

Regular Meeting of the Worthington City Council Monday July 15, 2019. Mayor, Gary Langel, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Risser, Smock, Tuel, Engler, Marugg. Additional attendance: Todd Hosch (Public Works), Mike Lansing (Water/Wastewater), Sue Burger (Memorial Hall manager, Deputy Treasurer), Angela Willenbring (Memorial Hall bartender), Jill & Jerry Klaren (owners of new gas station), Rick Hillebrand (renter of Memorial Hall).

Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to approve the agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Council reviewed the consent agenda which included minutes of 06/17/2019, listing of bills to be paid, and the June 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Smock, seconded by Marugg to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: all, carried.

Council discussed concerns with Rick Hillebrand who rented the Memorial Hall on June 29th, 2019 and was requesting a \$225 refund due to some concerns at his wedding. Hillebrand advised he received complaints from his guests at the event, which he wanted to discuss with the council. Each concern was thoroughly reviewed with the mayor, council, Hall Manager and the other bartender on duty. After clarifications on hall policies and contract details for such events were given to Hillebrand, it was agreed to pay the full amount due.

Water/waste water & Public Works Update: Lansing advised wastewater operations are running fine. Lansing advised the high loss with water operations was due to an unseen water leak which was leaking for about three weeks. The water pipe was sitting under an old railroad tie which eventually settled so far down that it crushed the water line. Lansing advised it has since been fixed and showed council the previous pipe which was removed.

Council discussed cancelling first meeting of August and moving second meeting back so the staff had enough time to complete the reports due for the meeting. Motion by Risser, seconded by Marugg to have the next meeting on August 26, 2019. Ayes: all, carried.

Council discussed allocating funds to a restroom at the ballpark, as well as, either having a fundraiser or the council going door to door to request donations. Motion by Smock, seconded by Engler to allocate up to \$9,000 as well as spearhead a fundraiser for restrooms at the ballpark. Ayes: all, carried.

Council discussed rental of 8 acres of the Sunset Subdivision. Motion by Marugg, seconded by Smock to raise rent to \$225/acre/year. Ayes: all carried. Langel added there is a possibility that this ground could be purchased next year by an interested party in expanding the subdivision. Manternach added, if this happens, we would owe the renters crop damage and we would want to reflect that in the sale price of the acreage.

Motion by Tuel, seconded by Risser to approve proceeding with dredging the retention pond (at a \$2,200 estimate plus tree removal) adjacent to Century Building Products in the industrial park in the upcoming spring. Ayes: all, carried.

Motion by Marugg, seconded by Risser to adjourn at 7:48PM.

Minutes taken by Sue Burger, prepared by Lauren Manternach (via conference call).