



BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICE

45 N 1st West

July 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

BADC Attendees: Wayne Lloyd, Jerry Thornock, and Jane Simpson.

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

INVOCATION - Mike

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Debbie

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Motion to approve BCC June 21, 2023, Minutes as written: Cindy, Second: Philip, Vote Unanimous.
- Motion to approve the July Public Hearing concerning the parking lot by the water tanks minutes as written: Dan, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous with the exception of Mike who abstained for absence.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT given by Wayne Lloyd

One outstanding permit: Mark Wilson

Two permits they are working on, both for Rick Carlin.

Troy Carlin had a roll-off shed delivered, he was unaware of the need for a permit.

One outstanding permit for Jared Nelson. He has submitted a letter asking for extension that was granted.

Wayne: What is the status on our meter kits? Roy asked Shanna to develop a status sheet on parts for water meter kits. She said kits are now being purchased from Mountain Land Supply as Peterson's is no longer working with us.

The BADC was asked to organize the supplies into kits and store them in the ambulance garage storage room. Cindy said she had the perfect container to do just that. She has been painting the pickleball court and saving the five-gallon buckets. These buckets will be used for the kits. Marilyn suggested that if someone was going to take something out of a completed kit, Shanna needs to be made aware so she can reorder the part. Cindy volunteered to help organize the kits.

Three kits will always be kept on hand with an increase to five in the summer.

Phillip asked who is responsible for getting the kit to the site. The BADC will deliver them to the site if kits will be assembled.

FOREST SERVICE GRANT

Wayne asked the council to think of everything they would like to see included in this grant. This includes:

- Chip seal
- Road repair on Canyon Street
- Signage
 - Driver Feedback sign
 - Speed limit signs
 - General informational signs

Some discussion was held on the Secure Rural School Funding.

Mayor Bunderson then addressed the law enforcement problem for our city provided by the County. The city pays \$84,000 in property taxes to the county, Mayor Bunderson then asked, "What does the city get for that?"

Roy then asked the BADC to set forth the conditions of the MOU that will be given to the county concerning the parking lot up the canyon. He suggested the following statements be included:

1. No cost to the city
2. The project to be completed simultaneously as the Bloomington Canyon Road repair
3. Maximize the utilitarian value of the space
4. Said parking lot to be maintained by the County
5. Should the County cease to maintain the parking lot, the city will have the right to withdraw the property
6. The property is not a gift, we are merely making the property available to the County for a period of time as long as they meet the criteria established

WATER

Roy stated that Phillip was successful in disconnecting the water at the Russ Sorenson's property. This connection has been terminated. Beforehand, Mr. Sorenson was sent a text informing him that this work would be done as he has never picked up his registered letter.

Debbie then explained that a Claim of Lean was placed against him, and also a Judgement of Lean for \$78,000. Roy said Mr. Sorenson will not lose this property for \$78,000 when he has much more than that into his property.

Jane – a form of record could be filed against the property informing anyone interested in buying this property would be made aware that no water or sewer is available on that property.

Roy said we just need to have a dialogue with Mr. Sorenson. We can't resolve anything until we can get people to talk.

Marilyn stated that he knew there was a problem, and he has never come in to talk with the council.

Kyle Jones stated if he makes another connection, he will make an illegal connection.

It was discussed that DEQ could not be counted on to help us with this situation. They approved our water system and now it is our water system.

- Motion made that the city send Russell Sorenson a certified letter stating he will stand the cost of charges incurred pursuant to the city's letter of notification of disconnection of Mr. Sorenson's illegal hook-up:
Mike, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous

The previous certified letter sent to Mr. Sorenson has never been picked up.

Kris Johnson from IRWA called and spoke with Marilyn asking if the city had any projects we would like a grant for. Jane was assigned to follow through on this.

The permit for digging in the State Right-of-Way has been approved and digging will start on the 7th of July to fix the leak in front of Randy Payne's and Jerry Nelson's.

ROADS

CULVERT EXTENSION IDENTIFICATION

Jerry – 4th North and 1st 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 – 1st West and 1st North just below Dale Thornock, also one by Roy Dunford's property.

Jane – There is one at the top of 1st North also.

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

Jerry saw a safety hazard on the corner of 1st 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.

Roy said he will contact Richard Glead to help blow out culverts that are plugged.

Philip asked if the culverts that need to be extended are paradisaical ditches, do we want to seek half-payment from the irrigation company? It was decided that as this will benefit the city, the city will stand the cost.

The list of culverts will be kept on the monthly agenda until they are fixed.

JAKE BRAKE RESTRICTION UPDATE

Kyle offered to address this issue for us.

Dan said that Post Paving has been contacted and they will be here in the next week to discuss fixing potholes and road damage.

Missing or damaged stop and yield signs along with street signs were then discussed.

Kyle Jones said he hoped to bring the draft Transportation Grant, but they are waiting for the City's wish list to complete this plan. Possible grants available were discussed.

Dan stated his priority would be to seal or chip the asphalt that was laid ten to twelve years ago.

There is also a State Grant available. Things needed to apply for the grant are: a completed Transportation Plan, the mayor's signature, and letters of support from our residents. An email will be sent to all residents asking for letters of support.

Kyle stated that we will include the cost of chip sealing all our roads in this grant.

Jane expressed her concern that Bloomington is not receiving any income from the taxes collect through Air B&Bs that are not being passed onto our city. Roy then asked her to investigate this point.

A work meeting was organized for Wednesday, July 26, to discuss how the city would like to spend the money from the sidewalk grant.

Some points that were discussed concerning this grant:

- Wayne – If we can't maintain our roads, how can we maintain asphalt paths.
- Roy – concrete is cleaner and looks nicer.
- Dan – suggested to repair the sidewalks we have.
- Cost of concrete was discussed compared to asphalt.
- Kyle – we can widen a road including a path for walking with this money.

SEWER

SEEPAGE TEST UPDATE

In a week, it will be determined what kind of test will be done.

Follow-up on repair of pump for lift station.

CITY HALL / OFFICES

Cindy – Multi-use court is almost completed.

POSSIBLE COMMUNITY HELP WITH HORSESHOE PITS

Cindy explained an idea she had to paint or advertise on the backs of the horseshoe pits at the Hall. She will pursue this idea looking for community members to help complete this project. Roy told her to go for it! He then thanked Cindy for all her hard work.

TREASURER

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Follow-up on bill for Findlay property with them owing half on the cost to repair the washed-out road.

When we get a bill for the Russ Sorenson property, this bill will be sent to him by registered letter.

- Motion to approve payment of bills as presented: Mike, Second: Philip, Vote Unanimous

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Jesse Strong was sent a text and the late payment of \$40 was added to his account.

CLERK

RUSSELL SORENSON PROPERTY UPDATE – Stated above.

MAYOR

APPROACH TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

On the 22nd of June, the representatives of four small cities met with the county and the Sheriff's Office concerning the \$840,000 that these counties pay in taxes. Roy asked the question concerning what these cities receive for their monies. There seems to be no help or answer coming.

Dave Beckett wants to start the road up to his property. Roy is a little concerned about the property lines around his property. He would like this situation to be cleared up and never have to talk about this again.

Marilyn brought up the fact that he has not ever paid his half of the survey. Roy said he would come in and talk with us.

CITY STREET SURVEY ESTIMATE UPDATE – Roy has called an associate that will complete surveys for those needing them.

PARKING LOT AT THE CITY'S TURNOUT UPDATE – See above.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:45.

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

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AUGUST 16, 2023 AT 7:00 PM