

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following Council Members present: Amy Woitalewicz, Chris Kielblock, Amy Ernst, Dennis Weber. Mike Kihle (excused).

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator, Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Hyunmyeong Goo, Engineer; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Cristina Adame, Communications & Relations; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others present: Chloe Farnsworth, The Globe; Dick Schlichte, Glenn Thuringer, Geronimo Power; Kenna Bancroft, Geronimo Power; Jordan Burmeister, Geronimo Power; Tanner Rogers, Worthington Housing & Redevelopment Authority.

PRESENTATION BY GERONIMO POWER

Geronimo Power gave a presentation to City Council outlining a major new development proposal in southwestern Minnesota focused on using the region's strong renewable energy assets. The company is a renewable energy developer with an extensive portfolio of wind and solar projects. They are currently exploring the construction of a large-scale data center in Nobles County that could be powered primarily by local wind and solar generation, helping reduce energy reduction in the area and support grid stability. As part of the discussion, Geronimo emphasized the potential economic benefits for the community, including significant capital investment, construction jobs, ongoing operational employment, increased tax revenue, and landowner leasing opportunities. Representatives also explained the careful environmental review and planning process that lies ahead should the project move forward.

City Council thanked the representatives for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Mindy Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk