

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Mike Kuhle, Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson.

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Steve Robinson, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Kevin Black, Greens Superintendent; Scott Rosenberg, Parks Supervisor (7:12. a.m.); Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering (7:15 a.m.); Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Econ Development (7:18 a.m.).

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Erin Trester, Daily Globe; Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf.

General Discussion - Prairie View Golf Links

Council discussed Prairie View Golf Links at length. Discussion included maintenance costs and revenues, the impact to the City's budget, and how it serves the community, the school district and the surrounding area in other ways besides golf. Council Member Wood said the Advisory Board and Dakota Management are working to install foot golf there next season, a sport that is growing rapidly. Dr. Wood added that it is important that the Prairie View land be kept by the City as it acts as a filter for water that eventually flows into our lake.

Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf, said three to five thousand rounds of foot golf would go a long way for the course. It would be minimal cost to try at a budgeted amount of \$3,500, and Prairie View would be unique in the area for offering the sport as there is no foot golf even offered in Sioux Falls. Mr. Jansa noted that golf revenues are also down Sioux Falls, partially attributed to the two bad spring seasons and weather.

Council Member Wood said the City needs to put together a committee to look at all the uses for the land - put a plan together on how to move forward with the foot golf, and if it doesn't work, plan an exit strategy. Council Member Graber said she endorsed Dr. Wood's idea about a plan, but if it doesn't produce then that's it. Council Members Kuhle and Sankey agreed.

Council Member Graber agreed to serve on the committee with Council Member Wood and a couple of members from the Prairie View Golf Advisory Board.

General Discussion - Overview of Road Reconstruction Prioritization

In response to Council Member Graber's earlier request on how street and road projects are planned and prioritized, Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, provided several handouts depicting CIP projects listed by street year, current functional street classes, traffic counts, land use plan, and transportation system improvements. State aid streets need to be maintained at a better service level so staff gives them higher priority. Mr. Haffield reviewed the state and federal roads, and said it is very important how our road/street plan ties in to them - how it fits with them.

Council Member Graber asked how road construction and repair relate to the overall development plan for the city. Mr. Haffield responded that the Transportation System Improvement Plan comes out of the City's comprehensive plan - the same for water and sewer - and that's why our comprehensive plan needs to be taken very seriously - it's our road map to what we've prepared to develop.

Council Member Wood requested that traffic flow/count information be obtained if Grand goes through to Darling and that it be brought to the hearing. Regarding the potential of connecting Ryan's Road to the east, Mr. Haffield said he recommends a traffic analysis be completed. The time line for such an analysis project would be over the winter at best. Mayor Oberloh requested that if this is the route we want to go then staff should bring back something at the next regular Council meeting as one of the major businesses at that intersection is in the planning stages for an expansion, and added that the administrator should make contact with a couple of the businesses in that area.

Sports Complex

Mayor Oberloh suggested that due to the time, and that a lengthy discussion will be required on the sports complex, the discussion should be moved to another date.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk