

BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

**January 13, 2016**

BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICES

**Called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Madsen**

**Invocation: Shawn Turner**

**Attendees: Bloomington** – Mayor David Madsen, Ted McGhee, Roy Bunderson, Rich Kearl, Shawn Turner, Debbie Thomas, & Marilyn Wilkes

Review of Minutes from both the December 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and January 16, 2016 Public Hearing.

**Motion to accept both December 9, and the January 16, Public Hearing, 2016 minutes as written.**

**Rich Kearl, Ted McGhee, Vote Unanimous**

**Payment of Expenses** – Question arose about the garbage cans at the City Hall. Marilyn will call and check prices.

**Motion to accept and pay the expenses as presented with the exception of the question of the garbage cans.**

**Roy Bunderson, Rich Kearl, Vote Unanimous with the exception of Shawn recusing from the vote.**

**Swearing in of Newly Elected Councilmen** – Clerk Debbie Thomas swore in both Rich Kearl & Shawn Turner as Councilmen for the Bloomington City. Both positions are 4 year terms.

**Sunrise Engineering:** Jason Linford & Clyde Rainey

Jason started off by thanking the Council for sticking with this very hard job.

Drinking Water Study

Letter from DEQ granting an extension of another six months to allow time to complete the study. A letter from DEQ will be coming that will need to be signed and returned by the Mayor.

Wastewater Study – Reason for the study – excess water flowing into the City Lagoon through infiltration from pipes and connections, that were installed incorrectly, causing excess levels in sewer ponds.

Five alternatives were presented to the Council

1. No Action
2. Address infiltration and Inflow Issues  
Video and clean existing lines and identify leaks, repair leaks, raise buried manholes, replace manhole lids
3. Full Containment  
Add to size of existing lagoons
4. Slow Rate Land Application (i.e. Irrigation)  
Construction of additional lagoon  
Construction of sprinkler system to dispose of fluid from lagoons
5. Rapid Infiltration Basin  
The construction of basins to allow water to percolate into soil-fluid must go through Lagoons first

The City has recognized the work and study completed by Sunrise.

The City choose Alternative 2 from the Waste Water Study, above, as a way to come into compliance with DEQ regulations.

After holding a Public Hearing to address the question of how to best abide by the Drinking Water regulations, set forth by DEQ, to have a secondary water source, the Council chose to go with Alternative 2 from that study – the tying together of the Bloomington & Paris Drinking Water Systems, and to possibly replace the water line from the Spring to the City.

The City chose Alternative 2 from the Drinking Water Study, as the best choice for the City, based on information from our public hearing. The Council, has given Mayor Madsen their approval to move ahead with water system improvements.

**Motion to authorize Mayor Madsen to sign all documents, that will allow the City to proceed with Alternative 2 of both the Drinking Water & Waste Water Studies, and sign the forms to move ahead with that choice, including seeking funding to help pay for these projects.**

**Roy Bunderson, Ted McGhee, Vote Unanimous**

The Alternatives will be submitted to DEQ seeking approval & funding, Waste water applications are approved pretty quickly. Because the City is under an administrative order to fix our problems, we have a good chance to get loan monies.

It is Critical that the work on the waste water/sewer infiltration system be started this summer or fall.

As far as the drinking water project launch, the soonest a contractor would probably come on board will be spring 2017

The longer we wait on both projects, the more it will cost the City.

Fees for residents could possibly rise:

26.35 for sewer

37.00 for water

65.00 per month with no funding

It was proposed that an education email/mail be sent to each resident with the facts of both projects and a date for a Public Hearing. It should also state – should you choose not to attend, your absence will be counted as a positive vote.

### **Follow up items**

Propane tank has been installed at the Water Tank. A heater will be installed tomorrow. A solar source will still be looked into to replace the batteries at the chlorinator. Shawn still needs to make a trip to the tank to change the batteries every other day.

### **Mayoral Business – none**

**Water** – Samples were good this month. Shawn was asked, and has agreed, to write a cut sheet for both water and sewer that will provide contractors standards for installation and connection into the City water and sewer systems.

**Sewer** – At Christmas time, the flow to the sewer lagoons was changed to the east pond. Shawn will address, with the Spuhler's, a situation that has developed with their sewer connection. Shawn will be attending a two day meeting at Twin Falls for trouble shooting wastewater lagoon systems on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January.

**City Hall/Offices** – The broken window in the Hall has been replaced. Propane was ordered for both tanks at the Hall and City Office. Beth Ann Passey has agreed to replace Karen over the maintaince of the City Hall and Office. A reminder was issued to address, in May or June, to contact the USU Engineering Program, and ask them to come up and work up a sound elimination plan for the Hall

**Roads** – The City is grateful for the work Doran Smith is doing keeping our roads clean and clear of snow. Roy will work out the details of plugging the snow plow in at the City Hall, freeing the space out front of the City Office for parking. In the spring, 50 East and Madsen Lane Corner needs a stop sign instead of a yield sign, in both directions, and may need a four-way stop installed.

**Delinquent Accounts** – The few delinquent accounts will be contacted by Debbie.

### **Motion to dismiss meeting**

**Roy Bunderson, Shawn Turner, Vote Unanimous**

Dismissed at 10:00

**Next Board Meeting** – February 10, 2016

**March's Board Meeting will be deferred to March 16, 2016 to have the mayor present.**