



BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL

WORK MEETING

45 N 1st West
August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members: Philip Ward, Cindy Piggott, Mike Knapp, Dan Porter, Debbie Thomas, Marilyn Wilkes. Mayor Roy Bunderson was absent.

BADC: Jane Simpson, Wayne Lloyd, David Bee. Jerry Thornock came in late.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike Knapp, President of the Council, in the mayor's absence.

Invocation: Marilyn Wilkes

Agenda amended to discuss city signs.

- Motion made by Dan Porter to do so, second: Cindy Piggott, vote unanimous

RADAR SIGNS

The Radar signs have not been put up yet. 811 Dig did not get called, so they had to postpone.

Dan showed a video screening what radar signs we have purchased and how they will work.

Dan asked for questions:

Wayne Lloyd asked about using metal posts and a Sona tube or using wood and asked Mike what he suggested.

Wood is less expensive but will not last as long.

Dan shared the life expectancy of the sign equipment:

- Battery – 5 years
- The system itself – maybe 7

The reason for having this kind of sign is if something happens to the signs, we can go back to the company and have it replaced or fixed for around \$900. Also, the wifi connection is only a one-time fee instead of monthly fee.

Our main objective with the sign is to slow down traffic going up and down Canyon Street. Dan is pretty adamant that they are placed in a permanent place.

Dan suggested we put one sign at the property line between 160 and 180 West Canyon.

To reach 25 mph, it takes approximately to the corner of Canyon Street and 1st West, so there is no sense putting it before there.

Mike asked about how far back we will place the signs?

- Dan said he was comfortable around 7 feet off the edge of the road.

Discussion was held about the snow plow coming along and hitting the sign, and also which would be better, wood or metal.

The council was in agreement with the placement.

Mike Knapp said Dan Porter is in charge of roads and for him to make the decision to use wood or metal.

- Mike made motion for Dan to do that, second: Philip Ward, vote unanimous

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/JANE SIMPSON

RV Ordinance

- Jane asked if anyone had any questions about the ordinance.
- In 1.7, “application” will be changed to “referral”.
- Other purple corrections made by Marilyn will be changed
- Chapter II and other headings will be moved to left margin
- In 2.2, take out the quotations
- Mike asked if the intent was to keep people from parking boats in front their house long term? Yes, not in city right-of-way.
- Mike asked if we have defined somewhere that RVs can be parked on their property but not in the city right of way.
- Mike asked if 3.1.1 is intended to keep people from living in their boats.
- In 3.1.2, “or boat” will be added
- In 3.4, Mike asked what are we trying to prevent: The ordinance is to prevent the city from becoming a KOA
- Mike asked if what this ordinance was trying to prevent is making someone’s private property into a commercial camping enterprise?
 - The limit of time will be removed.
- Mike asked the council if they agreed with the committee’s intent:
 - Dan, Philip, and Cindy agreed with the committee’s intent.

Marilyn said this ordinance isn’t so much about what someone can’t do as much as it protects other’s rights.

- Mike suggested that 3.4 is too complicated.
- In 3.4.2 We need to find out the Idaho statute on dumping into a clean out.
 - Shanna will look this up for us.

Add requirement to Hall rental agreement that trailers dropped off need to be parked on pavement or on 1st West.

- Dan suggested posting signs stating “camping on right-of-way is prohibited.”
- Mike suggested we keep the ordinance as simple as possible.
- 4.1 Let’s make sure we don’t contradict the state ordinance.
- The verbiage of “or pumped by a licensed company” will be added.
- Remove the green and add state ordinance for dumping tanks.
- In 4.3, “or boat” shall be added

Mike said we have 3.4 and 4.3, do we want them both? Yes, one is for camping and the other for dwelling.

The bottom of this ordinance’s verbiage will be matched to the Building Lot and Standards Ordinance.

Mike asked how are we going to deal with people who are already breaking this ordinance?

Those who are doing it are already aware that they are in violation of an existing ordinance.

Mike said, in his view, we can’t create an ordinance that puts someone’s business out of business.

Dan said that previously we have allowed charging for camping on private property, but now the city is taking a different stance. And most of those currently engaging in this activity know it’s not an approved action.

Jane asked, “What is in this ordinance that’s new, that would put an existing business out of business, that the previous ordinance wouldn’t have prevented, if it had been enforced?”

Mike replied, "As it stands, nothing." But he brought it up because that fight is coming.

Mike asked if anyone thinks that 4.3 should be removed?

Debbie said she didn't think that we should regulate anyone from making an income on their own property.

Mike asked for a response from the council on 4.3?

- Cindy – I like it.
- Philip – I like it.
- Dan – I like it.
- Mike said that it does cause a legitimate issue for our infrastructure, and it is an existing ordinance, therefore he can support it, but we have to be so careful about telling people what to do on their property.

4.3 will stay for now

Changes will be made in BADC meetings, based on the conversation today, and they will have a copy ready for the council to review, preferably in a work meeting, rather than in a council meeting.

- It was agreed that discussions would happen in work meetings until the council is ready to present it to the public.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) ORDINANCE

Mike asked if it is the intent of the BADC that we limit the density of Bloomington?

- The answer was "yes."
 - Dan agreed
 - Cindy agreed
 - Philip agreed
 - Mike said he would like to find free market ways to limit the density. He doesn't want to take people's rights away, but he does agree that's the way he wants Bloomington to be.

Jane said this ordinance is a template put together by the State of Idaho called "Smart Idaho." There are a lot of multiple-choice areas. If the council doesn't like what the BADC has chosen, they can pick another choice.

Jane: there are three types of accessory dwellings:

1. An internal – an addition on a home, a basement apartment, something that uses the same structure
2. External home - an apartment above a garage, or an existing structure, etc.
3. Free standing – A tiny home on a foundation
- 4.

Jane stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to allow home owners to provide:

- Moderately priced rentals to help meet the need of the community
- Income for older homeowners who may need the income, need companionship, or security by enabling someone to stay in their home
- Protection of stability, property values, and the residential character of the community

An ADU will include a kitchen, separate bathroom, and a separate entrance or exit

There was some discussion and clarification concerning the definitions.

Jane stated the ADU Ordinance is heavy on administrative provisions. It will require more paperwork and more overseeing.

Rented ADUs will be issued a yearly permit and pay a yearly fee to the city.

In 3.9, If permit is revoked... will be taken out.

In 4.1, "side or rear" shall be taken out

In 4.2, What square feet do we want to make the numbers?

- Most like the 800 sq. feet, the no less than 300 sq. feet shall be taken out.
- Number of occupants shall be taken out.

In 4.3, "Adequate off-street parking will be provided" will be added

4.5 will be removed

4.6 will be removed

4.12 will be removed

4.13 will require further review. The council needs time to think about this one.

Mike suggested that we have enough for the BADC to take it back and make the suggested changes then bring it to City Council in September, during a work meeting.

CITY HALL /CINDY PIGGOT

There is some discussion as to what we charge residents for use of hall and pavilion.

Define resident – they pay sewer and water.

Do we still have the less than 3-hour option for residents?

The council decided that the 3-hour option will be removed. Renting for three hours prevents us renting for a whole day.

Do we rent the pavilion and the hall separate – No, we just rent the hall and they get everything.

"Parties" will be added to rental rates from.

Residents will still be able to come in and shoot hoops, etc. for free, by appointment.

Cindy Piggott: motion to adjourn, second: Philip Ward, vote unanimous

ADJOURNMENT at 9:30 pm