

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Blair, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, was duly called, noticed, held and conducted in the manner required by the Common Council and the pertinent Wisconsin Statutes on June 7, 2021. Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held in person at Blair-Preston Community Center, 103 E. Broadway. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor J. Rawson; Alderpersons-D. Stephenson, T. Wheeler, J. Anderson, M. Lisowski, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, Clerk/Treasurer S. Frederixon, Attorney M. Radcliffe, Trempealeau County Times, Police Chief K. Johnson

Public Hearing on Town of Preston application to re-zone properties at 101 W. Broadway Street and 1102 E.

Broadway Street: Plan Commission Meeting on 4/29/2021/M. Lisowski Chairperson: Public Hearing, Discussion and Take Action on a request from Town of Preston to 1. Re-zone the property at 101 W. Broadway Street, Blair, WI from P-1 Public-Semi-Public District to B-1 Business/Commercial District. Commission agreed the property at 101 W. Broadway, without a clear decision as to what is planned at that location, should stay within the Ordinance/Zoning requirements for 'permitted usage'. 2. Public Hearing, Discussion and Take Action on a request from Town of Preston to rezone property at 1102 E. Broadway Street, Blair, WI from Industrial District to P-1 Public-Semi-Public District. Lisowski stated S.E.H., City engineers had done a very good report on each application and told Commission both requests met all conditions for approval of the rezoning. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan and surrounding low-density neighborhood characteristics. Plan Commission voted to recommend to full Council approval of both re-zoning applications with any future improvements or change of usage be brought to City Council's attention. City Attorney Radcliff reminded Council our Ordinances say there needs to be 2 Public Hearing for a re-zone like these. City did have 1 Public Hearing but was unaware of the requirement and will need publish and reschedule a 2nd one for before the June 7th meeting. **Motion by P. Syverson to defer action on this until we are able to schedule a 2nd Public Hearing, most likely prior to the June 7, 2021 meeting, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** Mayor asked for any public comment on either of the re-zone applications presented, there was none. **Motion by T. Wheeler to close the public hearing, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Public Comment: Jill Anderson reported, The Blair Foundation contacted her about them donating funds toward lighting the walking path. Jill said she would inform Council of their wishes. She told them to connect with our Library as they were thinking about a story walk along that path also and maybe things could be coordinated. Council thought that would be great and there have been request from residents for lighting along that path for better safety and also better lighting as a deterrent to vandalism. Council verbally very supportive and Jill will let the Blair Foundation know. Brian Jahr shared people have contacted him with requests for brush site to have increased availability than the hours currently posted. Council verbally decided to send to Public Property Committee for consideration. Brian Jahr also informed Council there has been a water drainage problem near Park entrance on Gilbert Street, some work was done and there is a concern that road may be damaged underneath pavement...will have it looked at and keep us informed. Nate Dahl requested seating at pool for spectators. Motion by C. Ekern to move Public Comment section to later in meeting if 'fire department' members make it to the meeting, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Discussion/Action on an Ordinance changing the Zoning for property located at 101 W. Broadway Street, having tax parcel number 206-00219-0000, from P-1 Public Facility/Institution District to B-1 Downtown Business/Commercial District; and for property located at 1102 E. Broadway Street, having tax parcel number 206-00532-0021, from I-1 Industrial District to P-1 Public Facility/Institution District. Attorney Radcliffe reported, there was a public hearing with the Plan Commission on this topic on 4/29/202, where the Commission recommended approval of both rezones and also a public hearing prior to this meeting tonight with no public comment on the rezoning of these two parcels, if not other comment Council should move to approve them. Mayor asked for any comment on the rezone issues, hearing none he asked for a motion.

Motion by D. Stephenson to amend the ‘official zoning map’ to include the approved applications for 101 W. Broadway to be zoned B-1 Downtown Business/Commercial District and 1102 E. Broadway to be zoned P-1 Public Facility/Institution, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on City of Blair Resolution # 06-07-2021, Delegating the Responsibility to Hold a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments per City Ordinance 46.13. Attorney Radcliffe explained this Ordinance will eliminate the need for 2 public hearings on zoning issues, only 1 will be required if this is approved and recommends approval to avoid time and cost of doing it twice. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve Resolution # 06-07-2021-Delegating responsibility to hold a Public Hearing for zoning amendments per City Ordinance 46.13, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion Approved.**

