

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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: Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering; Steve Robinson, Public Works Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Erin Trester, Daily Globe; Larry Janssen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA CLOSED/APPROVED**

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Nelson and unanimously carried to close/approve the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- City Council Minutes of Regular Meeting November 10, 2014
- Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Heron Lake Watershed Minutes of September 16, 2014; Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board Minutes of September 13, 2014; Water and Light Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting November 17, 2014
- Application for Exemption from Lawful Gambling Permit for the Worthington Area YMCA as follows:
  - Organization: Worthington Area YMCA
  - CEO: Andrew P. Johnson
  - Type of Event: Raffles
  - Date and Location of Event: April 3, 2015  
Worthington Event Center  
1447 Prairie Drive, Worthington, MN
- 2015 Off-Sale Beer License Renewal - Food n Fuel, 907 Diagonal Road
- 2015 Dance License Renewal - VFW Post 3958, 1117 Second Avenue
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014
- Bills payable and totaling \$576,760.90 be ordered paid

**RECOMMENDATION FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING CITY ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY APPROVED**

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve a recommendation from the ad hoc committee of Mayor Oberloh, Council Members Graber and Nelson, along with City Attorney Mark Shepherd, to appoint the following seven department heads as co-interim administrators for the City, to share the workload amongst themselves until such time as a permanent City Administrator is hired.

**2015 HANGAR LEASE RATES WORTHINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT APPROVED**

Staff presented the proposed 2015 Hangar Lease Rates, which Steve Robinson, Public Works Director, noted did not reflect any increase over the 2014 rates, as recommended by the Airport Advisory Board.

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to approve the 2015 Hangar Lease Rates for the Worthington Municipal Airport as presented.

Mr. Robinson noted that there is an 80% occupancy rate for the hangars, with three vacancies.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED APPROVING LIMITED USE PERMIT FOR CITY ENTRANCE SIGN**

One of the new City entrance signs to be installed on TH 59/60 is to be constructed within highway right-of-way. Minnesota statute allows for installation of community identification signs within highway right-of-ways with written approval from MnDOT, which approval is provided through the issuance of a Limited Use Permit. Staff presented a proposed Limited Use Permit for Council's consideration. The permit included certain conditions including that the sign must be installed and maintained by the City, the permit will terminate by the end of 2023, and must be reapplied for 90 days in advance, and the permit may be terminated by MnDOT with 90 a day notice. If the permit is terminated the sign would need to be removed by the City.

The motion was made by Council Member Graber seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Limited Use Permit:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Worthington, Minnesota, that the City enter into a permit with the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota providing for the limited use under the terms and conditions set forth therein, of certain right of way of Trunk Highway 60 near City.

The limited use of the right of way will be for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating Municipal Identification Entrance Signs within the right of way of Trunk Highway 60 at the location designated and shown on the attached copy of Exhibit "A". (Attached to these minutes by inference.)

**APPROVAL/AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FIRST AMENDMENT TO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF WORTHINGTON AND EMC**

At their July 28, 2014 meeting, Council approved a restated Operations and Maintenance Agreement with EMC for the Industrial Wastewater Treatment facility, which extended the contract to the end of 2018. Under the contract, EMC must provide minor chemicals (major chemicals are purchased directly by the City) and the routine sampling required in the facility's discharge permit. The contract is to be amended when discharge limits, processes or loadings impact the cost of operating the facility. Dwayne Haffield, Director of Engineering, told Council the facility's latest discharge permit required that it meet a residual chlorine limit starting in April of 2014. Based on this year's chlorination season, the additional cost is projected to be \$2,448/year or \$204/month. Staff was requesting Council approval of Amendment No. 1 to the EMC Operations and Maintenance Agreement.

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Graber and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 1 to the ECM Operations and Maintenance Agreement.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Oberloh - no report but will be attending the Worthington Area Symphony presentation at the Auditorium tomorrow night.

Council Member Kuhle - attended the CGMC fall conference with Council Member Sankey - the legislators there were talking transportation and were not in agreement with each other. The state building code costs will be increasing next year. Most of the union contracts that have been settled have been around 2%. Also attended a WGTN TV3 meeting.

Council Member Graber - The Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board is working on a credit degree with Minnesota West to try to get someone to help with the tech needs at the Auditorium. The mixer held there was a success. Also reminded Council of the upcoming orchestra/choir concert and the New Year's Eve comedy/magic show. Attend the NEON meeting in Mike's absence. Heron Lake Watershed Board met this morning - they approved a site erosion control permit for Purnet and are working on staff evaluations.

Council Member Sankey - attended the CGMC conference - they are working on getting LGA back to the 2003 level - and talked about Broadband, Border to Border.

Council Member Wood - the electric budget should be ready to present at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Nelson - it was noted at the HRA meeting that the crane operator had stormed out

and left the HRA project site, causing a delay. The Chamber and CVB held a planning session last Wednesday - reviewed their programs that are in place and looked at removing some of them - winterfest will continue and expand. They talked about Chamber involvement in the Oxford Street redevelopment, and talked about taking a look at the transient merchant license at the City level. They will take a look at the taxi service as it seems they don't understand it. Karen DeBoer will be talking to them about it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC  
City Clerk