

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council
Monday, October 16, 2017

Bill Burger called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

Roll call: Dan Feldmann, Kay Risser, Clarence Tuel, Marty Marugg, Steve Engler

Additional Attendance: Public Works Director, Todd Hosch; City Engineer, Jason Wenger, Water/Wastewater Operator, Mike Lansing; Interim City Clerk, Sarah Helle; City Clerk, Lauren Manternach.

Motion by Feldmann to approve agenda, seconded by Risser. Ayes: all. Carried

Reviewed treasurers report, no questions.

Burger inquired about an August 2017 banking statement in regards to why it was so low, Helle replied it was due to the pay app #2 for the 136 project. There were no additional billing questions

Council reviewed building permits and variances to driveways. Feldmann reviewed Chapter 10, 6-10-5, *Building Permits and Regulations* in the *Worthington Code of Ordinances*. Feldmann advised building structure needs to be 5ft or more from alley way. Motion by Tuel to approve building permits and grant variance to the Guetter driveway, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: All. Carried.

No citizen concerns to report.

Maintenance update: Everything is running smoothly with the exception of the water bills not being sent in a timely manner due to the vacant City Clerk position. Todd Hosch, Public Works Director, received a new sweep ball and reported everything is running well. Burger said he has received a complaint from a citizen that it is not cleaning all the way into the gutter. Hosch replied he will have something designed to get all the way up against the curb. Hosch also reported one of the resident's dogs bit him while he was reading meters. Hosch pointed out the dog was supposed to be in an electric fence, however the dog crossed it. Council agreed a letter needs to be sent to the resident regarding this situation.

Jason Wenger, City Engineer, gave an update on the Highway 136 project. Wenger suggested rain was a factor in deterring the project, however the road is holding up well despite this and the consistent traffic. Wenger also advised they should be laying blacktop by 10/18/2017. Wenger added Alliant moved a pole and the Windstream sub-contractor (MP) inquired when we would be laying concrete as they need to take out a pole by a residence. Feldmann inquired where we are at in relation to the gravel funds for the Highway 136 project. Wenger replied we have tripled our budget, however it is coming from state money and the rest of our budget for this project is okay.

Wenger inquired if we could update the city's traffic poles. Wenger estimated the project to cost \$200/pole, and they would fall under the eligibility 80/20 program. Mike Lansing, Water/Wastewater Operator inquired if our street signs would need to be replaced in addition to this to make sure we were compliant. Wenger advised this would not be necessary. Motion by Risser to approve change order that includes replacing all signs with a wood base to a new base, seconded by Feldmann. Ayes: all. Carried.

Clerk Concerns: Manternach reported researched information regarding updating laptop. Helle advised to further look into this and get additional estimates and it would be discussed further at next meeting. Manternach inquired if she could attend the Budget Workshop 2017 with the cost of \$45. Carried by council. Helle advised DataTech would be coming the beginning of November.

Council Concerns: Burger-no concerns. Risser-the library was one of her concerns; however it is already being addressed. Burger added the lighting in the library needs to be addressed. Tuel-advised he will be running again, Burger added he would be endorsing Tuel as well as Engler. Engler-concern is project next door. Marugg-received a complaint from a citizen regarding a residence without siding, the citizen would like this further looked into. There is currently no ordinance against this, city clerk will look further into adopting an ordinance regarding this and address at a future meeting.

Motion by Marugg to adjourn, seconded by Engler. Ayes: All. Carried.