

**WORTHING CITY COMMISSION MINUTES  
COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in special session on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7 PM in the Worthing Civic Center for the purpose of holding a Community Input Meeting.

Mayor Bradley Hazuka presided. The following commissioners were present: Ryan Schlieman, Sheri Lund, Crystal Jacobson, and John Ganschow. Also in attendance were Finance Officer Linda Hunnel and Deputy Finance Officer Travis Harford. Worthing Police Chief Travis Johns arrived at 7:12 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hazuka led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jacobson motioned to approve the January 18<sup>th</sup> posted agenda. Schlieman seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**CIVIC CENTER DISCUSSION**

Civic Center Discussion began with the audience being presented with the following questions:

Should the city renovate the current space by coming up with a long term renovation plan that includes the roof?

Should the city invest in a new civic center?

Should the city sell the building and not have a civic center?

Should the city perform minimal maintenance on the building and keep it? (roof fix only and other required maintenance expenses as they occur.)

Majority opinion was to fix the roof and to keep the building functional. There was no one present in the audience that wanted the building torn down and replaced. Limited grant options, funding, bid specs, and quotes were discussed. It is questionable at this time what the roof repair will cost. The total damage to the roof is unknown until the sheeting is removed. It was decided that bid specs or solid figures needed to be obtained before the Commission could move forward.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**

The following questions were presented to the audience for Police Department Discussion:

Do you feel Worthing has an adequate policing presence?

What would you like to see from your police force?

Concerns from the audience included having police coverage at peak hours, the city taking over the scheduling of police hours, speeding on the highway, and the condition of the patrol car. Many citizens thought the 4-way stop at Louise Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street was a dangerous school crossing for children.

Having a crossing guard at this location would be much more cost effective than hiring an additional police officer. However, this would be up to the school district.

The Police Department Budget was discussed. Police officers were praised for their efforts as these officers all work full-time for Lincoln County as well as filling in for the City of Worthing. Speeding tickets, drug use, and truancy well being checks were also brought up. There were also code enforcement complaints and concerns presented by the audience. Finance Officer Hunnel said there has been progress made; such as the many unlicensed vehicles removed from Worthing.

### **ADJOURN**

Schlieman motioned to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye. The next regular meeting of the Worthing City Commission will be Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7 PM in the Worthing Civic Center.

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Bradley J. Hazuka  
Mayor

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Linda Hunnel  
Finance Officer