

**CITY OF WORTHING
AMMENDED MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in regular session on Monday August 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Worthing Civic Center.

Mayor Eric Saugstad presided. The following commissioners were present: Sheri Lund, Crystal Jacobson, Ryan Schlieman and Eric Bunkers. Also in attendance was Finance Officer Linda Hunnel. (Note: Herein after all attendees will be referred to by last name and the first initial if necessary for distinction.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bunkers to approve the agenda for the August 8, 2016 regular monthly meeting with the following addition: Public Works Report-Park and Rec Board Applicant Interivews. Schlieman seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mayor Saugstad led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Gene Valentien of Lennox Transit was present to speak of the services offered by the company. Lennox Transit takes senior citizens from Worthing to Sioux Falls 125 times per year. They also take Worthing preschoolers of 3-5 years old to school. For the upcoming school year the company has purchased another van and has hired a driver to transport 12 preschoolers to school each day in Worthing. As the company has lost its school district funding for this service, Mr. Valentien asked the commission for an increase in its yearly contribution for 2017. Mayor Saugstad agreed to consider his request when preparing the 2017 City of Worthing Budget. John Ganshaw of Park Street asked if the commission had come to a decision on his yard restoration resulting from the backflow project. It was decided that the Commission would pay for delivery and purchase of 5 tons of dirt. Mr. Ganshaw will be responsible for landscaping and seeding.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

Schlieman motioned to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting. Jacobson seconded. All votes "aye", motion carried.

AUGUST CLAIMS

Motion by Lund, second by Jacobson, to approve the August 2016 Claims in the amount of \$40,535.12. Motion carried, all voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

7:15 REZONING HEARING Lots 1&2 Blk 3 Worthing Original Addition
The Worthing City Commission held a public hearing for Lots 1-2, Block 3 of Worthing Original Addition to be rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residential to GB General Business. Pam McCreedy, granddaughter of Darlene Schliem, who had originally gifted the lots to the City of Worthing, asked that profits from the sale of the lots be used to honor her grandmother by helping parks, the elementary school or the civic center. The lots have been transferred to the Worthing Economic Development Corporation. The Commission agreed to honor Darlene Schliem through a local project. Motion by Bunkers, second by Schlieman, to approve the rezoning of Lots 1&2, Block 3 of Worthing Original Addition from R-1 to GB. Mayor Saugstad called for a roll call vote: Jacobson, Bunkers, Lund, Schlieman and Mayor Saugstad voting aye. None voting nay. Motion carried.
Motion by Bunkers, second by Lund to approve Ordinance 2016-277-1, The Rezoning of Lots 1&2, Blk 3, Worthing Original Addition from R-1 to GB. Motion carried, all voting aye.

NOTICE TO PROCEED-REC TRAIL PROJECT

Motion by Bunkers, second by Schlieman to authorize Mayor Saugstad's signature on the Worthing Rec Trail Project Notice to Proceed, Phase 1. Motion carried, all voting aye.

INDUSTRIAL AREA WATER|SEWER HOOKUP FEES

A contractor building in the industrial area had asked Mayor Saugstad if the Commission would consider waiving or reducing the water\sewer hookup fees as there was an increase in the expense of developing his lot due to additional dirtwork. The commission discussed the issue but made no motion to change or reduce the hookup fees.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Jacobson introduced the applicants for the Worthing Park and Rec Board positions. Mayor Saugstad thanked the applicants for their interest and asked them what changes they would implement if appointed to the board:
Justin Wallenstein-Wanted to keep things moving in the park area. Would like to work on getting information out to the parents.

Nate Duncan-Has been on the Rec Board for a few years and has volunteered as a coach. Mr. Duncan would like to see programs improve and to better communication with parents. An item needed is a website for Parks and Rec.

John Ganshaw-Has been involved through coaching 9-10 year olds and T-Ball. Believes there is more we can do for the children in Worthing. Would like to grow the department and give kids more opportunities. Agreed that we need a website.

Blake Crosby-Teaches at Lennox School District where he coaches football and wrestling. Taught at Worthing Elementary one year. Umpires and plays volleyball in Worthing and loves living here. Mr. Crosby said we needed to get information out to parents and the public.

Gerald Otte-Has been on the board for three years. He has lived in Worthing for 13 years and has volunteered as a coach and ran the concession stand this year. Mr. Otte is trying to find funding for lights and a scoreboard. He agreed that a website was needed for Parks and Rec.

Suzy Weisenbach-Could not attend the meeting.

Mayor Saugstad, Commissioner Jacobson and Park & Rec Coordinator Bunkers talked to the applicants about the need to get parents involved and the difficulty in recruiting volunteers. The applicants liked the idea a website with a calendar of practice, games and needed concession workers. Bunkers said we currently send out text alerts, use the sign on the highway and put registration, etc. on the city website. Jacobson said she has seen a lot of kids go to Lennox to participate in sports. The Mayor believes we need consistency, communication and compromise to make the Park & Rec Board successful. Mayor Saugstad thanked the applicants for attending the meeting and sharing their ideas.

Jacobson reported to the commission that the Gravely mower had broken down again and reminded everyone that Worthing Days was August 26, 27 & 28.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Schlieman had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Bunkers had no report.

FINANCE & REVENUE

Lund had spoken to area farmers who were concerned with the timing of discharge of city lagoons. Mayor Saugstad stated that discharge is dependent on weather conditions and the fullness of the ponds; normally the timing of discharge cannot be delayed or performed early. Lund also had complaints of noxious weeds (thistles) on Steven Street and in the field near the rec complex. The weeds have been cut down. The idea time for spraying is in the fall. Commissioner Lund and Mayor Saugstad will meet with Hunnel and Harford next week for 2017 budget preparation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Saugstad, on behalf of the Commission and the Citizens of Worthing, extended his sympathies to Deputy Finance Officer Travis Harford and his family on the loss of Travis' mother, Karen Harford.

FINANCE OFFICE REPORT

Finance Officer Hunnel has been dealing with various code enforcement complaints. Hunnel has also been researching sign costs for the Xcel Grant and working on preliminary budget information, grant applications and bank reports. The commission discussed spending guidelines for routine purchases. The first meeting in September will be held on **Tuesday Sept. 6th** due to the Labor Day holiday.

AMENDED-PARK AND REC BOARD APPOINTMENTS

AUGUST 22, 2016 MINUTES- Schlieman motioned to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting with the following addition: *“Lund made a motion to appoint the following Park and Recreation Board Committee: Blake Crosby-President, Gerald Otte-Vice Pres., John Ganshaw-Secretary, and new board members Suzy Weisenbach and Justin Wallenstein. Schlieman seconded. All votes “aye”, motion carried.”* Jacobson seconded the amended minutes. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mayor Saugstad called for a brief recess at 8:50 PM. Mayor Saugstad called the meeting back to order at 9:01 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bunkers made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:01 PM to discuss personnel issues. Schlieman seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Saugstad called the meeting back to order at 10:00. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Bunkers motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Schlieman seconded. All votes “aye”; motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Worthing City Commission will start at **7:00 PM, Monday August 22nd, 2016.**

Eric S. Saugstad, Mayor

Linda D. Hunnel, Finance Officer

