



## **BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICE**

**45 N 1<sup>st</sup> West**

**June 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

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

BADC Attendees: Wayne Lloyd, Jerry Thornock, David Bee, Winston Hart, Jane Simpson, and Rob Allred

Public Attendees: Addison Oschenbien from Sunrise Engineering

Meeting called to order by Dan Porter in the absence of Mayor Bunderson at 7:00 pm.

**INVOCATION** – Marilyn Wilkes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Debbie Thomas

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

APPROVE BCC MAY 17, 2023 MINUTES

- Motion to accept minutes as written: Cindy: Second, Philip, Vote Unanimous.

### **CONCERNS ABOUT THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Cindy is noticing as people move in, our bar ditches are being taken away by people leveling the dirt out to the road by landscaping. The point is to keep our hinge points, the lowest point of the barrow pit. Those are not being kept, so the water is draining onto our roads. We don't want to have water drain onto the road, but into the bottom of the bar ditch. Draining to the road allows the water runoff to damage our roads.

Jane suggested we add this point to our building permit.

- Cindy made a motion to have the BADC come up with a plan to educate people, in the future, about keeping the bar ditches intact, Second: Phillip, Vote Unanimous.

### **THE COUNTY'S OFFER TO BUILD OUT THE PARKING LOT AT THE CITY'S TURNOUT**

Wayne Lloyd, Jerry Thornock, and Mike Knapp attended a meeting with the County to expand the parking lot by the Bloomington water tanks.

Wayne Lloyd said this won't be a quick project, but we're at the point that the city needs to make a decision when to start the project.

The county would like a "No Change of Use" document for that parking lot. The city would need to make sure the county would police this lot.

The county stated many times that there will be no cost to the city.

There was some discussion about what was appropriate fill for the lot.

When Roy joined the conversation, he suggested that we need to have a public hearing and let the constituents know what's proposed and get their input about enlarging this lot.

Roy has two strong concerns:

1. If it's going to be done, then it needs to be done in a timely manner and not drawn out.
2. Ownership of land will not be transferred to anyone else; Bloomington will own the property and an easement for a parking lot will be given.

Weber State University will also be contacted to help in some way as they own the yurt up Bloomington Canyon. Those who stay overnight in the yurt use that parking lot.

Jane and Dan suggested that we charge Weber State for these parking spaces in our parking lot.

A date of Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm was set for a Public Hearing. Debbie will put a notice in the newspaper tonight, so it can be published in next week's paper.

A decision will be made at the public hearing whether permission for the county to enlarge our parking lot.

#### APPROVAL FOR SURVEYING THE CITY STREETS

When Roy joined the meeting, he stated he had a conversation with Tim Christensen (AA Hudson) and he has agreed to survey our streets.

- Motion made to approve exploratory activity on getting the street blocks of the city surveyed: Philip, Second: Dan, Vote Unanimous.

The council gave permission for Roy to get an estimate from Tim for this surveying.

It was indicated that some of our blocks have markers and have been surveyed previously.

Roy will get an estimate of what this cost will be. When Roy receives this estimate he will pass it onto Debbie to share with the council.

#### BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FOREST SERVICE GRANT UPDATE – What we know: The Forest Service grant will not include anything to do with the parking lot.

#### BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

The BADC has approved three applications for building permits:

1. Kevin McDonald – roll off shed
2. Don Thornock – roll off shed
3. Bob Searle – garage

All site inspections have been done and permits given.

Bob Hart has indicated that he will not be building this year. Debbie will send his check and initial application back to him tomorrow as his lot doesn't meet the building permit standards, nor has a completed application been received.

There are four building permits that have expired and the fifth one will expire tomorrow. These residents have sent in letters asking for extensions:

1. Rob Allred
2. Stacey Bateman
3. Colin Hart
4. Shania Cox
5. Tom Roseman

- Motion made to extend those four permits without cost to residents because of the unusually hard winter: Philip, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous.

#### INFORMATION UPDATE

Concerning non-conforming lots: In BADC meeting, the committee discussed the question of whether or not the verbiage in the current Building Lot and Standards Ordinance is actually what the committee intended it to say regarding additions to non-conforming lots. The BADC wants the City Council to know that the verbiage is exactly what they intended it to say, but the committee realizes that the City Council can change that should they choose.

How non-conforming lots will be dealt with in the future will be reviewed by the BADC.

#### THE BORE AT COX'S

Philip – This is not a shallow bore. They started boring from 10 feet deep and angled up to match the city water line. The bore and is fine.

#### WATER

##### REPORT ON LETTER SENT TO RUSS SORENSON

The letter was shared with the board. Philip has talked to Kyle Jones (HLE Inc.) who informed him that the letter, sent registered mail to Mr. Sorenson, has not been picked up yet from the post office.

At this point, we will have Doug Wood, the city attorney write and have served a legal cease and desist order to Mr. Sorenson.

Debbie will contact Doug and share with him all communications to and from Mr. Sorenson.

#### FINDLAY SPRINGS ROAD

The road up to Findlay Springs, the city spring, has washed out. All repairs to the road are being split with the Findlay family. The road has been completed and a invoice will be coming.

#### ROADS

##### IDENTIFICATION OF CULVERTS THAT NEED TO BE EXTENDED

Jerry – 4<sup>th</sup> North and 1<sup>st</sup> West, just below Mark Wilson's. The culvert is there but has never been installed. The other side of the culvert is plugged, so no water ran through the culvert this spring.

Dan – 1<sup>st</sup> W and 1<sup>st</sup> North just below Dale Thornock, also one by Roy Dunford's property.

Jane – There is one at the top of 1<sup>st</sup> North also.

Wayne – 50 East has a lot of culverts that need to be cleaned.

Jerry saw a safety hazard on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> North and 50 East. The trees have grown so big you can't see objects coming. Dan suggested a stop sign be placed there.

The road on 50 East is 66 feet wide and has lots of problems.

Wayne Lloyd will start mowing the roads tomorrow. He will watch for problems with the roads and culverts as he mows

Dan talked to Todd Boehme and asked if the County would take care of the potholes on Canyon Street. He has committed that he will do this. This means chip sealing. The county has said they will do the work if we pay for the products. Dan plans to pave the road on 1<sup>st</sup> North from the corner as far as money will go. Dan also shared a grant that could be an answer to our road problems.

## REPORT ON GRAVEL ORDERED FOR ROADS

By Rob's home on 1<sup>st</sup> North the road has not been fixed. Gravel at the lift station was delivered.

**SEWER** – No report as Mike was absent.

**CITY HALL / OFFICES** – All is going well.

Jane saw a conference table on KSL. Would the city like to purchase it?

- Motion made to authorize Jane to go look at this table for possible purchase: Dan, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous.

## TREASURER

### PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

- Motion made to pay the bills as submitted and reviewed: Cindy, Second: Philip, Vote Unanimous.

### DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Ron Dunford – pays in advance. After Marilyn contacted him, he will pay for the rest of the year.

Janet Johnson – mix up with emails. All worked out.

### PAYING EXTRA FUNDS ON OUR SEWER BOND

Marilyn – Our principal balance is \$143,443.93 if we paid it off today. Interest rate is 2% We've paid an extra \$70,000, to this point. Scheduled payment will come out on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, of \$8,409. She asked if the council would like to pay more on the principle?

Roy: we currently have \$99,518 in our Sewer account. This money can only be spent on sewer.

Debbie – our accounts at Zions Bank needed to be changed to Public Funds accounts. By doing so, each account was changed to an interest-bearing account. Interest on the sewer account will be 4.35%.

Knowing this, Roy said it did not make sense to pay extra on the bond while our interest earned is higher than what we pay.

## CLERK

### RESOLUTION FOR NAMES ON BANK ACCOUNT

Because our accounts needed to be changed over to Public Funds accounts, instead of savings accounts, we need to pass the names of those who can sign on the accounts by resolution.

- Motion made whereas Zions Bank requires proof of signature on our newly designated Public Funds accounts, the council agrees to the following names as signatories on the accounts:

- Mayor Roy Bunderson
- Councilman Mike Knapp
- Debbie Thomas, City Clerk
- Marilyn Wilkes, Treasurer

This will become Resolution 2023-1, Motion: Philip, Second: Dan

- Motion passed by roll call:
  - Dan: yes
  - Philip: yes
  - Cindy: yes
  - Mike: absent for the vote

- Roy: voted in the affirmative for the record.

## **MAYOR**

### **DISCUSSION ON OUR APPROACH TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Roy: Tomorrow night at 7:00 pm, in the Bear Lake County Courthouse, the County Commissioner, Brad Jensen and Sheriff Heslington will meet with representatives from the City of Bloomington, Paris City, St.Charles, and Georgetown to discuss the decision by Sheriff Heslington to discontinue allowing County Deputies from working on their own time, but in their county uniforms and in County Police Cars from providing law enforcement to the aforementioned cities. Payment for police services are paid by respective counties.

The respective cities that are being impacted would like to request that the County Commissioner request a Attorney General’s opinion as whether or not there is substance to what the Sheriff is arguing about.

The June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting should be an exploratory meeting to see what the Sheriff proposes.

Roy expressed that the aforementioned cities collectively pay in excess of \$750,000 to the county. He then asked, “What do we get for that money?”

Roy would like the Council to come prepared tomorrow evening with what the city would expect from the County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rob asked if the city could put signs up to prohibit Jake Brakes/Engine Brakes when driving through the City of Bloomington. Dan is going to a meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Roy asked Dan to check at that meeting if this was possible.

Phillip: We need to have signs put up that Bloomington Lake is closed. Jerry will check with Mike Duncan from the Forest Service about putting up a sign.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn: Philip, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:17.

### **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING JULY 19, 2023**