



**BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING and
BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 and
AMENDING OF 2023 BUDGET
Minutes
BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICE
45 N 1st West
August 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

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

BADC Attendees: Wayne Lloyd, Rob Allred, David Bee, and Jane Simpson

Kyle Jones with HLE, and Addison Ochsenbein with Sunrise Engineering

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

INVOCATION - Mike

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cindy

GENERAL BUSINESS

- APPROVE BCC JULY 19. 2023 MINUTES: Motion to approve: Mike, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous with no vote from Philip as he was absent.
- Motion to move into public hearing: Motion: Mike, Second: Dan,
- Amend 2023 Budget: We are required to open our budget from 2023 because we received funding that we weren't expecting.
- Motion to approve 2023 Budget as published, and voted on by a roll vote: Cindy, Second: Dan, Vote Unanimous.
 - Cindy: yes
 - Dan: yes
 - Mike: yes
 - Philip: absent

Roy: Let the record show the three members in attendance voted in the affirmative and the 2023 Amended Budget will stand approved as published.

APPROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2024: Mike asked about the sewer bond, why did it show up on the 2024 budget but not the 2023 budget. Marilyn replied that it was there but just not delineated out as a separate line item.

We have the money to pay off our bond. The mayor doesn't like debt. However, interest rates are four times as high as what we are paying for the bond, so it doesn't make sense to pay off the bond.

Public Comment was then asked for: No comment.

- Motion to approve 2024 Budget as published, and voted on by roll call: Dan, Second: Mike, Vote Unanimous.
 - Cindy: yes
 - Dan: yes
 - Mike: yes
 - Philip: absent

Roy: Let the record show the three members in attendance voted in the affirmative and approved the 2024 Budget.

Mayor Bunderson wanted to thank two people who have been instrumental with helping our little city.

Roy then thanked Kyle from HLE for all his efforts in finding us funding. He thanked Marilyn for her conscientious work with our budgets. She does a wonderful job.

DOUG TAYLOR REPRESENTATIVE

Emily Carlile (bookkeeper for Bear Lake Construction) representing Doug Taylor asked if the home and office building for Bear Lake Construction could be hooked onto the city water system.

Roy reminded the council that this property is outside of the city limits, and also of the fact that we presently have two homes outside of the city limits that are hooked onto our water system.

Roy then asked if anyone had questions they would like to ask Emily:

Mike: Do you have the possibility on annexation to the city? Roy stated that there is one property between them and the city limits.

Wayne: Was the Stucki Dairy ever hooked onto the City Water System? No, they were not.

Jane checked a map of the city, and confirmed the lot is outside the city limits, then explained they would require two different connections if the home and the office were on two different parcels.

Wayne: What are the pros and cons of annexation?

Pros: Mike said annexation gives us more influence and adds to our tax base.

Cons: They would use more water.

Jane: There is one property between the city limits and the parcel asking to hook up to our water, this property would have to be annexed in also. Roy then explained that annexation can only be accomplished if the proposed property shares a border between the city and proposed property, an annexed property cannot stand alone.

The council all agreed that was the case.

Roy then stated the only way the proposed property would receive water from the City of Bloomington is for them to annex into the city.

Roy then asked if these were fair and transparent answers. Emily agreed they were.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – Wayne reported that three building permits were issued this month:

- Troy Carlin with a roll off shed
- Thomas Roseman pole barn
- Rick Carlin home and roll off shed
- Mark and Marcia Wilson permit is still outstanding
- Wayne Lloyd building was built on the same footprint so no permit is needed

Marilyn asked about the Cox property, she wondered if they were hooked onto the water system yet. The answer is yes and she can start billing them.

FOREST SERVICE GRANT & WISHLIST: The BADC is trying to get as much information as they can to see what could be on this list.

Dan said his wishlist would include chip sealing Canyon Street to the edge of the pavement

MOU FOR PARKING LOT BY WATER TANKS

More information needs to be collected on who will be involved and what their roll will be in this MOU

Glen got ahold of Weber State and they would like to be part of the MOU. The following entities will be involved in the MOU.

- City of Bloomington
- Bear Lake County
- Tri-County Grooming Association
- Weber State

The BADC is still waiting for water kits. A line of communication needs to be opened with anyone who takes a part out of an existing kit, Shanna will be made aware of this part.

Wayne will clean out the shed down on the old state property and most of its garbage except for some plumbing parts. Roy suggested the garage behind the Ambulance Barn is more accessible for storage of these parts, especially in the winter.

Roy suggested we get Rick Thomas to come in and blade that property to clean it up.

DAVID BEE – IRWA GRANT: David got ahold of the Idaho Rural Water Association who would like to meet with our water and sewer councilmembers. Jane asked if it would be a good idea to have Rob meet with him as well. Roy said absolutely. Roy suggested we invite this IRWA member to a City Council Meeting.

Forest Service Grant and wish list: Jerry is staying on top of this.

JANE – ABNB TAX INVESTIGATION: Jane talked to Idaho Tax Commission who couldn't answer her questions, so she is waiting to here from someone who could help her.

Roy: another big issue, read 67-6539 in Idaho Statues. 67-6539 Is very explicit that ABNBs are to be treated no different than residential properties.

Jane stated we are not trying to regulate ABNB's, we are just trying to funnel money back to the city. She will keep working on this issue.

WATER

Roy: In Phillips absence, I'm going to tell you we have really good news. We found the leak at Jerry Nelson's and Randy Paynes'. They were right in the middle of the road. We tried to pull the pipe through, and it broke. Mike Ward was then called to bore under the highway. We now have new poly pipe all the way under the road in both places.

Roy said he isn't very excited with the clean-up of these two places. We need to speak with Jacob about this.

At this point in time, the only water issue the city needs to take care of is out at 21 Pines.

DEBBIE – CALLS ABOUT RIGHT-OF-WAYS: Addressed above with the exception of Debbie explaining she has received many calls about how the right-of-ways were left. Plans were made to take care of this issue.

SHANNA – METER KIT UPDATE & PARTS STATUS SHEET: Shanna was absent, so no report was given.

ROADS

JAKE BRAKE UPDATE: Dan turned the time over to Kyle.

KYLE JONES, HLE ENGINEERING

Wayne Lloyd was given permission to buy roundup and spray the sidewalks.

STREET SIGNAGE FIXES

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 W 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.

These above items will stay on agenda until fixed.

Dan: He learned from Kyle that overlays are not the most cost-effective way of fixing our roads. In a month or so, Dan will be prepared to share a plan for fixing our roads. He does have a call out to discuss micro-surfacing.

Roy: Our snowplow truck is at Brad’s being fixed. After the bid comes in, the council will decide what is the best decision we can make to take care of our snow in the winter. This may involve fixing our truck or replacing it.

SEWER

SEEPAGE TEST UPDATE: Mike stated that we are not going to pass our Seepage Test. Addison Ochsenbein from Sunrise Engineering stated we have three options:

1. Look for soft rottage.
2. We can rehab them ourselves. This includes draining out one cell and working on that, then drain the other one and work on that.
3. Monitor the ground water and prove that you aren’t affecting the ground water. This is not the best choice.

Addison – The question for the council is, “What do you want to do about it?”

Mike asked, “What do we have to do?” He feels like the Lagoons are working good in his opinion.

Kyle: DEQ knows the city will not pass its seepage test. If we don’t pass, DEQ will mark us noncompliant, there’s time, don’t be in a rush.

The pump for the lift station has been ordered. The cost will be just under \$7000. The panel also needs to be updated. Mike has asked for a bid for this work.

CITY HALL / OFFICES: The pickleball court is finished and looks wonderful!

TREASURER

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

- Motion to approve payment of this month’s bills as presented: Mike, Second: Dan, Vote Unanimous

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

A check from Jesse Strong was picked up today. He paid his three months past due payments, but did not pay his late payments. No late payment fee will be added to his late payments fee.

Janet Johnson’s bunk house account is two month’s late, late payments will be added onto this account.

CLERK

RUSSELL SORENSON PROPERTY UPDATE

The city received the following email from our City Attorney, Doug Wood.

Good Morning!

I thought I should update the City on the status of the water connection issue. I have been in communication with DEQ on a couple of occasions and just had another meeting with them and the attorney general who represents them today. They are willing to provide us with a letter to the City which addresses all of their concerns

and provides the legal authority for them and set out the consequences if the City is not able to meet the standards. We can then incorporate that in the letter we send to the user. I think that we should send it regular mail and also post on the gate to his property like we were discussing. Once I receive the letter from DEQ and their counsel, I will write one up for the City.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Doug

Marilyn asked if we should bill Russell Sorenson for the lawyer fees. She was instructed to do so.

Jane saw someone watering the trees at Mr. Sorenson's property. She was unsure if the water was coming from the creek or a hydrant.

Mr. Sorenson has redeemed his property. He went in and paid the bills owed in the judgement against him.

MAYOR

The mayor thanked those on the board and in attendance for all the work they do.

CITY COMMENTS

Cindy asked if we had ordered the ring and manhole cover for over by the Marshall's. Roy replied it had.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn: Dan, Second, Cind, Vote Unanimous

Adjournment at 8:46

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AT 7:00 PM