

**CITY OF WORTHING
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Worthing Civic Center.

Commissioner Ryan Schlieman presided. The following commissioners were present: Ryan Schlieman, John Ganschow, Sheri Lund and Crystal Jacobson. Mayor Hazuka was absent with notice. Also in attendance was Finance Officer Linda Hunnel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Schlieman led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lund to approve the April 9, 2018 posted agenda with the following addition: Water Tower Discussion \ OLD BUSINESS. Schlieman seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING

State Senator Jim Bolin was present to update the Commission on the I-29 overpass at 281st Street. The DOT will hold a hearing April 26th in Pierre concerning removing the structure. Senator Bolin said the difference between removing and replacing the bridge is approx. 1.8 million dollars and the overpass safely keeps farm equipment and heavy machinery off busier highways.

Captain Jason Gearman of the Minnehaha County sheriff's office introduced himself as a candidate for the Lincoln County Sheriff race. Gearman spoke of problems facing communities today and answered questions about jail space limitations and growing drug use.

Tony Ventura spoke on proposed CAFO setbacks and current Lincoln County rulings.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Commission viewed the April 9th maintenance report. Maintenance Employee Jake Haar is getting quotes on having sewer mains jetted and televised, is blading the streets as able, and getting equipment ready for spring.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Finance Officer Hunnel presented the commission with the revised annual report, due to the addition of Park and Recreation Board R&E. Hunnel stated that the sewer fund had lost money two years in a row. The Stockwell Engineers presentation will be rescheduled. The commission discussed setting a date to canvas the vote of the April 10 Municipal Election. Hunnel will coordinate commissioner schedules and come up with a meeting date. Clean Up Days will be May 19th and the sanitation services will be put out for bid between two local companies. Hunnel will be meeting with a crack sealing company; the snowy weather has put them behind schedule. Discussion of the maintenance department work schedule was tabled until April 23rd.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Commissioner Jacobson presented a proposal from Banner Associates to perform a structural condition assessment of the structural roof components and exterior rim joist along the south side of the Worthing Civic Center. Motion by Lund to accept the Letter of Contract\Structural Condition Assessment from Banner Associates. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Cody Roth of 4th Street asked the commission what the status was of finding his curb stop. Finance Officer Hunnel supplied Roth and the commission a copy of the Municipal Ordinance, which states financial responsibility of piping, fixtures, etc., is the homeowners. The City will continue to make an effort to find the curb stop on Roth's property.

Bernard Zahn has volunteered to chair Worthing Days this year. Volunteers are needed. Call the Finance Office at 372-4113 to sign up. Special thanks to Mr. Zahn for keeping Worthing Days going!

FINANCE AND REVENUE

Commissioner Lund had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Schlieman asked Worthing Fire Chief Jim Miles to give details on the upcoming school carnival. Miles said that the Fire Department's Soup and Pie Supper would be at the Worthing Elementary PTT Carnival on April 14th from 4-7pm. Funds from the dinner will go towards the purchase of playground equipment for the Worthing Elementary School.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Ganschow reported that a fire hydrant on 2nd & Cedar has been leaking for quite a while and needs to be repaired. There will be a meeting Tuesday with the Park and Recreation Board and a decision should be made on the purchase of the Rec Complex scoreboard. Ganschow reviewed street damage pictures from a homeowner on Beck Street and advised waiting until after the frost had gone out of the ground to better evaluate the situation. Ganschow talked about providing a tree\branch drop off site. Pros and cons were discussed concerning this. Ticketing procedures for City Snow Alerts were debated. Ganschow would also like to be more consistent in ticketing vehicles on the street during snow alerts.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hazuka was absent with notice.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MARCH 19th MINUTES

Lund motioned to approve the March 19, 2018 minutes. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APRIL 9th CLAIMS

Lund motioned to approve the April 9, 2018 Claims. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

MARCH REVENUE & EXPENSE, CASH REPORT

Lund motioned to approve the March Cash Report. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried all voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER HIRING

Commissioner Schlieman moved this item to Executive Session.

TIRE PURCHASE

Ganschow made a motion to purchase tires for the city pay loader at an estimated cost of \$5800 from Ben's Tire Barn. Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

WATER TOWER DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed the benefits of hiring a firm to prepare bid documents and perform the inspections for the water tower painting project. Lund made a motion to hire Owens Inspection Services, LLC to bid and inspect the upcoming water tower painting project. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

MAINTENANCE POSITION OPENING

Commissioner Schlieman moved this item to Executive Session.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE HELP

Commissioner Schlieman moved this item to Executive Session.
Commissioner Schlieman called for a short break at 8:44 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION [AS ALLOWED FOR UNDER SDCL 1-25-2] (1)

(1) PERFORMANCE, CHARACTER OR FITNESS OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE]

Motion by Lund, second by Ganschow to enter into Executive Session at 8:44 PM.

Motion carried, all voting aye.

Commissioner Schlieman called the meeting back to order at 9:08 PM.

Ganschow made a motion to hire Kip Kuper as Summer Maintenance Employee at a wage of \$10 per hour. Lund seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Lund made a motion to raise returning Summer Maintenance Employee Addison Stubbe's wage to \$11 per hour. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Ganschow made a motion to hire Amy Bauer as Deputy Finance Officer, Full Time, at \$13.50 per hour plus benefits. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jacobson made a motion to hire Anthony Ketelsen as Maintenance Tech, Full Time, at \$16 per hour plus benefits. When Water and Wastewater Certifications are achieved, there will be a 25 cent per hour increase for each, resulting in a 50 cent total increase. Lund seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Ganschow motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Jacobson seconded. All votes "aye"; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Worthing City Commission will start at **7:00 PM MONDAY, APRIL 23rd at the WORTHING CIVIC CENTER.**

Bradley J. Hazuka, Mayor

Linda D. Hunnel, Finance Officer