

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday February 18, 2019 6:30PM. 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: Marty Marugg, Steve Engler, Clarence Tuel, Chris Smock, Kay Risser. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (public works) and Jason Wenger (city engineer).

Mayor Langel made a minor change in agenda from switching item 5b to 5c and putting item 5c where item 5b was. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed minutes of 02/04/2019, bills to be paid, January 2019 Treasurer's Report, #1317 Macrow building permit, ECIA Spring Meeting on 05/07/2019 for Manternach to attend, and IIMC meeting from 07/15/2019-07/24/2019 at the estimated cost of \$2,262.00(attendance fee, travel/lodging costs) for Manternach to attend. Risser inquired about dues for auditing. Manternach advised though we do not have an audit every year, we still have to pay dues every year which goes into a "pool", then when we do have an audit, it is essentially already paid for. Langel inquired about phone bill, Manternach responded we currently have Windstream and we cut the package down in order to lower the phone bill. Manternach advised she would be looking at other phone companies as well to lower the bill. Motion by Risser, seconded by Marugg to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Citizen Concerns: Dawn Davis advised her father's property (Bob Farmer) is for sale and Farmer wanted to give the city the first option to buy the property, prior to listing. Eldon Jaeger inquired if Citizen Concerns could be moved after Council Concerns, Langel advised Citizen Concerns would remain in the current place. Jaeger inquired why the snow was not plowed to the curb. Langel advised the week of the snow storm, we were operating without a plow truck and all streets were plowed with a skid loader and the plow truck is broke down again. Langel advised the blade on the skid loader is not high enough to get over the current snow banked up. In addition, with the extreme snow we've been having, it is too much at too close of intervals to be able to get rid of it all. Langel advised there are also residents who complain we get too close to the curb and scratch the curb. Jaeger expressed his concern that storm intakes are not open as well. Jaeger advised on the SE corner of the park the snow pile needs to be knocked down as you cannot see past it. Kevin Davis inquired about the public hearing on the East End Storm Sewer Project. Langel advised he can read through the transcript as it is typed out.

Eldon Jaeger and council discussed Phase 2 of the East End Storm Sewer Project. Jaeger advised he does not feel we should be putting city money onto private property. Wenger advised phase 2 might be more of an issue and might need to be completed prior to phase one, or some of phase 2 be incorporated in to phase 1. Council, Wenger, and Jaeger discussed new information of location of tile lines in this area. Wenger advised he would make small modifications to the phase 1 plans given the new tile information and the approval for the bid would be on the next agenda. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to table the approval of contracts for the East End Storm Sewer Project until March 4, 2019. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed and discussed waiving \$450 fee for Benefit the Veterans event with Mark Chesnutt on August 11, 2019 due to their donation of the stage extension, the immense bar income from last year, and the concrete slab donation. Motion by Risser, seconded by Smock to charge the \$450 rental fee and make a \$450 donation back to Benefit the Veterans. Council reviewed water/wastewater reports and public works update. Water loss came down from last month. Hosch advised dump truck was back in the shop.

Mayor Langel opened public hearing at 7:37PM regarding selling of Lot 11 of Sunset View Subdivision. No comments, questions or concerns. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Engler to close public hearing at 7:37PM. Ayes: all, carried.

Council discussed the option to remove the police equipment from the police car (an estimate of \$500) to help with selling it. Motion Risser, seconded by Tuel to proceed with removing police

equipment. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed purchasing name plates for the council at an estimate of \$93.30 for 6 plates. Motion by Risser, seconded by Smock to proceed with purchasing name plates for the council members. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Risser, seconded by Engler to allow clerk to apply for the DRA grant for library bookshelves and the Alliant Energy grant. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed implementing a 3% increase per year at the Memorial Hall. Motion by Engler, seconded by Marugg to table this item in order to estimate rounded numbers instead of a percentage increase. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed providing Memorial Hall Manager a monthly cell phone stipend as she operates the Memorial Hall with her personal cell phone. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Risser to provide Memorial Hall Manager with \$35/cell phone stipend per month. Ayes: all, carried. Council reviewed energy audit findings from Black Hills Energy. No action necessary.

Council reviewed committee positions that needed to be filled due to the vacant council position. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Engler to appoint Tuel and Smock to the water/sewer/sanitation committee; Hosch, Engler, and Smock to the building permits committee; Risser and Smock to the utility board and website committee; and Smock and Tuel to the Sunset Subdivision expansion committee. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed dates for City Wide Garage Sales. Motion by Smock, seconded by Risser for clerk to facilitate plans of Citywide Garage Sales. Ayes: all, carried. Council discussed hourly rate for the deputy treasurer position, and agreed of \$10/hr. would be appropriate. Tuel inquired how many hours this would take per month, Manternach advised this would probably only be a two-hour position per month. Motion by Risser, seconded by Marugg to specify the hourly rate of \$10/hr. for the deputy treasurer position. Ayes: all, carried.

Motion by Tuel, Seconded by Engler to table resolution # RESOLUTION #2019-28: A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A 3% YEARLY INCREASE ON RENTAL AND BAR RATES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2020, 2021, AND 2022. Ayes: all, carried. Motion by Engler, seconded by Risser to approve RESOLUTION #2019-29: A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A CELL PHONE STIPEND TO THE MEMORIAL HALL MANAGER. Roll call: Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Smock, Risser. Carried. Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to approve RESOLUTION #2019-30: RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF REAL ESTATE. Roll call: Marugg, Engler, Tuel, Smock, Risser. Carried.

Clerk and Council Concerns: Manternach advised we would be selling Mark Chesnutt tickets at City Hall for the event on August 11, 2019 at \$40/ticket. Manternach requested for the council to review a composed 5-year plan for Worthington and to make suggestions as they see fit. Langel advised he wanted to publicly thank Dyersville for offering to help us during the last snow as our snow plow was in the shop. Langel requested for residents to please not blow snow back in the street. Langel advised he has been meeting with residents about not parking in the streets during snow removal. Langel advised he met with Matt Goerdt regarding gas station. Langel advised the hold up on the DNR testing at the gas station has been solely due to the weather, Langel advised we met with MVEC regarding getting fiber optic internet in Worthington. Langel advised Manternach would be working with MVEC to get the word out to the residents regarding this amenity.

Motion by Marugg, seconded by Risser to adjourn at 8:15PM. Ayes: all, carried. Minutes prepared by: Lauren N. Manternach (City Clerk/Treasurer)