

BLOOMINGTON CITY AMENDED BUDGET MEETING
AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

August 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM

BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICES

In attendance: Ted McGhee, Roy Bunderson, Rich Kearn, Shawn Turner, Richelle Stocker, Marilyn Wilkes, Beth Ann Passey

Community in attendance: Charles and Connie Hulme, Ed Payne, Joe Dunford, Clyde Rainey

Called to order at 7:07 pm.

Invocation: Rich Kearn

Roy Bunderson made a motion to move Sewer business/Charles Hulme up to community comments. Shawn Turner seconded. Vote Unanimous

Amended Budget Hearing:

Budget needed to be amended because the USDA didn't put the right amount on agreement (\$430,000 compared to \$432,000). Budget was also adjusted because bills that were received over the last and current month were higher than average.

Roy Bunderson made a motion to approve budget as amended. Richelle Stocker seconded. Vote Unanimous

Roy Bunderson made a motion to add foregone amount from the Bear Lake County to General Funds available on the Budget (already included). Rich seconded. Vote Unanimous

Review of Minutes from July 12, 2017

Shawn Turner made a motion to accept minutes. Richelle Stocker seconded. Vote Unanimous

Sunrise Engineering:

Clyde Rainey presented a follow up on wastewater project. This is not a good time to proceed due to groundwater levels being such that we could miss identifying some of the repair locations. Mayor McGhee spoke also to Robert Ward and said springtime would be better for the ground water and water in ditches to be at a better level for testing. Clyde Rainey agreed. He mentioned approval for the project was given to us in July and we have one year to begin.

When Clyde Rainey was asked if there was any asbestos found in the pipe they checked, he said no asbestos found.

At this time we plan to start June 1, 2018 and finish July 30, 2018. Following completion of sending camera through lines and making repairs, we need a seepage test of existing lagoons, including procedure and report. Testing will be done over a 2-week period. Sunrise Engineering will report to DEQ between August and December 2018.

Roy Bunderson made a motion for mayor sign letter to modify the dates with DEQ. Rich seconded. Vote Unanimous

Shawn Turner and Roy Bunderson would like bidding process to start before the 30-day timeframe so bidders have more time to prepare. They suggested that bids are opened in March and project to start in June. (It was asked if we have to accept the lowest bid and Clyde Rainey stated we are required to use the lowest qualifying bid.)

There will be periodic inspections. (Sunrise Engineering will not have someone onsite at all times.)

Water Project: Water project advertised for three weeks. Interested bidders will come to City Office on Wednesday, August 23rd to receive specifications for project and bid package. Bids will be presented to City at City Office on Wednesday, August 30th between 1:00pm and 2:00 p.m. Some interested contractors have called. Attorney will approve bid bonds. (Mayor McGhee said we will use the Adam McKenzie.) Rural Development (USDA) will approve bids.

If all bids are higher than budgeted amount, we have to redo the bidding.

Realistically, we should have contractor ready by September 30th. There are 5100 feet of 10" water pipe to be laid. Project should be completed in 45 days.

New water project updated copy is available from Clyde Rainey. A copy was given to City Clerk.

Marilyn Wilkes asked about grants to help with water project. Clyde Rainey said no grants were available because we have too many residents.

We will work with Lana Duke (USDA) on payments using loan money for the project.

Community Comments:

Charles Hulme (also Sewer – follow up on survey/fencing between sewer ponds and Hulme property)

Charles complimented the City Council on the way roads, city, grounds, town, and cemetery are being run. One thing that is being neglected is the sewer, and it is affecting him.

(Charles Hulme's summation of issues): Starting about three years ago, Charles Hulme said sewer water covered 3-4 acres of the 13-14 acres of his property. Over time the fence became rickety. It was falling down causing cows to get out. Charles Hulme spoke to Joe Dunford, (mayor at the time) and was told the City was going to build a fence on top of the berm in the Fall, and said "Let's just tear this fence out. We will let the fence up there take its place." Austin Dunford and Austin Dunford helped tear down the fence and disposed of it. The new fence was never built. Their field was never able to be pastured. Charles contacted Dave Madsen the next year (new mayor). Tanner Thomas was going to put in the fence. Then Tanner changed to TJ Thomas, and still nothing has been done. Connie spoke to Ted McGhee (current mayor) at the Post Office this year about correcting the problem. Ted got right on it and helped see what needed to be done. The mayor spoke to the City Council. Mayor McGhee said we need to have a survey done. He asked Charles if he would be willing to pay half of the survey and Charles agreed. The mayor called Charles when the surveyor, Mr. Beckstead, was there and Charles met with them. A survey was done. On the survey the line between the properties comes out about 25 feet and tapers off south west, 2/3 up the bank of sewer. They discussed what to do. Agreed to use the property lines where the surveyor marked them. Also, an outlet to sewer is on his private property. Ted McGhee actually found out 4-5 acres are City property. Problem is we need to get this taken care of. They have gone three years without a pasture and without any use of the property. What is the next step? They don't feel it is legal for water from the sewer pond to drain onto their property.

