

BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

February 10, 2016

BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICES

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Madsen

Invocation – Rich Kearl

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

Visitors: – Chris Banks, Lisa Transtrum, Mark Budge

**Motion to amend Agenda to add Mark Budge after Eddie Payne.
Roy Bunderson, Shawn Turner, Vote Unanimous**

Review of Minutes from the January 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and January 16, 2016 Public Hearing.

**Motion to accept January 13, 2016 minutes as written.
Ted McGhee, Rich Kearl, Vote Unanimous**

Bear Lake soil and water Conservation District – Chris Banks & Lisa Transtrum shared a presentation on some possible grant monies. The EPA sets aside 1.8 million in Idaho each year for Clean Water grants. By piggy backing another project's cost onto our loan will generate monies for our project. Their project needs to be completed at least 6 months before ours. Our interest rate will be lessened approx. \$100,000. This action will not affect our standing with the state for funding.

Ted asked what if the other project defaults, who is responsible for that portion of the loan? The City is not responsible for the default. The interest would then default back to the original rate before the piggy back from that time forward.

The program director of this offer would like to set up a conference call to talk further about the proposal.

Mayor Van Cleave would be a contact person for more information. They are working with this kind of funding now.

This option is available to us right now.

The mayor asked about working with BLSWCD to help fix our infiltrated pipes at another time. They expressed interest in working with the City on this project at a later date. They asked us to discuss and decide if this is where the City wants to go. Then we will discuss further with them and set up that conference call.

It was suggested that we work with them now in hopes to work with them again.

Time line for this partnership – decisions need to be made by the end of March.

Motion to proceed with the SRF-319 (State Revolving Fund) and take the first steps to inquiring and putting the paper work in place as presented by BLSWCD.

Shawn Turner, Roy Bunderson, Vote Unanimous

They will start the process and make the initial contacts, then get back to us with needed information

Mark Budge – Mark stated that the City of Bloomington is the exemplary city in the County. Mark Piggott contacted Mark about selling a piece of property above his house. Up 100 North and west of his home. A client is interested in purchasing the property. Mark Budge presented a preliminary drawing of the property to be developed. This property could be developed into as many as 14 building lots. The developer is willing to pave the road to and into the cul-de-sac.

Shawn brought up the concern of water pressure to that area, and also sewer concerns. That corner is the lowest pressure in the City. That could possibly be handled by changing the pipe up Winston's road to an 8" line, with the developers paying the difference.

Shawn suggested that we look up the Sub Division Ordinance.

The Mayor brought up the concern of the new sub division including low income property. Mark assured the council that that will not be the case. The homes will be 1500 square feet upstairs and partially finished down. They will sell for around \$250,000 to \$300,000 price range.

The board responded positively to the proposal. Mark will take this positivity back to his client. He was asked to keep the Board update and in the loop of what is happening.

Eddy Payne – passed through Debbie Thomas

1. Concern on hiring on Beth Ann – The mayor has the authority to hire without advertising the position.
2. Bid for project – Project must be over \$25,000 before a bid is needed.
3. Sewer for people use only – No active barns are hooked onto the system. We will look into sup pumps usage of the sewers, if we are made aware of them.

Follow up items – none

Mayoral Business – Letter from DEQ for 6 month extension on the Drinking Water Planning Grant was signed and will be returned through registered mail.

Letter from Winston requesting Bloomington's desire to continue with the Boat Inspection program. The Council will request more detailed reports from Winston, including payroll, expenses, and what the City of Bloomington will profit from supporting this program. The Mayor will speak with Winston the Council's concerns. If all is agreed upon, he will sign the Memorandum.

Water – Shawn – He attended a trouble shooting sewer lagoons class and shared the following information with the Council.

1. Duck weed on the end of our pond would increase the pond size.
2. Mixing the ponds would help with aeration and breakdown of solids. He thought that even mixing it with a row boat would help. Perhaps fish could be used. Other option is a chemical oxidizer additive.
3. Liners in the pipe can be cost effective – It was suggested we set a standard of which pipes could be lined and which will require replacement.
4. One major problem with Lagoon Seepage test – valves we replaced weren't connected so the test might have shown some false readings. Make Sunrise is made aware of this.
5. Shawn thought that a polymer or bentonite might be used for sealing the ponds
6. The next step for the Lagoons might be an open system and releasing the treated water back onto the land or into the water shed.

Shawn felt the class was very informative and well worth his time. He learned many ideas that might be viable to help the City.

He has other classes that he would like to attend and presented them to the Council. He was given, once again, permission to attend, along with Rich to attend should he find the time to attend.

Sewer – Spuher's have been contacted concerning dumping into the sewer system.

Backflow Ordinance – The Council is working on a new ordinance, because the one previously adopted could not be found. One was obtained from Sunrise that is Paris' Ordinance. Shawn will contact DEQ and ask if they have an Ordinance to share with us.

City Hall/Offices – Check what the Hall is insured for.

The supporting of the East wall of the Hall has been reinforced from the outside. The cement for the supporting beams was run under a crumbling foundation in some parts, reinforcing the foundation as well.

The construction on the handicapped ramp at the City Office will be the next construction project. It will begin shortly. Ted asked for a handicapped door to also be installed at the City Office. The hopes are for the Office to be used as the voting center. An entry way on the Office was also considered. Shawn will develop some options to present to the Council.

The Hall Teen Party was then discussed. A group of parents would like to use the Hall on a monthly basis to hold activities for the youth of our community and surrounding communities. There was some concern that the activity had been planned without asking for permission to use the Hall. Other Council concerns are as follows:

1. Age of youth ranging from 13 to 18
2. What kind of activities will be included?
3. Will there be chaperones?
4. How will the kids be monitored?
5. Is the group willing to pay for damages sustained by these activities?
6. Will the group make a profit from the activities?

Permission was given for this group to hold the activities on a trial basis, but they were to come to the next Board Meeting with a presentation.

Roads – The County will continue to maintain Madsen Lane.

The City plow had a few problems this past month. The problems have been fixed, and the plow will now be parked at the City Hall.

Roy spoke with Rick Thomas about the billing for repairs/construction on the road to Fred's Spring. He asked that a bill be sent to the city for the cost of that job so we can complete our part of the agreement with the Findlay Family.

Shawn was asked to check with his brother once again about policing the roads here in Bloomington this summer.

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

Payment of Expenses –

Motion to accept and pay the expenses as presented.

Ted McGhee, Roy Bunderson, Vote Unanimous with the exception of Shawn recusing from the vote.

Motion to dismiss.

Rich Kearl, Shawn Turner, Vote Unanimous

Dismissed at 11:00 pm

Next Board Meeting – April 13, 2016

