

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Bloomington City Offices

March 11, 2015

Invocation: Debbie Thomas

Called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Madsen

Attendees: David Madsen, Rich Kearl, Ted McGhee, Shawn Turner, Roy Bunderson, Debbie Thomas, and Marilyn Wilkes.

Visitors: None in person, Jason Lindford, Sunrise Engineering on speaker phone.

Minutes – Motion to accept February 11, 2014 minutes with one name correction.

Shaun Turner, Rich Kearl, Vote Unanimous

Sunrise Engineering – It was decided that the tying together of the Bloomington and Paris water systems would be agreeable with both entities and will also meet the DEQ requirements for a backup water source. Sunrise will bill Bloomington, we will pay the bill, and then contact Paris for their share.

Motion made for the Mayor to sign contract, with the City of Paris, on the tying together of the two city water systems.

Roy Bunderson, Rich Kearl, Vote Unanimous

Jason called and was on speaker phone for his part. USDA - Lana Duke taking over for Julie Neff. They are requiring us to add more information to be eligible for the \$30,000 Grant Study. The grant requirements need to include an Environmental Study, which Sunrise Engineering will conduct for the city. We then will be eligible for a \$30,000 Waste Water Grant. This study will cost the city an additional \$10,000. There is no other way to receive the grant without the study. This study, in future years, will only need to be updated if needed for another grant. Jason will work with Lana on the language of the grant and contract.

Motion made to authorize the Mayor to proceed the entering into contract with Sunrise Engineering for an Environmental Study at the cost of \$10,000.

Roy Bunderson, Ted McGhee, Vote Unanimous

Follow Up Items – Inserted with other items.

Mayoral Business – The Fred's Spring property sale has now been completed and deeded over to us, along with a right of way onto our property. This right of way only refers to the City or City employee, not a private individual. Bloomington now owns their water and the land it sits on. This is momentous moment in Bloomington's history, and should be noted as so. For future repairs on the road leading to the spring a 50/50 split on repairs will be in place, with Bloomington City paying half and the three Findlay entities, counting as one, paying the other half. The documents will be filed.

Motion to release the “First Right of Refusal” with the Van Cott Family. That right is now a null and void point as the Van Cott’s no longer own the property, and Bloomington City has acquired part of that property. The right is filed on court documents as Instrument # 201931

Roy Bunderson, Ted McGhee, Vote Unanimous

Debbie will contact Steve Wuthrich, the City lawyer, to write up this release.

The mayor asked if there would be any interest in putting in a sprinkler system around the Hall and City Office. The board was in favor of looking more into the system. The mayor has some contacts and will proceed with the planning. Suggestions from board for the system included: effective blow out system, large sprinkler heads.

City Hall and Offices – The bullet hole in the window still needs to be repaired at the City Hall. Shaun and Ted will work with each other and get a bid. The bathrooms have been completed and look great!

The citizens have stated a concern that they will not be able to use the building. A suggestion was made to issue each resident so many passes for the year. They will contact Debbie before being let in. A drop box was suggested, also an agreement drawn up with language stating responsibility. Karen will be asked to come to the next meeting, by the Mayor, to see what she is willing to do.

Rental rates – Cleaning fees will be added into the rental rate and will no longer be a separate charge. There will not be a rental option for outside use only. There will be only one option including hall. The heating fee will be deleted. There is still a question on fees for those wanting to rent the hall for commercial use. Renting parties will be responsible for damages and will authorize us to add those charges if needed, a credit card number will be taken upon rental for this purpose. Debbie will set up credit card. It was suggested that Karen make a before and after check when anyone uses the building so we know when the damage occurred.

The east wall of the hall is structurally unsound, it needs to be braced. Shaun talked about beams being added as a way to stabilize that wall. A backboard was purchased years ago but never put up because of this issue. All points were tabled until next month.

Motion made to authorize Debbie to pursue credit card set up and change of rates.

Roy Bunderson, Ted McGhee, Vote Unanimous

Water – Shaun asked for a copy of the sale of spring to send to IDEQ informing them of the acquisition of the spring. It was suggested that we start accepting credit cards for water and sewer payments also. Shaun suggested that the city set up an account with HD Supply Water Works. Debbie will set up account. The water tank needs some preventative maintenance. Water and Sewer rates may need to be raised to accommodate repairs and maintenance. Roy suggested that we wait until all studies are completed and we see where we are, then set our rates. Shaun has some ideas where seepage into the sewer system is coming from. Some pipes used into the pond are standard PVC grade pipes, so upgrade maintenance will have to be performed on some of our sewer lines. He also stated that there may be some grant monies from DEQ for education of our residents.

Sewer – Required work at Sewer Lagoon has been completed, meeting requirements by IDEQ. Jason will notify IDEQ. Turner Carpentry has now documented all work, so any further work can be more easily carried out.

Roads – Very little money was spent for snow removal this year. Roy will be requesting money for Canyon Road repairs from the County. Also, Marilyn and Winston’s roads are in dire need of repair. Rich will check on grant money for mosquito abatement.

Delinquent Accounts – Noted. Debbie will contact account owers and water will be turned off if not brought current.

Payment of Expenses –

Motion to accept February’s expenses and pay as presented.

Ted McGhee, Roy Bunderson, Vote Unanimous

Motion to adjourn – Roy Bunderson, Rich Kearl, Vote Unanimous

Dismissed at 9:45 pm

Next meeting April 8, 2015, at 7:00 pm