Discuss/Take Action on Meeting minutes: Regular Meeting 5/3/2021 & Special Meeting 5/26/2021: **Motion by J. Anderson to approve both minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Motion by J. Anderson to open Annual Liquor License Application Approval Public Hearing, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved. Clerk named Class A applicants-Dollargencorp, LLC, Express Mart & Kwik Trip & Class B applicants-Bullpen Sports Bar, Farmers Escape, LLC, The Barnyard Tavern, LLC & Blair Haus Bar & Grill, LLC. **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve liquor licenses as presented, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Motion by C. Ekern to close the annual liquor license public hearing, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Present New Liquor License for review/publication approval-Wildcat Saloon @ 236 W. Broadway, previously the Broadway Bar: Application has been completed, Trevor Anderson is on the application as a member of the group requesting publication for liquor license, we are waiting for a seller’s permit, but D.O.R. tells me it is still ok to publish, sellers permit is needed prior to approval, which will be acted on at the July 12, 2021 meeting. **Motion by M. Lisowski to approve publication of Wildcat Saloon application, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Discuss/Take Action on 2021/2022 Official Newspaper/Clerk/Attorney explained the City is required by Statute to name an Official newspaper, we have had the Trempealeau County Times for years, but did not name one at our ‘Reorganizational Meeting’ in April, and we need to. **Motion by M. Lisowski to name ‘Trempealeau County Times’ as City of Blair’s ‘official newspaper’ for 2021-2022, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Discuss/Take Action on 2020 DNR Consumer Confidence Water Quality annual report/Clerk reported: Annual report required by the WDNR where all the testing that has been done the past year is compiled and checked against standards to see if our water quality meets the requirements of the WDNR or if there are any violations. This report was completed and submitted using the testing data that our water department sends in daily, weekly and monthly. If you review the report, we show NO violations in any category on the report. We are required to have this information available to all residents of the City, so we publish it in Trempealeau Co. Times, post it on City website www.cityofblair.org and post in City Hall office. We are also required to send it to GVCC, The Lefse Company and AMPI as large users. The DNR requirement for this reporting is: Submit the report – done then Report reviewed & approved for publication by Governing Body/Council – 6-7-21. Publish and get ‘affidavit of publication’– prior to 7-1-20 due date once affidavit of publication is received Susan will submit to WDNR – by 7-1-21 **Motion by J. Anderson to approve for 2020 CCR publication and distribution as presented, 2nd by M. Lisowski. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Discuss/Take Action on 2020 CMAR Waste Water report/Clerk Frederixon reported: 2020 Blair CMAR Waste Water report: City Clerk Frederixon reported: Compliance Maintenance Annual Report/CMAR – Waste Water report for City, WI Department of Natural Resources uses this report to monitor our City Waste Water program. It contains questions about: Revenues, Replacement funds for the system needs and maintenance. Our energy efficiency/the new lift station was helpful on that section and will continue to help going forward. Maintenance programs such as video on main lines, infiltration monitoring, root removal, manhole inspections and lift stations operations. I am proud to say we received a 4.0 grade which is the highest possible and requires no corrective action at this time. ☺ If you have questions I will try to answer them, but I am not as knowledgeable on this topic as the Waste Water Superintendent☺. We do need to consider approval of the resolution of this report, which is a requirement of the DNR to have a finalized report.

Authorizing Resolution # 06-07-2021B for 2020 CMAR Waste Water report: **Motion by C. Ekern to approve as presented, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Discuss/Take Action: Jeremy Tranberg request for ‘off street’, lower level apartments on new building: Brian Simmons, contractor for Blair Haus rebuild project explained, they are planning to rebuild. There is a possibility of significant grant funding through the WEDC, but the project would need to include apartments. The research done to build 2nd story apartments showed that was much more expensive with many more codes and not possible due to cost. Lower level apartments in the rear of the building would be achievable and still have opportunity for grant funding. The current Ordinance states, for the B-1 district, in the ‘Conditional Uses’ section, rental apartments as a secondary use in the Business/Commercial Building are permitted at street level provided that: A) No part of the apartment is at the front of the building, where the front of the building faces the primary street. B) The business/commercial portion of the building must comprise of at least thirty percent (30%) of the square footage of the street level floor. Tranberg/Simmons stated both those conditions can be complied with. Attorney Radcliffe, said Tranberg needs to complete the C.U.P. process 1st, which includes application submission, Plan Commission/Public Hearing with class 2 notice, notification to neighbors minimum of 10 days prior to hearing, then it would return to this Council for final action. Jeremy T. question if possible to streamline...Clerk stated this is approximately a 3 week to 1 month process due to noticing requirements. Attorney Radcliffe said, best advice is to get the application done, hire an Attorney to review Ordinance, and follow through with requirements get the items to the Clerk, to expedite the process for you, so things can be done as quickly as possible. All were hoping for the C.U.P. to be on the July 12th agenda, but the ball is in Jeremy’s court to complete C.U.P. requirements and get information to City Clerk.

Discuss/Take Action on Swim Lesson scheduling idea/Gwen Kidd/2021 Aquatic Center Scheduler: We are providing swim lessons to a record number of kids this summer. All sessions are full and we continue to receive requests for children to sign up for lessons, mostly in the Preschool, Level 1 & 2 for evenings. Wondering if the City Council would consider allowing us to adjust ‘open swim’ times to accommodate another session? We are not sure if it would fill up and if it didn’t we would not adjust ‘open swim’ hours, only if there is an interest. After much discussion, **Motion by D. Stephenson to allow Gwen to offer 2 more evening preschool, level 1 & 2 sessions the week of July 19 – 26 from 5 pm to 5:40 pm and 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm, with open swim times extended to 8:30 pm, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Discuss/Take Action on Gilbert Street blocked off for July 3 Celebration/Blair Fireworks Committee: hoping to block off from Highway 95 in an effort to collect from people who park on Gilbert, near bass pond and do not pay for a button or any fireworks fundraising items and also requesting to possibly be allowed to sell the spots bordering bass pond as premium. **Suggestion to have fireworks button sellers to approach those visitors to purchase a button, no action taken.**

Reports: Blair Police Department report/Chief K. Johnson: 32 Server license application for approval, the printed list in your packets are all recommended for approval. Chief Johnson explained he is using a 10 year period for background check items, related to a state 10 year time frame he was familiar with. Chief also explained we are planning to change the application process for 'RENEWAL' server license applications to include ONLY documentation related to any past year violations. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve the printed list of server applications, 2nd by M. Lisowski. Discussion: D. Stephenson question any legal issues related to the 10 year time frame for background checks, Attorney Radcliffe said no because any questionable application are discussed with him and reviewed separately. Chief Johnson said he is trying to keep a 'standard' and keep consistent across the board'. None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** Separate server applications: Karen Wall server application re-visited: Attorney and Chief are still recommending denial due to application completed inaccurately. **Motion by D. Stephenson to deny Karen Walls application for the reasons given by Attorney and Chief, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** Crystal Brandenburg server application: Crystal had a DWI approximately 8 years ago, so being so long ago we would probably consider approval, but now has a 2nd DWI from about a year ago that is still pending. Question, since the 2nd one is 'pending' and we don't know how that will end up, does the Council want to approve at this time based on the DWI being 8 years ago, and revisit her application if the new OWI is settled? **Motion by P. Syverson to approve Brandenburg's application, because the 2nd OWI is pending and re-visit if needed after finalized, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 5, No 1(D.S.). Motion approved.**

Public Works Department: Streets/Water-Waste Water-Park: Nothing new from Streets/Water departments. Park Department: Brian Jahr reported there was continued vandalism in Park, garbage and recycling cans near upper shelter were dumped and thrown around, cans thrown in lake; Covers of recycling cans thrown on roof of Schroeder Shelter & recycling dumped again; Schroeder Shelter bathrooms, garbage thrown around girls bathroom had broken beer bottles smashed inside, footprints on countertop, sink knocked loose and water leaking, fixtures have been tightened to stop leaks; last week a cement garbage can by walking trail, playground area was tipped over it took 3 of us with a large pry post to tip it upright ☺. Please keep your eyes open to possible clues related to this vandalism and report to police/city office. Police have been making efforts to investigate and eliminate these issues. Additional lighting and cameras in the Park are being considered. Discuss/Take Action on Park sidewalk Bid from Swenson & BB Court lighting repairs (hasn't worked in over 5 years, new wiring & lighting) & Consider 1 less bathroom sanitation: **Motion by P. Syverson to approve Swenson bid of \$980.00 for handicap accessible sidewalk near Schroeder shelter, from walking trail to Schroeder shelter and Kelly Electric bid of \$1,056 to repair basketball court lighting, with funds to come out of Park CIP, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, M. Lisowski-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion approved.** Consider 1 less daily park bathroom sanitation: **Motion by P. Syverson to continue with 3 daily Park bathroom sanitations daily, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Police-Ordinance Committee Meeting on 5/6/2021/C. Ekern-Chairperson: Discuss/Take Action on: Consider updates to 46.07(2)(b)(c) Modifications-Residential Security fences & 46.09(3) Accessory Uses & Structures-Attorney Radcliffe, current language is in our Zoning Ordinance, he drafted new Ordinance suggest Council to review, let him know if like it or not, if they do he will finish and bring it back to Committee for recommendation,

but would need a public hearing to change Zoning Ordinance/ **Motion by J. Anderson to send draft Ordinance 46.07(2)(b)(c) & 46.09(3) to Public Hearing, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved;** Discussion requesting Police department to keep eye out for any questionable construction that may be in violation of Ordinances. Public Nuisance Ordinance was reviewed and compared to other City's similar Ordinance, still working on. 32 Dogs & Other animals/invisible fences/restrictions on types of animals permitted in B-1 District-Committee requested Attorney Radcliffe review Health & Safety regulations and bring to Council at later date; New Liquor license Ordinance proposal/discussed related to provisional licenses/no action; creation of Street closure permit/discussion/Committee recommendation to have an application developed & send to Council for action **Motion by M. Lisowski to require Street closure permit application form developed and required for street closure request, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** ; Liquor License process possible revisions; Chapter 46 consider adding language requiring accessory structures match primary structure (Clerk research & show Attorney & Committee this has already been done.); language on 50%-50% cost share for culvert replacement/**Motion by J. Anderson to accept as presented, 50% City cost share and 50% property owner cost share on newly installed culverts, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** ; add language on fire inspection requirement for Commercial properties, both new and current/Not discussed at meeting.

Combination Blair & Taylor Park Commission Meeting on 5/13/2021/J. Anderson Chairperson: met with Lauren Kidd/Summer Rec. Program Director and Taylor Board, worked on topics to allow program to get started, ball type items are set to go, concessions are set to be sold. Discuss/Take Action on Recreation Program Director salary related to fall & winter sports: Joint Committee discussions ended with a recommendation to have summer rec. program salary stay at \$4,000, shared between Taylor and Blair, Blair's portion is \$2,000, but separate that from the fall sports like YMCA football/basketball and have that be a \$2,000 salary, shared between Taylor and Blair, Blair's portion being \$1,000. Motion by P. Syverson to approve the Fall/Winter sport recreation program director salary of \$2,000 share with Taylor, with Blair portion \$1,000 coming out of general checking for the 2021/2022 season, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved. Discuss/Take Action on Aquatic Center open up to all with 50% maximum capacity at any one time: Motion by M. Lisowski to open pool to all customers, not just Blair Taylor School District residents, but only up to 50 % capacity at any one time, effective immediately, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved. Discuss/Take Action on lifting COVID restriction of only 'self-contained' campers & shower opening: Motion by M. Lisowski to remove restriction of 'only self-contained campers' and open Park showers again to public, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Streets, Lights & Equipment Committee on 5/19/2021/Members Present: Paul Syverson, Terry Wheeler and Chris Ekern. Also Present: Dave Schofield, Brian Simmons, Gary Simmons and Brian Jahr (Parks). Committee discussed the 2nd traffic through-way for the City. Brian & Gary Simmons were present to listen/discuss the project that would involve their property. Dave Schofield of SEH explain what has been found. 1. Dave found that in the 1870's, maybe 1873, there was a Taylor Street that went through the Simmon's property from Porter to Main Street. In 1961 or 1962, Park Street was platted and the short section (Park to Porter) came to be. There are three properties on the north side and one property on the south of this short section. All with no Right-of-Way. There is no record found, but some time the Taylor Street was vacated. We would need to acquire right-of way. Core has estimated \$12,000 for the appraisal which is not in the planned project. SEH has a Supplemental Letter Agreement for Engineering and Bidding Services in the amount of \$32,000. Cost of construction is estimated at \$187,000. Total would be \$272,000. Also involved could be sewer in that block at a cost of \$53,000. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Syverson to start the platting process. Motion carried with three ayes.

