

**CITY OF WORTHING
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Worthing met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Worthing Civic Center.

Mayor Bradley Hazuka presided. The following commissioners were present: Sheri Lund, Crystal Jacobson, John Ganschow and Denise Moani Nelson. Also in attendance were Finance Officer Linda Hunnel, and Maintenance Techs Jake Haar & Tony Ketelsen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hazuka led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jacobson to approve the June 11, 2018 posted agenda with the following deletion: May Revenue & Expense, Cash Report. These reports will be added to the June 25th agenda. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Alexa Abbott, 706 W. Beck Street, was present to speak about the buckling and sinking of the street and curb in front of her home. Commissioner Ganschow said that Jake Haar is scheduling a meeting with the Lincoln County Highway Dept. to view the spots in need of repair in the city.

Deb Halouska, 402 S. Louise Avenue, questioned the Commissioners about their decision that she was responsible to pay the billing invoice she received concerning a blockage that caused her sewer line to back up. Mayor Hazuka reiterated that when the line is televised if there are any defects in that portion of city main the issue of who is liable for the bill will be revisited.

There was a report of a residence harboring bees and quail within city limits. As this is against code, a letter will be sent to the property owner.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

City Maintenance Tech Jake Haar was present to report on city maintenance items. Haar said the lagoon cell levels looked good, and pump hours are better. An electrician had been called out due to a lift station float going bad. The Finance Office has been getting calls concerning the recent sump pump connection audit. There is no need to schedule an appointment, maintenance will contact the properties they plan on inspecting. The maintenance crew has been busy with mowing, and the Rec Complex scoreboard is being installed. Haar has been spraying for mosquitos and has gotten prices on mag water for the gravel streets. There was discussion on the city providing culverts for ditches and it was decided that the property owner was responsible for all of the expense of installing culverts in public right of ways. However, the City will mow the right of ways along the highway where possible. Haar will be attending an ash bore seminar and smoke testing

training on Tuesday. Commissioner Jacobson asked that the maintenance workers set their schedule so that someone is covering all day Friday. Commissioner Ganschow discussed the drainage issues behind Park Street.

The Commission reviewed the cost estimates of televising and jetting the municipal sewer system. Motion made by Jacobson to hire Hydro Clean to televise and clean approximately 8000 feet of sewer main. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Finance Officer Hunnel reported that the Pet Vaccination Clinic would be June 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Worthing Civic Center. Companion Animal Clinic will be hosting the event again this year. Worthing Days plans are being finalized for the June 22-23 celebration. The Commission scheduled board training for municipal wastewater systems with Midwest Assistance Planning on July 16, 2018 at 7:00pm. Hunnel spoke about promoting E Bill sign up for municipal utility bills. Mayor Hazuka has reviewed the updated personnel policy draft and is working on the employee benefits section. Hunnel has had a good response with the code enforcement letters she recently sent out. More letters will be sent out this week concerning mowing and other violations. REMINDER: Ordinance 2010-245-2 states “It shall be the responsibility of each property owner and/or occupant to keep and maintain his or her propertyfree of tall weeds, grass or other harmful vegetation greater than six (6) inches in height and a spread of the same.”

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Commissioner Jacobson presided. Tim Slowey from Brosz Engineering introduced himself to the Commission. Slowey gave a short presentation on infrastructure and street replacement costs, when these projects are necessary, and the problems small cities face in financing these projects. Jacobson would like to schedule a joint meeting with the P&Z Commission. A tentative date of July 23 was set.

FINANCE AND REVENUE

Commissioner Lund had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Nelson had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Ganschow had no report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Hazuka had no report.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MAY 21rd MINUTES

Ganschow motioned to approve the May 21, 2018 minutes. Nelson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

JUNE 11th CLAIMS

Lund motioned to approve the June 11, 2018 Claims. Nelson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

STOCKWELL ENGINEERING CONTRACT-WATER TOWER

Finance Officer Hunnel presented the Commission with the Stockwell Engineering Agreement for the Water Tower Painting Project. Motion by Ganschow, second by Nelson, to approve the Stockwell Engineering Agreement for Professional Services for the Water Tower Painting Project in the amount of \$12,200. Motion carried: Ganschow, Nelson, Lund and Hazuka voting aye. Jacobson voting nay.

CIVIC CENTER-BANNER ASSOCIATES INC. COST ESTIMATE

The Commission reviewed Banner Associates cost estimate for the Civic Center roof repair of \$60-\$65K. As the Commission felt they were not in a position to finance this, a letter will be sent out to citizens asking for input on fundraising options. A tentative date for discussion of the roof repairs was the regular monthly meeting on August 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

LENNOX AMBULANCE

Allen Perry from the Lennox Ambulance Service spoke of the rising costs of running the service and the cutbacks in Medicare and Medicaid payments. The Lennox Area Ambulance has been serving the communities of Lennox, Worthing and Chancellor for the past 43 years. Ambulance calls in 2017 for Worthing were 27 and year to date 2018 have been 16. Perry asked the City to consider a budgeting a contribution to the Lennox Ambulance Service in 2019. \$1500 was budgeted in 2018.

JULY 4th FIREWORKS 2018

Fireworks discharge will be allowed Tuesday July 3rd and Wednesday July 4th from noon to midnight each day.

2018 APPOINTMENTS

Lund motioned to appoint First National Bank in Sioux Falls as the City Legal Institution. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Lund motioned to appoint the Linda D. Hunnel as the City Finance Officer. Ganschow seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Jacobson motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Lund seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the *Worthing City Commission* will start at **7:00 PM MONDAY, June 25th at the WORTHING CIVIC CENTER.**

Bradley J. Hazuka, Mayor

Linda D. Hunnel, Finance Officer

