

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following Council Members present: Chris Kielblock, Dennis Weber, Mike Kuhle, Amy Woitalewicz, Amy Ernst.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer; Troy Appel, Public Safety Director; Cristina Adame, Community Relations & Communication; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Chloe Farnsworth, *The Globe*; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Oscar Martinez, Cable 3 TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025
- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025
- Heron Lake Watershed Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2025
- Municipal Liquor Store Income Statement for the Period of January 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025
- Olson Park Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025
- Field House Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Budget and Actual for the Period of January 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025
- Bills Payable Totaling \$4,422,232.23

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-66 AND WORTHINGTON HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-67 ADOPTED APPROVING THE PROPOSED 2025 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2026

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the Proposed City of Worthington Tax Levy for 2026 is \$9,058,874. The amount is a break down of the operating levy of \$8,043,132 and Special Tax Levies of \$1,015,742. The proposed levy represents a 14.00% increase over 2025. The proposed

levy is an amount not to exceed and may be lowered, but not raised for the final levy certification in December.

The Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing will be held on December 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to discuss the final 2026 budget and levy.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Woitalewicz and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-66

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 TAX LEVIES COLLECTIBLE IN 2026

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-67

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2026 -
WORTHINGTON HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-68 ADOPTED AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

Troy Appel, Public Safety Director, said the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, has initiated a Toward Zero Deaths Communities grant process. The program will run from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The grant includes reimbursement funds for officers' overtime during operational waves, with a focus on traffic safety and impaired driving enforcement.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to approve the agreement and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

APPROVED CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED POSITION GUIDELINES

Mr. Appel said the Worthington Police Department Patrol Sergeant position guidelines have been reviewed and updated. Assignment details, job requirements and other minor details were added, removed, or adjusted within the position guidelines for clarification and consistency.

Mr. Robinson noted that he has directed staff to update all of the job descriptions that haven't been done in years.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to approve the proposed position guidelines for Patrol Sergeant.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-69 ADOPTED REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT NO. 107 AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT NO. 110

Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer, said the Bioscience Drive Utility Improvement Project was completed in 2017, and assessments were approved for collection beginning in 2018. In December 2024, parcel 31-3750-000 was subdivided into four separate parcels: 31-3786-615, 31-3786-617, 31-3786-618, and 31-3786-619. As a result of the subdivision, the remaining assessment on the original parcel (31-3750-000) must be reapportioned among the new parcels.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-69

A RESOLUTION REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT NO. 107 AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT NO. 110

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NOS. 2025-09-70 AND 2025-09-71 REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT NO. 32 AND PAVING IMPROVEMENT NO. 116

Mr. Goo said the Cherrywood Lane Stormwater Improvement and Paving Improvement Projects were completed in 2023, and assessments were approved for collection beginning in 2024. However, in 2024, parcels 31-1240-540 and 31-1240-535 were subdivided into four separate parcels: 31-1240-558, 31-1240-559, 31-1240-560, and 31-1240-561. Because of the subdivision, the remaining assessments on the original parcels must be reapportioned among the new parcels.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-70

A RESOLUTION REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT NO. 32 AND PAVING IMPROVEMENT NO. 116

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-71

A RESOLUTION REAPPORTIONING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT NO. 32 AND PAVING IMPROVEMENT NO. 116

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-72 ADOPTED DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

Mr. Goo said costs have been determined for the regrading, base reconstruction necessary curb and gutter reconstruction, and resurfacing of 27th Street from 1300 feet to 2570 feet west of Trunk Highway 59.

The assessable cost of improvement is \$224,060.94

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-72

A RESOLUTION DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-73 ADOPTED CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

Mr. Goo said Council must call for a public hearing on the proposed costs for the regrading, base reconstruction, necessary curb and gutter reconstruction, and resurfacing of 27th Street from 1300 feet to 2570 feet west of Trunk Highway 59. The hearing is proposed to be held on October 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and

unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-73

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rick Von Holdt - Will be attending the Mayor's Meet Up meeting in Chaska. Has become a new CGMC Board of Director and will be attending the board meeting and Fall Conference in Grand Rapids in November.

Council Member Ernst - Attended the Water & Light Commission board meeting and toured the new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Council Member Weber - No report.

Council Member Woitalewicz - Attended the Public Arts Commission meeting.

Council Member Kuhle - No report.

Council Member Kielblock - No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Robinson said staff has made the decision to go with the private Insurance Company Alera Group through Madison National Life over the State of MN to handle the paid leave program. The Alera Group already provides service to other states that have paid leave and they offer long term disability and life insurance. He explained they have a turnaround time of 2 days or less in the approval process, which is much faster than the State estimates it will be. The gross payroll deduction is also lower and would be .78% instead of the .88% by the State. The savings would be between \$18,000-\$20,000 and the State requires a \$500.00 opt out fee. Eight out of thirteen cities in SW MN have opted to go with a private insurance provider over the State program.

There was also activity today at the South Shore Apartments construction site.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mindy Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk