



BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON CITY OFFICE
45 N 1st West
January 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM

City Council Attendees: Mayor Mike Knapp, Cindy Piggott, Dan Porter, Rob Allred, Debbie Thomas, and Christine. Colin Hart joined in late and left early by Zoom.

BADC Attendees: Daniel Call, Wayne Lloyd, Jerry Thornock, Jane Simpson by Zoom

Presenters: Julie Buxton

Community Attendees: Mark Peterson by Zoom, also for parts of the meeting Roy Bunderson, Richard Smart, and Lotwick Reese Zoomed in.

WELCOME - Mayor Michael Knapp welcomed and thanked all attending at 7:00.

INVOCATION – Dan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Rob

CAPSA PRESENTATION – Julie Buxton presented information regarding Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse (CAPSA). She explained that the organization’s main office is located in Logan and that CAPSA is seeking to expand services into Idaho. CAPSA currently operates an office in Preston. Ms. Buxton outlined the services and resources provided by the organization and noted that CAPSA is funded through private donations and grant funding.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (BADC) REPORT – Daniel Call
BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

DAVID BECETT – David’s building permit request was denied following further review. The additional information he submitted did not change the council’s decision to deny the request.

RICHARD SMART – his permit has not been submitted. Mike will remind him.

Jesse Strong has a permit which is also outstanding.

BUILDING LOT AND STANDARDS ORDINANCE (BLSO) – A draft was sent to the council for their input. There are some changes to the definitions of commercial property and residential dwelling. The new definitions were discussed and approved. The BADC is ready for the council’s review and approval.

Mike raised questions regarding Sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 concerning reasons for granting a variance. He felt that Section 6.2.1 provided too much leeway in allowing variances. Cindy said the phrase “impractical or unreasonable” could suggest that the council might grant a variance without relying on Section 6.2.2, which limits variances to topographical reasons. The council shared Mike’s concerns. Jane raised a concern that the Building Lot and Standards Ordinance includes a definition for manufactured homes; however, the body of the ordinance does not reference manufactured homes. Jane also questioned whether an outbuilding may be constructed on an illegal lot and making the free permit only good for one structure. Daniel raised a concern regarding whether a building permit has an expiration date or if construction could continue indefinitely. It was noted that the current permit does not have an expiration date. Daniel also asked whether the Council would consider issuing letters of occupancy, noting that some financial institutions require this for loans. Mike noted the city does not do final inspections. There was some discussion how the city could remedy this situation. Wayne can see a potential problem with allowing tiny homes under the current ordinance restrictions.

Jane suggested holding a work meeting between the Council and the BADC to address remaining questions. The Council agreed, and a meeting was scheduled for February 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Knapp asked the council to read the BLSO and come prepared to the meeting.

Daniel asked about the fee schedule and whether it needed updating. The BADC was asked to review the schedule and bring recommendations to the City Council in February. Mike asked Daniel to send the schedule to the Council prior to the meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – The plan is ready for BADC final review. The BADC will then send the plan to the council for their approval during their February city council meeting.

ROADS – Dan Porter – Dan reported that he has made a list of projects; however, no work can be done until the weather warms up.

WATER – Rob

CEMETERY WATERLINE – The waterline leading up to the cemetery has been fixed and pieced together many times, even the pipe used is drain pipe not water pipe. Rob suggested replacement of the whole line, HLE estimated \$24,000 for engineering and building assistance. HLE also estimated the replacement cost at \$175,000 to \$250,000. This line may go under the road and creek, bringing up the cost of replacement significantly. Kyle, the city engineer, said grant money would be almost impossible for a fix. Kyle did suggest checking with USDA and DEQ for possible funding. Also, there is money available from the Department of Commerce. However, this funding has a stipulation that the project creates jobs. Cindy said the city is going to need a maintenance man in the future. She also asked if Ron Dunford is still interested in annexing their property. Roy stated at this time, they would stay in the county. Mike said he didn't know how the city would fund this project. He suggested that seeking funds for this project may fit into the Comprehensive Plan. Daniel stated he had read the current administration just set aside \$50 billion for Rual City Infrastructure. Cindy said she read that from AIC also. They thought maybe funding for this project may qualify for this grant. Jane questioned if that money was for grants to a city or funds to help cities get grants.

Wayne asked if the project could be done in two steps, one from the road to the creek and the other from the creek up, and tie these two lines onto the pipe that runs under the creek. This will alleviate the need to go under the creek. Rob thought that might be an option. Mike suggested that the city consider replacing the line internally, noting that there are many capable individuals within the city who could help. Mike asked Rob to check into possible grants. Rob said he would, and he would also get a quote from other companies for the work.

CEMETERY CONNECTION – Rob asked if the city fixes the cemetery connection, would they want to install a meter. Mike said if we fix the cemetery line, the city is obligated to put a meter in. Jane said the connection would be at the city's expense. The city only charges for new connections, not one that should have been replaced back when the city got a grant to install meters for each connection in the city.

SEWER – Colin

Mike said he and Colin need to still meet, so Mike can fill him in. Colin said he hadn't been able to reach his secretary. Mike said he would have her call him.

FACILITIES – Cindy reported on the craft day held at the Hall, which takes place every Monday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Average attendance has been six women, though men are also welcome. Debbie will send a community email announcing the craft day and informing residents that the Hall is open for walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

TREASURER - Christine

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES – Christine noted that Shawn Turner submitted invoices for the 2025 year and asked if everyone was aware of this payment. All Council members indicated they were.

- Motion to pay expenses as presented: Rob, Second: Dan, Vote Unanimous, Motion Passes.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS – Christine reported that it has been a slow month for payments. Approximately half of the accounts listed are typically paid but have not yet been received. Three repeat offenders remain delinquent and have not responded to contact attempts, including certified letters. Mike asked Christine to attempt contact one more time by text and to inform him if there is no response. Rob stated that he knows one of the individuals and will attempt contact. The City has the option to place unpaid balances on property taxes.

CLERK – Debbie

SURPLUS PROPERTY NEXT STEP – Debbie explained that notice must be published indicating that bids will be accepted, how bids will be submitted, and the bid opening date. This information must be published at least two weeks prior to the bid opening.

It was decided that bids will be accepted by silent auction and must be submitted by February 12, 2026. Bids will be opened on February 17, 2026, at 7:10 PM. The appraisal price will serve as the opening bid. If no bids meet or exceed the appraisal price, the city can then sell the property as it wishes.

- Motion to publish that a silent auction will be held, bids will need to be turned in by February 12, 2026, and the bid opening will be February 17, 2026 at 7:10 pm, during a regular city council meeting: Dan, Second: Rob, Vote Unanimous, Motion Passes. Colin was absent from this motion.

MAYOR - Mike

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL – The Council discussed electing a President of the Council, who serves in the Mayor’s absence. Cindy nominated Dan Porter for the position.

- Motion to appoint Dan Porter as President of the Council: Cindy, Second: Rob, Motion passes, Vote taken by roll call Unanimous.

Rob – yes

Cindy – yes

Dan couldn’t vote for himself

Colin – absent from vote

As a majority is needed, Mike stepped down as mayor to vote as councilmen – yes.

TRUCK -The truck has been sitting for several months. The city has received zero offers. However, they are interested, but they say the price is too high. There are still a few things wrong with it. Mike asked for advisement of cost. It was decided the truck will be sold as is for \$8,000. Motion to sell the truck as is for \$8,000: Cindy, Second: Rob, Vote Unanimous with Colin absent from vote, Motion Passes.

During the meeting Roy Bunderson contacted an interested party who purchased the truck as is for \$8,000 that evening. Christine will handle the sale process.

PRIORITIES – Addressed earlier.

ENFORCING OUR ORDINANCES – A sign will be purchased for the Canyon Parking Lot that says vehicles will be towed at owner’s expense. The sign must include the towing company name, phone number, and license number. Debbie will order additional parking violation tickets.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT at 8:33 pm.

- Motion to adjourn: Dan, Second: Rob, Vote Unanimous with Colin absent from vote, Motion Passes.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – FEBRUARY 17 2026, 7:00 PM – CITY OFFICE