



BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICE
45 N 1st West
March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Attendees: Roy Bunderson, Philip Ward, Cindy Piggott, Marilyn Wilkes, Debbie Thomas, and Shanna Spuhler. Mike Knapp and Dan Porter came in late.

BADC Attendees: Wayne Lloyd

Visitors: Addison Oschenbein from Sunrise Engineering was introduced and welcomed. Addison resides in our community and will be a direct contact for Sunrise.

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

INVOCATION – Councilmember Philip Ward

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Cindy Piggott

The mayor thanked everyone for coming. The unusual weather was talked about. This is a very high snow year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Motion to approve February 15, 2023, minutes as corrected: Cindy, Second: Phillip, as there were only two council members, the mayor stepped down as mayor to vote in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

The mayor stepped back up to mayor.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Building Permits – no finalized permits. The Robert Hart property doesn't have enough property to build on. He will survey his property, and he may be deeded enough for the 1/2 acre. There may also be a builder who is looking to build up to ten tiny homes. There are some hitches with his plan. There is also no sewer to the property he is looking to buy. He was asked to bring to the City a rendering of his plan.

Philip, mention he had some issues with the Robert Hart permit. He feels that they may be out of compliance with the permit.

Wayne stated that the Harts will get a survey and see if there is enough land to have both lots in compliance.

Roy stated that even though a survey adds extra cost to the permit, it adds protection for the City. He then stated that if we need to have a moratorium on building to protect the City, we will do that.

A possible sewer lagoon on the east side of town was brought up and discussed as a way to solve some of the sewer problems. The east side of town seems to be where building is happening and could be serviced better by a lagoon on that side of town, this could be in the best interest of the City.

Forest Service Grant Update – Nothing has been heard.

Parking Lot by the Tanks Update – The decision was made that the committee will not go up and look at the parking lot until some of the snow melts.

Roll Call Vote on Sewer Ordinance – postponed until after the City Public Hearing on the ordinances.

Roy stated that we do not have to have a hearing to pass an ordinance. We are not mandated by the State to have a hearing. He feels that it would be in the City's best interest to do so. He stated that it is not what we know that gets us into trouble, but what we don't know. Educating our citizens in a public hearing is only in the City's best interest.

The following steps will be taken in hopes of passing the ordinances:

1. Send an email to residents and landowners which includes copies of both the Water Ordinance and the Sewer Ordinance.
2. Change the summary to say no more fees will be charged.
3. Schedule a hearing for the 4/19/23.
4. Advertise the public hearing in the local newspaper.
5. Hold the public hearing.
6. If we approve, we approve. Doug will write a summary which Debbie will publish in the newspaper.
7. If we don't approve, we amend and start over.
8. Advertise again.
9. Approve.
10. Publish the summary in our local newspaper.

WATER

There was a problem at Hulme's ranch house. They were able to find one last frost plate for the old meters and fix the problem.

Shanna has now ordered 50 frost plates for the old meters and 15 plates for new meters. Roy asked if we have other parts for the old meters, or will we have to replace them with a new meter if parts can't be obtained? Philip said that's a possibility. Marilyn has determined meters cost about \$900.

Five meter kits have been delivered.

Mike Knapp joined the meeting at this point and was brought up to speed.

ROADS – Dan was absent but Roy reported that our grant application was denied. Kyle and Dan will work together to see what the City can do to receive a grant in the future. Dan thinks we are two years away before receiving any grant money.

Roy reported that the City has spent a large amount of money on snow removal. He suggested we buy a truck that can handle our snow load. He said there may be grants that can help with this.

SEWER – Nothing

CITY HALL / OFFICES

The Hall had flooding/leaking around the front entry, inner door jam. It was also leaking in the closet you access from the kitchen. Ephraim Hoge, his son Devin, and Rob Allred came and shoveled off the roof of the Hall. This seemed to stop the leak. The cost was very minimal and will be paid with this month's bills. Antonio and Cindy have been working on moving snow away from each building. On the office, there is a huge piece of snow that came off the roof and fell in front of the bathroom window. Something may need to be done with this ice for safety precautions.

Troy Carlin has been hired as a maintenance man at the rate of \$14.00 per hour.

The wiring in the center wall of the office was removed. The false ceiling in the kitchen was also removed, and the wood was saved to build the enclosure for the generator.

Roy: Todd Boehme, Emergency Management Services for Bear Lake County called Roy and shared there is a grant for building designated as public shelters. Our Hall is designated as one of these buildings. A new grant program will then be created to help earthquake proof these buildings.

Our Hall offers restrooms and cooking abilities in an emergency situation. Todd will look into finding some cots and sleeping bags for our Hall. Cindy was asked to talk with Allen Eborn about acquiring these things.

The office basement was discussed for a good place to store these things. A reminder of water was given.

If something happens, each household may bring food from home for use if we have to use the Hall as an emergency building.

Philip brought up the fact that if Cindy needs snow removed Rob may be a good person for this as he has the equipment.

The Hall being open for walking has been well received. They have even asked for extra days each month.

TREASURER

Payment Of Expenses

- Mike made a motion to pay the expenses with the addition of snow removal from Ephraim Hoge, Second: Phillip, Vote Unanimous.

Delinquent Accounts

Zac Smith is one that is somewhat behind. Marilyn will try and contact his wife to see if working with her may be better.

Marilyn was asked to write letters to those who have a half balances and let them know if they pay the late half payment, they won't be charged a late fee.

CLERK

Vote on Fees Schedule

- Motion made to adopt Fees Schedule with the addition of "for each connection" on both sewer and water. Vote made to accept Fees Schedule as amended: Dan, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous.

MAYOR

Leakage on the Hall may be cause for heat tape being placed in the valleys of the roof.

Cindy was assigned to look into having this done.

GPS system – A reschedule was discussed when we have bare ground, perhaps in April. May, or June.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS - none

Vision Statement for Bloomington

Mike has been working on a vision statement for Bloomington. He sent out a survey to the council members and BADC and has compiled the results of this survey.

Most people stated that they wanted single family dwellings.

Dan joined the council meeting at this point.

Mike opened it up for comments, he then requested that everyone here look at the survey and asked them to circle the things they want, cross out the things they dislike, or leave alone if you don't care. He will then compile these results into a vision statement.

Debbie was asked to send this out to those who aren't in attendance and have participants circle what they agree with, cross out what they don't like, or leave alone if they don't care, then send to Mike.

If we can, the City would then like to have focus groups made up of those who have lived in Bloomington a long time and also from those who have come home to Bloomington to live.

Roy then thanked everyone for their input and attendance.

Motion to adjourn: Dan, Second: Philip, Vote Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be April 19, 2023.