

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday September 21st, 2020. Meeting was held in the Community Center and citizens had an option to call in via Zoom. 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: Ron Leuchs, Marty Marugg, Chris Smock. Steve Engler (Zoom), Tony Lueck. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Pubic Works), Sue Burger (Hall Manager), Mike Lansing (Water/wastewater Operator), Jason Wenger (Engineer), Heather Howell (Resident), and Missy Kremer (Resident).

<u>FUND-AUGUST.</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
GENERAL	\$10,367.93	\$27,069.82
MEMORIAL HALL	\$7,034.75	\$5,308.27
ROAD USE TAX	\$2,886.01	\$3,326.44
TIF	\$8.18	\$0
WATER	\$7,111.85	\$4,015.31
URBAN RENEWAL	\$0	\$0
SEWER	\$6,055.47	\$3,439.29
LOCAL OPTION	\$12,932.66	\$350.00

Motion by Marugg, seconded by Lueck to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed consent agenda which consisted of minutes of 08-17-2020, August 2020 listing of bills to be paid, August 2020 Treasurers Report, Building Permits for Steve Steffen, Jim Krogman, and Janet Even Kunkel and time off for Manternach: April 12-15 (2021) and April 24 (2021). Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Smock to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Citizen Concerns: none.

Memorial Hall: Burger advised she will be adding three service windows 6' apart at the bar, as well as floor markings 6' apart to help prevent groups from congregating in that area. The goal is to encourage social distancing in the most congested area of the hall. Burger also advised having renters wash and press linens is not working as well as anticipated and she has been spending a lot of time spot treating and washing them for no charge to the renter. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Leuchs to sell linens after wedding season. Ayes: all, carried.

Water/Wastewater Update: Council discussed proceeding with plans to replace the sewer at 206 1st St. S. at an estimated price of \$50,000. Council advised to wait until we hear back on whether there is an official easement there and from Black Hills and what their plans are. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Marugg to table. Ayes: all, carried.

Public Works: Hosch inquired if council wanted to proceed with crack sealing this year even with COVID budget cuts. Council agreed to proceed to yearly crack sealing.

Council reviewed employee discipline form. Motion by Smock, seconded by Leuchs to approve employee discipline form. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed COVID-19 Workplace Policy. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Leuchs to approve COVID-19 Workplace Policy. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed burning brush by retention pond, Langel advised he would like to follow up with Stelken first. Motion by Smock, seconded by Lueck to table. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed Steve (Gene) Steffen purchase price of \$32,150 on lots adjacent to City Hall. Motion by Smock, seconded by Marugg to counter offer a \$5,000 price for both lots and have

Attorney Huniker negotiate on our behalf. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed issue of cars driving in the middle of the road on 2nd St. NE and issue of arbor trees blocking view of oncoming traffic creating a safety issue. Langel advised Leuchs, Lueck, and Manternach spoke with property owners regarding the arbor trees and they would like to see center line drawn on road before arbor trees would have to be re-located or taken down. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Lueck to paint center line from intersection of 1st Ave E. and 2nd St. NE going North to intersection of 2nd St. NE and Park Dr. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed Trick-or-Treat and decided to proceed but not advertise to try to limit families coming from other cities. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Smock to proceed with Trick-or-Treat but not advertise. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed final edited municipal survey to send out to residents. Motion by Lueck, seconded by Marugg to send out final survey. Ayes: Lueck, Marugg, Engler, Smock. Nays: Leuchs. Carried. Council discussed strong recommendation from Dubuque County Board of Health on wearing of face coverings. The council supports the county's decision and Board of Health strong recommendation of wearing face coverings and encourages citizens to wear face coverings when in public. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Marugg to be in support of county recommendation of wearing face coverings when in public. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed trunk or treat with celebration committee (Howell and Kremer) and possible back up use of Memorial Park/Hall. Motion by Smock, seconded by Leuchs to allow use of Memorial Park/hall for trunk or treat. Ayes: all, carried. Manternach suggested to council to start thinking of projects to work into next FY budget as budget time is shortly coming up. Council reviewed and discussed an amendment to the time portion of the Water Looping Main plans; we would consider splitting the project into two separate divisions for better pricing this year for the project, Wenger advised we would have a sunset date for fall work but the end contract date would remain the same, additionally we would state the water main portion would need to be completed within 30 calendar days and the mill and overlay portion would need to be completed within 15 calendar days. Motion by Smock, seconded by Leuchs to amend timeframe portion of the Water Looping Main Project plans. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Marugg to set meeting for October 5, 2020 to review and approve bids for Water Looping Main Project. Ayes: all, carried.

Resolutions/Ordinances: Council reviewed proposed resolutions. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Leuchs to approve RESOLUTION #2020-29: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STREET FINANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020. Ayes: Marugg, Leuchs, Lueck, Smock, Engler. Carried. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Marugg to approve RESOLUTION #2020-30: A RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT. Ayes: Leuchs, Marugg, Smock, Lueck, Engler. Carried. Motion by Marugg, Seconded by Leuchs to approve RESOLUTION #2020-31: A RESOLUTION TO FIX DATE OF A MEETING AT WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO APPROVE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH O B, LLC., INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT PAYMENTS. Ayes: Marugg, Leuchs, Lueck, Engler, Smock. Carried.

Clerk/Council/Committee Updates: Leuchs inquired with Wenger about expansion joint on sidewalk from 136 project and advised the expansion material is starting to rise out of cracks, Leuchs also advised the catch basin near Ostwinkles is higher than the rest of the sidewalk as well as an issue near the bridge. Wenger advised he would get with Ron and physically look at these issues. Motion by Leuchs, seconded by Leuck to adjourn at 8:52PM. Ayes: all, carried.

Minutes prepared by Lauren Manternach, City Clerk.