

## **Common Council Meeting minutes, March 4, 2024**

Mayor Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: A. Stevens, J. Tranberg, J. Anderson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, J. Rawson.  
Others in attendance: Attorney Mark Radcliffe, Andrew Dannehy-TCT, Connor Kokott, Mike Ressel, Dwight Frederixon, Dave Quarne, Fire Chief Travis Armitage, Nathan Stobb-Source, Attorney John Behling-Source, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Agenda was posted on 2/29/2024 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

**Motion by D. Stephenson to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: none.

**Motion by D. Stephenson to approve February 5, 2024 Common Council and February 8, 2024 Special Council minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by C. Ekern to accept minutes from the 2/13/2024 Public Property & Buildings meeting, and place on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Source Energy annexation petition: Attorney Radcliffe stated this petition is the same as what was brought before Council in 2022. The petition was provided to the Town of Preston chair and the Town of Preston clerk. Mayor Rawson should talk with the town chair and get their position on the annexation. Source is willing to help with the road that would be annexed in by contributing \$10,000/year for 5 years. Attorney Behling needs to fix the legal description within the petition.

Lake Henry dredging liability letter: Source is willing to take materials from the dredging project and has drafted a letter. Attorney Radcliffe had 3 areas of concern: 3(d)-regarding finished written approval, 3(e)-regarding environmental issues, 6-regarding the risk of loss clause. He also felt the city should have a Phase 1 Environmental study done on the land. D. Stephenson stated they are waiting for a call back from the DNR for their opinion; also looking at another site for possibilities.

Ressel property at 302 N Gilbert St: Mike Ressel is wanting to put a car lot on the north side of the property and would need some of the City of Blair's property to do this. Mike agreed that the waterway needs to be maintained and that he would grant the City a drainage easement. Mike needs to have a survey done. **Motion by C. Ekern for Mike Ressel to provide survey results to the City attorney along with allowing the City a drainage easement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Quarne/Ressel CUP property at old feed mill site: This property is still in international court. They are asking for another extension. **Motion by D. Stephenson to extend CUP another 6 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

City of Blair potential landlocked land: If the land has 2 interested parties-then bids. If one party is interested then what? **Motion by J. Tranberg for buyer to pay for transfer of deed and all other costs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Tri-County Memorial Ambulance Contract: This agreement is to provide the City of Blair and surrounding towns and cities with emergency medical technician-basic services 24/7. **Motion by J. Tranberg to accept the Tri-County Ambulance agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: JA-what does basic staff members mean? CE-All EMT's are required to pass state boards. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Well #5 Rehabilitation: Municipal Well & Pump has inspected the well and recommends the rehab to be done before this summer. The water usage continues to increase and the pumps are running more than expected. **Motion by J. Anderson to accept bid for rehabilitation of well #5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, J. Anderson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.**

Blair-Preston Fire Department: Siren repair was done on both sirens. The Fire Board is requesting that the City of Blair and the Town of Preston split these bills 50/50 with money coming out of the capital expenditure fund. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve siren payment contingent on Town of Preston's approval to cost share, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Blair-Preston Fire Department: sale proceed of old 914 truck and components off of truck to go to the EMR program. **Motion by D. Stephenson to sell 914 truck and components and keep funds for EMR equipment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

2007 Pontiac Torrent: The city's utility vehicle was hit and the insurance company considers it a total loss. **Motion by C. Ekern to total vehicle and accept the actual cash value, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance changes: 33.04 add an annual peddler permit fee of \$500.00. **Motion by J. Anderson to add 33.04(2)(c) an annual peddler fee of \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.** 43.02 delete subsection (3) and renumber remainder subsections. **Motion by C. Ekern to delete 43.02(3) and renumber remainder subsections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, J. Anderson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.**

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Server licenses for approval: Kayla Colburn and Molly Stenberg. Molly Stenberg has a pending charge of serving to minors, but has not yet been to court. You have to grant it and may revoke it if convicted. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve applications for Kayla Colburn and Molly Stenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by J. Anderson to pay the bills (vouchers #61335-61429), V1052-1067, WI 244-245, BT1-2024, ETF 3-2024, NMmine2023, EFTPS 020924 & 022324, WDATCP 2024, Def Comp 178-179, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, J. Anderson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.**

Next Common Council Meeting, Thursday, April 4, 2024

**Motion by C. Ekern to adjourn at 7:23 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer