

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council
Monday, June 19, 2017

Mayor, Bill Burger, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call: Marty Marugg, Steve Engler, Clarence Tuel, Kay Risser, Dan Feldmann. Additional Attendance: Fire Chief, Rick Wolfe; Public Works Director, Todd Hosch; Water/Wastewater Operator, Mike Lansing.

Motion by Feldmann to approve the agenda, seconded by Marugg, all ayes, carried.

Tom Millenkamp and John Fowler were present to ask the council permission to shoot off fireworks within city limits. Licensing and liability insurance were offered to the council, and the Dubuque County Sheriff had already signed off on the permit application. Burger read the City's policy on fireworks under the "Offenses" ordinance, and it stated that the city council has the option to grant a written fireworks permit application. Motion by Tuel to allow Fire Chief, Rick Wolfe, to sign off on the personal fireworks permit application to Tom Millenkamp for July 8th, 2017, seconded by Feldmann, all ayes, carried.

Burger also presented the council with a written request to shoot off fireworks on personal property on July 1st, 2017. Motion by Risser to approve the personal fireworks permit application to Bill Burger for July 1st, 2017, seconded by Engler, all ayes, carried.

There were no major citizen concerns to report.

Motion by Risser to approve Resolution #2017-29, A Resolution Setting Employee Wages for Fiscal Year '18 Beginning July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018, seconded by Engler. Roll call. Ayes: Marugg, Tuel, Risser, Engler. Nays: Feldmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Feldmann to approve Resolution #2017-30, A Resolution Setting a One Hour Minimum on Employee Work Shifts, seconded by Tuel. Roll call. Ayes: Tuel, Engler, Risser, Feldmann, Marugg. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Larry Steffen was present with Eagle Point Solar to talk to the council on the possibility of installing solar panels on the water tower and/or wastewater treatment plant. Steffen handed out information and financial assessment sheets for the council to reference. After hearing the presentation, the council would like to further review all the information and discuss this in more depth at an upcoming council meeting.

Under maintenance, Hosch inquired about the decision to purchase a sweep-all or repair his current one. The council would first like an update on the costs of current parks projects, so this item will be discussed in one month after more updates are known.

Motion by Tuel to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of June 5, 2017, Treasurers Report, Budget Breakdown, and cigarette permit for Daybreak, seconded by Marugg, all ayes, carried.

Motion by Feldmann to approve Resolution #2017-31, A Resolution Proposing Amending Section 6-2-14: Utilities- Billing Charges, Solid Waste and Recycling Rates, seconded by Marugg. Roll call. Ayes: Risser, Engler, Tuel, Marugg, Feldmann. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Documentation was presented in order to set the public hearing for the City to take on debt for the Highway 136 Improvements project, and in the vacancy of the city clerk position, an acting city clerk needed to be designated for the process to continue. Motion by Feldmann to designate Robyn Faust as the acting city clerk, seconded by Risser, all ayes, carried.

Motion by Marugg to approve Resolution #2017-32, A Resolution Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Street Improvement Loan, seconded by Engler. Roll call. Ayes: Feldmann, Tuel, Marugg, Risser, Engler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuel to approve Resolution #2017-33, A Resolution Proposing Amending Traffic Code, Chapter 3 of Title III, Amending Section 3-3-26: Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, seconded by Risser. Roll call. Ayes: Engler, Marugg, Feldmann, Risser, Tuel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Feldmann to hire Emily Miller as the new city clerk/treasurer of Worthington, seconded by Tuel. Roll call. Ayes: Risser, Tuel, Feldmann. Nays: Marugg. Abstain: Engler, due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

The council is continuing the discussion of Rick Rave's property under clerk and council concerns, as the council is considering moving forward with the condemnation process. After detailed discussion of the issue, it was decided that Burger would first have a conversation with the City attorney to get some answers before proceeding. This will be further discussed at an upcoming council meeting.

Motion by Marugg to approve the reduced water base rate for the utility bills due July 5th, 2017, seconded by Engler, all ayes, carried.

Burger also announced that Jason Wenger with Burrington Group is working on setting up a pre-construction meeting with Midwest Concrete. Burger and Wenger will set up a public meeting time and place for residents to ask questions about the project before construction begins.

Motion by Feldmann to adjourn at 9:08 PM, seconded by Tuel, all ayes, carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Robyn Faust

City Clerk/Treasurer

Revenues: General Fund \$5,781.73; Ball Park Lights \$1,300.00; LOST \$4,044.54; TIF \$1,671.56; Road Use \$3,042.98; Debt Service \$2,483.00; Water \$3,994.67; Sewer \$4,513.19; Hall \$3,844.29