2. Committee talked about a Prescriptive Easement and a Utility Easement through Simmons property on the water main going through. We would need a 20 foot easement. This eight inch water main was put in in the 1980's (no record found), but for sure in the 1960's. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Syverson to have City Attorney Mark Radcliffe draw up the easement. Motion carried with three ayes. **After discussions: Motion by P. Syverson to have S.E.H. provide legal description to Attorney Radcliff, Attorney Radcliffe will draw up a utility easement for the former Taylor Street 'right of way' from Main to Park, for maintenance of the utility pipe under the Simmon's property parking lot, 2nd by J. Anderson. Discussion: S.E.H. has title work for all 5 property owners, Susan can forward that to Attorney. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** Committee asked SEH to get cost of grinding and paving Simmons Parking Lot/estimated cost is \$34,000. S.E.H. recommends City coming to a temporary lease construction agreement with Simmon's. D. Stephenson voiced concerns about spending that large amount for a temporary use, during the Street project just use a current alternate route, even for emergency services, for the short time during the project. **No action was taken on the Simmon's property parking lot item.** **3.** The Committee discussed the Park Paving project. Brian Jahr went through the list of needed projects he had the Trempealeau County Highway estimate. Total cost estimate is \$27,450. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Wheeler to recommend to full Council that we do the full project with our City workers doing some of the prep work. Motion carried with three ayes. **Council Motion by P. Syverson to approve all items listed on Trempealeau Co. Highway Department Estimate dated 4/6/21 and in this meeting packet for completion in the amount of \$27,450.00, with Brian Jahr organizing the work schedule, with dollars to come out of Park CIP fund, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion: None. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, T. Wheeler-yes, P. Syverson-yes, M. Lisowski-yes, J. Anderson-yes. Motion approved.** **4.** The Committee then discussed the Salt Shed Issue. Discussed was the lot north of the Town of Preston salt shed. Committee Motion by Ekern and seconded by Wheeler to have City Clerk and Attorney Radcliffe contact Allied to pursue land there to build City Salt Shed next to Town of Preston. Motion carried with three ayes and seconded by. **Full Council Motion by P. Syverson to have City Attorney contact Allied Co-op about possible purchase of land for placement of new Salt/Sand shed, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: Attorney Radcliffe said he would take care of this item. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

S.E.H. Engineering report/updates/David Schofield – Submitted CDBG-PF grant and we should hear in August if we are selected for grant funding, it is very competitive, but hopeful we are selected. Discuss/Approve Geotechnical Exploration Proposals for the Broadway and Pearl Street project: Dave S. said they would like to get this done in preparation for bidding if selected for grant funding. Projects can be done without this, but contractors are much more likely to bid favorably if it has been done, so they don't have any costly surprises on types of soil and amount of de-watering needed for project. S.E.H. recommends as a good investment. 3 quotes were obtained, with lowest from Professional Service Industries (Chippewa Falls, WI) @ \$4,450. M. Lisowski questioned if ok to wait until we find out if we get grant, S.E.H. said if we are funded, things will move quickly and will need to put final plans together and this would help with that. Ok to wait, but reminder that this information will be good even if project is pushed out 3-4 years. Will be notified if awarded in August 2021, sign acceptance in November 2021, project in 2022. It is a reimbursement grant, so we pay up front and request reimbursement after start of project. **General Council wish to have this proposal brought back after we find out if grant is awarded. No action taken.** Community Funding Project Grant update: We were notified City of Blair was not selected for funding for this Grant. Thank you to S.E.H. for submitting the grant at no charge to the City and to GVCC, AMPI, BTSD & Fire Department for providing letters of support for this grant on very short notice. Those letters will also be sent with our CDBG-PF application for \$1,000,000.

