hall Sat March 7 at 7pm. Motion by Manternach second by Schirmer to adjourn at 8:18PM. All Ayes. Motion carried. Minutes prepared by Teri Smock, City Clerk.

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Teri Smock
City Clerk

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Chris Smock
Mayor