

**CITY OF WORTHING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, JULY 8th, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in regular session on Monday, July 8th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Worthing Community Fire Department.

Mayor Bradley Hazuka presided. The following Commissioners were present: Sheri Lund, Bernard Zahn, John Ganschow and Denise Moani Nelson. Also in attendance was Interim Deputy Finance Officer Addison Stubbe.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hazuka led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Lund to approve the July 8th, 2019 posted agenda. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Debbie Halouska expressed concerns about the height of grass in the ditch and lot adjacent to her property. Mayor Hazuka said we would get a notice sent. Ganschow explained that we do not have the proper equipment to mow the ditch at the time. Ganschow said he would talk to Jake Haar to call the county to see if they can mow the ditch.

Members of the community expressed frustrations with the water main break on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Their concerns were that it was not safe for the city employees to be performing that type of work. They also spoke that it would be better to hire a local business to do the excavation work. Ganschow explained that the city wanted to save money for other projects by doing the work ourselves. Ganschow also explained that the project was poorly timed and apologizes for the people not having water that night. Addison Stubbe explained that there was not much time for a warning because it was an emergency water main break, and things did not go as planned. They also brought forth concerns with the city owns too much equipment.

Bryan Bossman expressed concerns with flooding during rains due to possible clogs in the storm sewer by the school. He wondered if the city could hire someone to flush the lines. Ganschow addressed the situation and said he would contact Jake Haar.

Another concern among the members of the community was with employees driving trucks home at night. Mayor Hazuka and Ganschow explained that the employee is always on call and it is an employee benefit approved by the council.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

Jon Fischer was not present for the meeting. Fischer wanted to note that Water tower painting will be conducted in August; exact dates are to be determined.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

There was no planning and zoning report.

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

There was no official maintenance report.

## **FINANCE OFFICER REPORT**

There was no Finance Report.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

### PUBLIC UTILITIES

Commissioner Zahn reported that in the future he would like for digging work to be contracted out to avoid issues and liabilities. Other members of the council expressed how there needs to be better communication between the council and the city employees.

### FINANCE AND REVENUE

Commissioner Lund reported that for the next year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July, fireworks should be ignited on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> only. Further discussion will be held at future meetings.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Nelson had nothing to report.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Ganschow had nothing to report.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hazuka reported a reminder on the water tower painting project being pushed back to August. Notice on dates will be distributed. Mayor Hazuka also reported on the Steven Street Project and more information about a start date will be known soon. There was also discussion on hiring for the finance office open position (s).

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> MINUTES

Lund motioned to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

### JULY 8<sup>th</sup> CLAIMS

Nelson motioned to approve the June 24, 2019 Claims in the amount of \$48,958.31 Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### OFFICE POSITION

There was discussion on options for hiring in the finance office. The council decided the best option would be to explore their options with a Finance Officer. Interviews would be conducted throughout the week.

### CPA DISCUSSION AND POSSIBILITIES

Discussion was tabled for next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### SUMMER PART TIME HELP HIRE

Discussion was had whether to hire another part time summer help. Motion was made by Ganschow to hire Brandon Otte for Part Time Summer Help. Nelson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Lund made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:18 PM to discuss (1) Performance, Character or Fitness of any Public Officer or Employee. Ganschow seconded. Mayor Hazuka called the meeting back to order at 8:42 PM. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, Nelson motioned to adjourn at 8:42 PM.  
Ganschow seconded. All votes “aye”; motion carried.

**The next meeting of the Worthing City Commission will start at 7:00 PM MONDAY, July 22, 2019  
in the WORTHING COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 403 S. Louise Avenue, Worthing.**

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Bradley J. Hazuka, Mayor

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Addison J. Stubbe, Interim Deputy Finance Officer