Blair Community Development Group Meeting on 5/20/2021/C. Ekern: Group worked on a mission statement; working on updating the current property in downtown district inventory; discussed getting events on to the new website/Facebook platforms; continued discussion on cooperative advertising program, currently had 8 businesses interested and group is planning on further efforts to contact and inform all businesses of the program, also group needs to develop plan for billing of the businesses participating; group is asking for additional pictures to assist with improving the website/Facebook platforms

Public Property & Building Committee Meeting on 5/26/2021/M. Lisowski Chairperson: Discussion/Action on Municipal Dam repair options-Oakridge Engineering reported after dye testing 3 spots were identified for leaking. DNR was notified and after discussions with Oakridge, we were given options for planning for the repair needs. DNR gave us the following options: 1) Move ahead with the design & construction of the cutoff wall based on what we know now. 2) Hold off on any physical modifications of the structure, but implement a monitoring program to assess the seepage issue over time. This could be an attachment to the current Inspection Operation & maintenance plan for the dam. It would outline where to look and what to look for and how often to look. 3) We could do something similar to the above option, but also install something similar to a springbox with a single outlet pipe. This would allow for the water to discharge at a single location. This would give you the benefit of easier inspection, but also the potential to measure the exact flow rate from the outlet pipe. The key would be to install this springbox without disturbing the existing site. Committee is recommending doing # 2 option, monitoring the areas of concern. Seems like easiest, just a couple of documented 10 minute checks monthly. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve # 2 option, to monitor the seepage areas and document findings to use as comparison and planning as things change and further action is needed, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.** Oakridge Engineering will also put together a detailed plan for repairing the dam identified leaks, if/when there is a lake drawdown related to dredging project. Discussion/Action on City hall building repairs: few items brought to Committee's attention, broken flooring in halls of first floor (**Mike L. has had someone look at it and is waiting for a price**), 2nd one was the concrete in front of building on both sides of steps, has eroded away, most likely from winter ice melt distribution (**Committee felt like City Public Works crew could repair those area**).

Blair Joint Waste Water Advisory Board meeting with WDNR on 6/2/2021/Mark Radcliffe: at DNR's request we met with them about waste water exceedances to Whitehall from AMPI/Blair. All parties will continue to work with the DNR to find a solution to the issues.

Clerk Report: Recycling Grant award of \$2, 528.89 close to last year's amount, thank you to Debi for submitting; Source Energy Services Financial Assurance data has been verified and all is in good order/per Attorney Radcliffe; Thank you to Julie Wheeler & Jean Stenberg for doing work to upgrade our Veterans Memorial area in the Park; City used generator \$ 3,500.00 collected; Tri-City Sanitation 50th Anniversary celebration all council members, employees were invited, Tri-City is company to work with and have always had the Cities best interest at heart and done many favors for us; Letters of Support for grant application were received from BTSD, GVCC, AMPI and Fire Department, they were excellent and done with a very short timeline, very much appreciated ; Thank you to Blair High School students for assisting with downtown flower pot re-potting, Brian Stenberg for supervising and Terry Wheeler for taking loving care of them all season.

Information only on Building Permits (G.E.C. Review & Approval): Revisit-Lannie Howe @ 320 S. Peterson Avenue for fence; Lisa Roys @ 827 E. Olson Street for a mixed privacy & coated chain link fence; Michael Maciosek @ 310 E. Broadway Street for an above ground pool; Perry & Renee Kujak @ 650 W. Fourth Street for new construction; Dollar General @ 314 Broadway Street for Electrical upgrades; Carl Axness @ 815 E. Olson Street for solar panel system. **Clerk shared General Engineering will be at the City Hall tomorrow to**

review these permits and approve or contact permit requestor on what is still needed to complete application. Council verbally approved not to have building permits on agenda any more, if residents have questions, Attorney Radcliffe advised them to check with City office to see if an application is on file with G.E.C. **Council request for email information on permits approved. Mayor allowed Perry Kujak to comment that this whole process has been overwhelming to me, building a cattle shed is a heck of a lot easier, Susan and Debi have been a tremendous help and represent the City well.**

Mayor read: Action. The City Council, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g), may convene in Closed Session for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding AMPI and excessive BOD loading. **Motion by C. Ekern to convene into closed session per agenda language, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, M. Lisowski-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion approved.**

Reconvene in open session and take any action, if necessary from closed session. **Motion by T. Wheeler to return to open session, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, M. Lisowski-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion approved.**

No action was taken from the closed session.

Present the vouchers/Action item: **Motion by C. Ekern to approve as presented in packet, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Roll call vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, M. Lisowski-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion approved.**

Next Council meeting is July 12, 2021 @ 6:30 pm @ Community Center.

Motion J. Anderson to adjourn meeting, 2nd C. Ekern Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Susan Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer