



BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

Corner of 300 N 50 E
September 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members: Philip Ward, Cindy Piggott, Mike Knapp, Dan Porter, Debbie Thomas, Shanna Spuhler Marilyn Wilkes

BADC: Winston Hart, Wayne Lloyd, Jerry Thornock

Public: Dallas Smith, Desiree Smith, Helen Smith, Helen's Brother Dean, Zack Smith, Katrina Smith,

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Roy Bunderson

Innovation: Mike Knapp

No pledge in interest of time

Time was turned over to Mike Knapp after Mayor Bunderson informed those there that he had in his possession past ordinances that dealt with sewer connections:

Ordinance #1983-3 – requires connection

Ordinance #2000-1 – states if sewer line is put in city right-of-way, it becomes city property.

Mike summarized the situation that necessitates this emergency meeting: he pointed to where the main sewer line is on the highway, then pointed to the manhole which is right behind the enclosed fence on the corner of 300 N and Main. Then he stated everything south of the manhole along the highway, in the city sewer line is pressurized, everything north is gravity flow. The Smiths are in the process of subdividing a lot, which sits on the corner 300 N 50 E, off their property. After this current division, they can only subdivide one more property off their lot according to Bloomington City ordinances. The final division would have sewer access to the mainline on the highway. It would tie into the pressurized line. Zack stated that this lot would never be broken off from his property as his sewer line runs through it. This is the part of his property that borders 300 N and Main. Mike stated that sewer lines could be rerun.

Wayne Lloyd asked where his sewer line goes. Dallas stated that his line runs from his house, diagonally across the 300 N and Main property to the manhole.

The concern was that the Smiths are in the process of splitting off, in the near future, the property on the west side of his property, bordering 300 N and 50 E. They are just waiting for a surveyor. The Smiths do not want a sewer line running across the property that borders 300 N and main as that would be two sewer lines on that property.

Mike stated typically they would run a city service line, from the main sewer line on the highway, heading east along 300 N, and the new property would tie into this service line. Mike proposed a different solution that he thought might be better.

Mike pointed out a swell and a low spot, which he surveyed, that proposed a challenge. That swell and high spot are in the city right-of-way along 300 N, between Main and 50 E. There is 8-feet of fall from the manhole to the low spot. The mainline is 13 ½ feet from the manhole top, straight down. If the city were to run a service line at a 2% slope, which is minimum to meet code, we would have 2-feet of cover at the low spot, which wouldn't meet code. Mike stated there are ways to deal with that. We could bring in fill. We could do a pressurized line. Mike feels it isn't in the best interest, as a city, to do that, because the Smith's property and home will be the only property that would access the service line.

Mike mention they already have a pressurized line with a grinder pump, why not let them run a pressurized line, down the property fence line on the north side of the fence, in the city right-of-way, come right around the existing grinder pump station fence, and tie into the manhole. Providing they sign an affidavit that maintenance would be their responsibility.

Mike stated he would rather not see a service line that would only service one house and the city have the responsibility to maintain it.

Winston asked if he understood what was being proposed: The Smiths would run a 2-inch, hard line from their home, straight down to the fence line bordering the property which runs along Main, then from there along the fence bordering 300 N, in the city right-of-way, to the manhole.

Cindy Piggott asked about the lot across the street of 300 N. In the future, how will they attach to the sewer. Roy stated that there was a gravity flow line that they could hook into along Main Street.

Roy shared City Ordinance, 2000-1, which provides significant discretion to the city council. This ordinance passed on June 22, 2001, pretty much left discretion to the city council on future questions that might arise. Roy spoke with an attorney about this ordinance, and he said the city could do whatever they got a consensus to do.

Wayne Lloyd asked does the city want to go into the manhole or the north/south line? Mike stated that, from a city perspective, he would rather core drill into the manhole and have it dump into there. They would need to go pretty deep. Anytime you take a pressurized line and dump it into a gravity filled line, it may plug. Any accumulation of solids creates a problem.

Cindy Piggott asked about others that may want to build on 50 East. Will the city ever put that line in? Roy stated that someone may elect to run that line.

Mike said if the city were to put in a city service line, it would have to be engineered. That would be a big long process for just one home, and then need to be maintained by the city.

Roy said we had a proposal on the table. It is a deviation from what 1983-3 said, but not a deviation from what 2000-1 says. He welcomed any other points of view or recommendations.

Winston stated he thought it was a good option.

Mike once again stated he wanted an affidavit that the Smiths would sign saying they would maintain the line. The Smiths agreed and said that was fair.

Dan – did not object.

Philip asked about the other lots around there that might be developed. Roy stated that if a lot is more than 600 feet from the nearest sewer line or they have to put in a lift station, the city can't make them hook up to the sewer.

Wayne Lloyd said we could get all of Bloomington hooked up to sewer if we had lagoons down west.

Roy stated the offer still applied where he offered to donate land for a Lagoon on the northwest side of the city...with a few strings attached to the offer.

Roy thinks the city could build a Lagoon cheaper than put in a lift station. Wayne Lloyd agreed.

That would also get rid of the other lift pump in the city and solve a lot of problems.

Philip worried that we were just kicking the can down the road again.

Jerry – all his questions were answered.

Cindy said she agreed as long as the wording is in for Smiths to maintain the line.

Wayne Lloyd – agreed to the proposal and thought it was a good idea.

Marilyn agreed with the proposed verbiage and suggested we the fact that the line would no service any other homes.

Dallas, Zack, Daniel, as spokesman for the family, also agreed as did Helen Smith's brother.

- Cindy Piggott made a motion to allow the Smiths to run a pressurized, 2-inch line, in the city right-of-way, as close to the property line as possible until they get to where they need to go around the lift pump enclosure. They will sign an affidavit that they maintain that line and that no other home will be attached to that line.
- Second: Mike Knapp, vote unanimous.

Dallas will sign the affidavit as the property is still in his name.

- Dan Porter made a motion to adjourn, second: Mike Knapp, vote unanimous.