

Common Council Meeting minutes, December 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: D. Stephenson, C. Ekern, P. Syverson, J. Anderson, J. Tranberg, T. Wheeler, J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Attorney-Mark Radcliffe, Tri-City Sanitation-Dave Pientok, Dwight Frederixon, Trempealeau County Times-Andrew Dannehy, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer-Peggy Hertzfeldt, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Public Comment: none.

Motion by J. Anderson to accept 11/10/22 Plan Commission minutes, 11/10/22 Common Council minutes, 11/16/22 Joint Review Board minutes, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: J. Anderson-check the spelling of a name; D. Fremstad-name is spelled correctly. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Syverson to accept and place on file the 11/14/22 Tax, Finance, & Personnel Committee Meeting and 11/16/22 Streets, Lights, Equipment Committee Meeting, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Dwight Frederixon from BIDCO explained there are 23 lots in the Wildcat development and 22 have signed off allowing duplexes to be built on any lot. Frederixon stated the covenant hadn't been registered and he has potential buyers pending approval for duplexes on all lots. M. Radcliffe stated again that there would have to be unanimous approval for this to happen; we don't want lot owners to possibly sue due to breach of contract. D. Stephenson stated he had spoken to the property owners of lot 25 who wouldn't sign and if the city would pay them what they are paying everyone else they would be in favor of duplexes anywhere. Radcliffe advised to not proceed without everyone's approval. Stephenson will go back to party and see if there is something else they would agree to.

Streets, Lights, & Equipment Chair P. Syverson stated Tri-City Sanitation is proposing switching from garbage bags to bins. There would be 2 sizes of bins; a 35 gallon for \$7.50 a month and 64 gallon for \$12.50 a month. These would be added to utility bill which is done quarterly. They would like to make changeover by February 1st. Bins would be mandatory for everyone. D. Pientok stated his biggest issue is workman's comp and animals getting into bags. D. Fremstad asked what you do when they don't pay water and sewer. M Radcliffe stated that the trailer court is a business and should be treated as a business. It is up to business owner as part of lot rent to provide a dumpster or bins for each separate mobile home. The municipality should not have any part of this. All carts will be coded with a number. **Motion by P. Syverson to refer back to the committee, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Park and Recreational Commission Chair J. Anderson discussion regarding developing a website for the Blair Taylor Park and Rec. Jeremy Tranberg and Sara Capouch are working with a company, Beloved From Above LLC. The website would have all the calendars, schedules, coaches, sign ups, registrations, and messages. The cost would be around \$1039.00 for the initial set up and annual fee. This would be split between Blair and Taylor or taken out of the Park and

Rec fund. The annual fee of a little over \$400 would then be split between Blair and Taylor. This is contingent on Taylor's approval. J. Tranberg stated this would be a great way to advertise your business by sponsoring a spot on website as well. This would help the Park and Rec program with the cost. They would like to bring volleyball into the rec program. Right now everything is being done on paper and by phone which is very tedious. **Motion by C. Ekern to go forward contingent upon Taylor approving, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: D. Stephenson-all this is split with Taylor? J. Anderson-yes, split half and half with Taylor or it will come out of Park & Rec funds. Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.**

J. Rawson discussed the ice skating rink being back on Lake Henry and bringing the warming house back. C. Ekern stated there was discussion a while back about moving the ice skating rink to land by the Schroeder shelter due to the safety of the ice and lawnmower going through the ice. On land would be low maintenance, safety risk gone, more work for city workers, but no issue with thin ice. Should look into finding a permanent skating rink in the park. M. Radcliffe stated it is the municipality's responsibility to close when conditions are no longer safe. **Motion by J. Anderson to move skating rink onto Lake Henry for this year, move rope back farther, move warming house over by lake, and put up light on Lake Henry for skating rink area. 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

M. Radcliffe discussed Ordinance 32.03 with regards to animals running at large. Need to add in non-domesticated animals that have been properly and lawfully registered in the City of Blair. **Motion by J. Anderson to accept this ordinance with the changes made for non-domesticated animals, 2nd P Syverson. Discussion: none. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Bartender Applications: M Radcliffe stated one application had come back with indicators for denial, Theodore Sauls. Chief Johnson recommended approval because of all the work Sauls has done to turn himself around. T. Sauls did list telephone harassment, operating motor vehicle without insurance, as well as felony charges of possession of meth, marijuana, and bail jumping. **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve server applications for Antonio Gonzalez, Tamara Matchey, Jenassa Ames, Theodore Sauls, and Nicole Glasspoole, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Motion by J. Anderson to pay the bills, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Radcliffe can't make the Council meetings that fall on the second Monday of the month. **Motion by P. Syverson that if the first Monday of the month is a conflict, then the monthly meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Next meeting January 5, 2023.

Motion by J. Anderson to adjourn at 7:30 pm, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.