Joe Dunford agreed to the statements that were made.

Shawn Turner mentioned that DEQ said it is not legal to put a fence on the top of the berm, it has to be at the bottom. That is why nothing has been done yet. Also, discharge pipe is not constantly running, in fact, it has not been used for years. Shawn Turner doesn't believe the sewer ponds have anything to do with the land being so wet. It is a marsh land.

Roy Bunderson suggested removing or sealing the discharge pipe so it cannot be used. Clyde Rainey said we shouldn't have one there and it should be permanently capped.

Roy Bunderson drew a diagram of the ponds and surrounding property. He said that he believes the new fence should be where the original fence was located. He said there is a law or ruling that after seven years in that location, it would be considered the legal location.

Connie Hulme asked why they were not told about the fence not being able to be put on the top of berm. Roy Bunderson stated that mayors do their best. They can give information but they cannot make decisions without going through the City Council. Let's be proactive; build a fence and get rid of or seal the discharge pipe. Roy Bunderson proposed the City would be willing to pay for the survey to put the fence back to its original location and along with legal documentation that both the Mayor and Charles Hulme would sign.

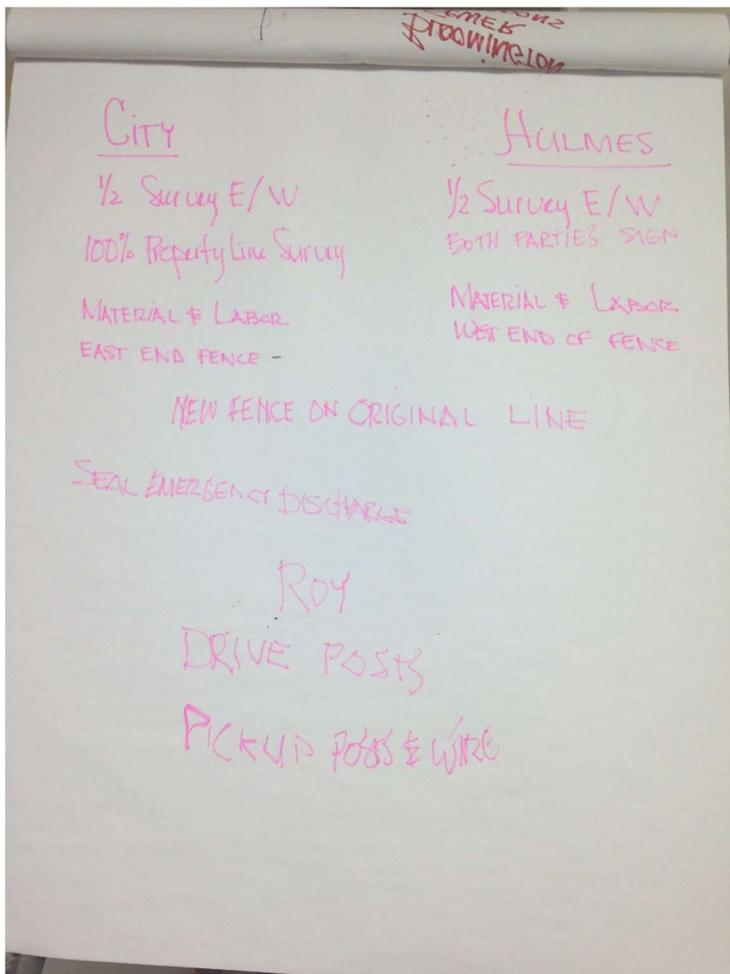
The following information was written on the board, to which all verbally agreed:

THE CITY AGREES TO A 50% CITY AND 50% HULME PAYMENT ON FIRST SURVEY ON PROPERTY LINE SHARED. CITY WILL PAY 100% FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEY OF THE PREVIOUS FENCE LINE. CITY WILL PAY FOR HALF THE FENCE (EAST END) AND HULME'S WILL PAY FOR HALF THE FENCE (WEST END). ROY BUNDERSON WILL DRIVE THE POSTS. HULME'S WILL PROVIDE THEIR MATERIAL AND LABOR AND THE CITY WILL PROVIDE THEIR MATERIAL AND LABOR. ROY BUNDERSON WILL PICK UP THE POSTS AND WIRES. EMERGENCY DISCHARGE VALVE WILL BE SEALED SHUT FOR NO FURTHER USE. PROPERTY LINE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED.

Charles stated he wants to do his whole fence while they are at it. They will get their supply information to Roy Bunderson so he can pick up all supplies (Charles and Connie Hulme will pay for all their supplies). Each party will be responsible for their own installation. It was decided to use 7' wood posts with 4-5 barb wire for fencing.

Mayor McGhee said there is about 1270 feet of fencing. He also said Phillip Ward and Glenn Bee are willing to help with the fence.

Roy Bunderson will arrange for and pick up the fence posts and wire at a discounted price. He will let Charles Hulme know the amount and Charles will pay in advance for their portion.



Ed Payne suggests fire hydrants need to be cleaned up. Many have grass/weeds growing so high it is hard to see them. Roy Bunderson will put a notice at the post office asking the community to help cut down the weeds around fire hydrants by their property, or contact the City if they need help.

Follow Up Items: Nothing at this time.

Mayoral Business: The Mayor has been trying to get Tim Christensen to send us the sewer pond survey. Roy Bunderson will stop by and get the survey on Thursday.

Water: Follow up on meter reading of hydrants on lower end of Madsen Lane? Move to next month for Shawn Turner.

Rich Kearn let us know regarding the two properties on 300 North between 100 and 200 West; the locks have been put in and no more water will be used. Water and sewer are at the property but have not been connected yet. If/when they want to have the use of water and/or sewer, they will be required to pay \$1250.00 for each type of hook-up. Shawn Turner will follow up on this property.

Jim Veater's old property (now belongs to Joe and Jamie Marsh, Jim's daughter): They currently have a For Sale sign on fence. Shawn Turner wants to know if he can lock the water off. He was told "Yes." Shawn also said there is no option for a septic tank on that property. They will have to connect to the sewer and pay \$1250.00 for a new sewer connection. We have no record of a water connection, so they will also have to pay \$1250.00 for a new water connection. There is also a leak on the owner's property that they

would be responsible to fix prior to use. Meter is already there for free, so when they to pay for the water connection, there will not be the additional amount for the meter.

Troy Carlin--new property: Rich and Shawn Turner will meet with him and about water and sewer options.

Brad Simpson property has too much pressure. He will have to put on a pressure reducer to his house.

Russ Sorenson - Shawn Turner and Rich are wondering if we need to get a lawyer regarding water above the chlorination station on his recently purchased property. Agreement to provide water to property was in the minutes of 1989 City Council meeting. DEQ says water has to be chlorinated to all water customers. The connection would need to have a point of contact which would cost an additional \$30 a month or more. We need to have him come to a City Council meeting to discuss this. Joe Dunford will contact Russ Sorenson and let him know.

Sewer: Follow up on survey/fencing between sewer ponds and Hulme property... This was moved above to the Community Comments with Charles Hulme present.

City Hall/Offices:

Sprinklers have been completed and signed off.

Window in Hall: Johns Glass has been contacted to fix broken hall window.

Roads:

Surplus of State property – Property has been surveyed. We have a plat. Deed should have been here. Roy Bunderson called again and found that deed has now been sent to Boise. We are waiting for it to be recorded in Paris.

Top Job Asphalt survey road conditions? They will come in next year and chip all the city roads. Top Job referred Stateline Paving. They came in and fixed the problems we had on the roads. Total overlay was done on road over by Jerry Nelson's.

Delinquent Accounts:

Marilyn is doing great with delinquent accounts. They are looking a lot better. She will continue to follow up.

Payment of Expenses:

Roy Bunderson made a motion to approve and pay expenses. Shawn Turner seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Shawn Turner suggested getting the voice recorder to work or purchase a new one for Council meetings.

Roy Bunderson made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm. Richelle Stocker seconded. Vote Unanimous

Next City Council Meeting – September 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm