



BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICE

45 N 1st West

September 25, 2023 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

BADC Attendees: Jane Simpson, Jerry Thornock, Rob Allred

Community attendees: None

Meeting called to order by President of the Council, Mike Knapp at 7:00 pm.

INVOCATION - Mike

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cindy

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **APPROVE BCC AUGUST 20, 2023 MINUTES:** Motion to approve: Cindy, Second: Dan, Vote Unanimous with the exception of Phillip who abstained for absence. The motion passed.

TRAPPER NIELSON PROPOSED ANNEXATION

Tiffany Baty, Trapper Nielson, and Victor Reese proposed annexation of 25 acres into The City Bloomington for proposed use of subdivision for kids in the Reese family.

They requested city water and sewer. It was explained to them that no sewer would be provided, water may be, but they would have to run the lines themselves. It was also explained that the city would not build roads.

Cemetery Road, the road that runs from Canyon Street south up to the cemetery, may be part of the Cemetery District, it may not be owned by the city, but the city right-of-way is owned by the city, but it ends at Reese's property.

Water is a possibility, however, there is only 35 lbs. of pressure at the cemetery, so pressure in the proposed lots will need to be pumped to the property proposed for annexation.

The property may be contiguous to the city limits by the cemetery, but not along the highway.

It was reiterated to them again that if Reese's annex into the city limits, they will be responsible for any infrastructure.

- Roads – these must be built to city standards
- Water – The extension on the water will have to be put in by them.
- Sewer – is not available

Mike: Let's identify what the questions are so you can give us correct answers:

1. Where exactly are the property lines? This must be done through a survey.
2. Who owns Cemetery Road?
3. The extension of the water will have to be engineered.

Trapper asked how far they would have to run the water line? They were told they would be responsible for running the lines from the edge of the cemetery where the water line ends.

Mike explained it was Reese's burden to get the engineering and to do the work, then the city will approve the engineering and the work, then service easements will have to be done. If annexed and lines are run, the city will

then take the water lines over, then they will maintain the lines and the city will own the lines. This is the same case with the roads.

The Reese's were then asked to get a survey, as a first step, and submit it to the BADC before the next council meeting, if possible.

There was also some concern from the board concerning how the Reese's property touched the cemetery. The board thought maybe it was only kitty-corner to the cemetery. If that is the case, no annexation would be possible, unless another touching property was also annexed in.

DALLAS SMITH -SNOW REMOVAL AT THE POST OFFICE

There will be some changes how the snow will be plowed this winter at the post office.

Dallas will plow as close to the highway as he can.

He has been chastised for plowing snow across the road by Hulme's.

Snow piles are subject to remain on post office property until they can be hauled away. This will need to be approved with the post office.

He wants to push straight across the highway in the city right of way.

Dan: what is the postal service saying to you? Dallas responded they require one access, so the access to the post office on the south may not be opened.

Mike: you have the permission of the city council to plow snow into our rights-of-way or property. Mike then stated, "I think you are trying to stay ahead of things, and that's good."

Phillip explained that the only legal way to turn into the post office is to go up Canyon Street and then turn in. The State says there should not be a turn-off straight from the highway. Perhaps the best way to go in is to turn onto canyon street and access the post office from the south side, and pile the snow on the highway side of the post office. The board agreed this would be a better way of piling snow.

Mike summarized: The council would like to see the snow piled on the highway side of the post office lot and the south side kept open.

Dallas said he would try to keep things as they are until he couldn't.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT – Jane reported there were two building permits issued this month:

- Mark and Marcia Wilson's permit was finalized.
- Rob Allred also was approved for an extension over a porch.

FORST SERVICE GRANT

MOU FOR PARKING LOT BY WATER TANKS – still waiting for the parties involved to get together.

Round up was picked up last night, so the sidewalks will be sprayed for weeds. Jane asked where to spray. Dan replied anything with a crack or heave will be removed. If they don't have a crack or are heaved then spray there.

David Bee is still waiting to set up a meeting with the IRWA.

WATER

There is another leak on the highway North of Cazier's home.

Debbie will call the state and ask if the permit we already used can still be used?

Shanna will pick up the frost plates in Logan tomorrow. The kits should have been delivered today.

ROADS

- Emergency motion to amend the agenda to include the sidewalk project vote and signing of the agreement for sidewalks repair and road construction: Dan, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous. The motion passed.

CULVERT EXTENSION IDENTIFICATION - refer to list provided by Wayne Lloyd.

Jane: who is responsible for the extensions we need to add? The city is responsible.

Dan is working on it. He will let us know where he is.

Jake Brake: Kyle talked to IDT; a city ordinance needs to be passed that will not allow the use of compression brakes. After some discussion, it was decided the council is interested in this ordinance, but not right now.

The clerk will keep putting Compression Brakes on the Agenda.

The BADC was asked to look into it if they don't have anything to do.

One bid has come in from Morco Construction on the sidewalk project. Mike asked what is our emergency to pass this right now. Dan explained that we accepted the bid from them when we opened the bid as there was only one bid.

Mike stated the council's options:

1. We sign the bid and move forward with Morco.
2. We defer the bid until this winter and see if we get any other bids.
3. Maybe there is some other way we could do this.

Mike asked how the council felt:

Phillip said if we already accepted this bid and signed it, then we're fine.

Cindy: We sign the contract tonight.

- Motion made by Dan to accept the current low bidder for use of our sidewalk and roadway improvements, and move forward with that bidder for a projected amount of \$300,000, Second: Philip, Motion passes with the exception of Mike who opposed.

Mike stated that he wanted to thank Dan for all his work on this project.

Mike then signed the contract with Morco as acting head of the council.

There was some discussion as to whether the bid could be reopened? Shanna found in the State Statutes that the bid can be reopened if nothing is done by the bidder for six months.

The fix on the road at Angie Eborn's needs to be repaired to the city's standards. Eborns fixed the road but not to the City Roads Standards. They will be asked to fix the road to these standards. Dan was asked to call Eborn's and ask them who did the compaction on that fix, and could they fix it to the city road standards.

Going forward, we will take into consideration if a new builder will have to cross a city road for water and sewer, then we will need to get the deposit for road repairs.

SEWER

SEEPAGE TEST UPDATE: Do nothing for that.

CITY HALL / OFFICES: Nothing

TREASURER

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

- Motion to approve payment of this month's bills as presented: Mike, Second: Dan, Vote Unanimous. The motion passed.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: They look really good this month.

- Motion made to use the ARPA monies for water infrastructure repair work: Philip, Second: Cindy, Vote Unanimous. The motion passed.

CLERK

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION – We had only one seat applied for, Mike Knapp. That leaves one position open after the vote, Philip’s position over water will be an open seat.

MAYOR: Mike Knapp speaking for Roy in his absence.

There will be a meeting tomorrow night in this office. Bloomington, St. Charles, and Paris will be discussing short term rentals. Mike asked each person there tonight to come to the meeting tomorrow night. He suggested we leave the emotion out the discussion and come with an open mind.

Snow Plow: Dan, once it was realized there was more than one thing wrong with the snow plow, Roy took the snow plow over to Brad Wilks. As of now, the snow plow hasn’t been worked on. It was brought up that our current snow plow truck was not meeting our needs. It is a parking lot snow plow and is not sufficient as a snow plow for our roads. Each member on the board was asked what they would like to see happen.

Mike: I think we should fix it up enough to be sold. Then, buy a new snow plow truck sufficient for our needs. Dan stated that Roy also would like to see that.

Dan: The truck is not sufficient for our needs.

Phillip: We need to get what the city needs.

Cindy: We need a bigger one, the current one is too small.

Jane asked if we could look into the option of getting another truck. She said she knew someone who is liquidating heavy equipment. Jane was asked to get a list of what equipment will be sold.

CITY COMMENTS

DAN PORTER REPRESENTING MARC BAKER – Mark asked what he can do in the city right-of-way concerning landscaping his yard. He would like to put a retaining wall in the city right-of-way and level out his property. The answer from the council was no. The only thing that can be done is to plant grass.

Mark also volunteered to work with Google Maps to match up our streets with their map. The council said this would be a great thing for him to do.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment at 8:46

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2023 AT 7:00 PM