

City of Blair-Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Requested amendments for late notice items into office – Honey Hole Saloon Street closing request, J. Peterson building permit, Deer in Park issue; Hen License & B. Fraust request for time off without pay/Action Items-
Motion to approve as read by Clerk by C. Ekern/2nd T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0

Call the Meeting to order

Verification of Open Meeting Law Requirements

Public Comment Session (15 minutes total)-none

Present meeting minutes: Regular Council Meeting 4/3/17- **Motion to approve as presented by C. Ekern/2nd T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0.** Re-organizational 4/18/17/Action Item-**Motion to approve with correction of adding Mayor Knutson and Alderperson Cartrette to the Plan Commission by C. Ekern/2nd T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0**

Open Public Hearing for CDBG Public Facility Grant (\$500,000 grant) and Planning Grant (\$25,000)/Action Item- Public Comment on implementation and review of program performance/Action Item –**Motion by W. Cartrette to open CDBG Public Hearing/2nd by C. Ekern/motion carried 5-0.** There were no public comments given during the open hearing.

Closing of CDBG Public Hearing/Action Item-**Motion C. Ekern to close CDBG public hearing/2nd same T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0.**

Review/Consideration of S.E.H. Agreement to complete preliminary design on 4th Street/Action Item-City engineering firm went through agreement which would include research, corridor study, summary, maps, preliminary opinion of costs and final study presentation at a cost not to exceed \$13,500. After some discussion/**Motion to approve as presented by J. Anderson/2nd by C. Ekern/motion carried 5-0.**

Eagle Scout Project request from Braden Smith/Action Item **Motion to approve project and building permit as long set back requirements are met by C. Ekern/2nd W. Cartrette/motion carried 5-0**

Application for Class B liquor license Municipal Pool Committee/Action item **Motion by C. Ekern to approve as presented/2nd by T. Wheeler/motion approved 5-0.**

Operator License Denial Question J. Tranberg-Blair Haus Sports Bar & Grill/Possible Action/**Motion by W. Cartrette to make an acceptance to the Ordinance and allow license to be issued/2nd by P. Syverson/motion carried 5-0.**

City Clean Up Day Process Review/Possible Action/**Motion by C. Ekern to add a 2nd day to the Clean-up event, specifically Wednesday, May 10 from 2 pm to 7pm. /2nd by P. Syverson/motion carried 5-0.**

Present annual Liquor Licenses for review/publication approval/Action Item/**Motion by J. Anderson to approve as presented/2nd by Cartrette/motion carried 5-0.**

Update on Grandview Care Center project A. Robertson/informational only-Public Hearing to discontinue a portion of Grandview Avenue is set for June 5th at 6:45 pm, prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Reports:

Pool Meetings 4-12-2017 W. Cartrette/informational only-We are currently in Phase II. A lot of analysis, soil borings planned and Special fundraising event in the Park on June 17th from 11 am to 10 pm, music, raffles, food, refreshments. Please support this event.

Streets, Lights and Equipment 4/19 & 4/27/2017 P. Syverson/Possible Action/2017 Street, Sidewalk, and Sign projects were decided by committee and supported by Council, request to have all equipment purchases go through this committee prior to purchase, no gator will be purchased as we have behind mower trailers, Chipper training and operation needs to be completed asap by Street Superintendent. Committee requested Clerk to have this Committee to the Town of Preston May 8th agenda to discuss shared road initiatives. Planning a community survey related to traffic patterns and possible placement of stop signs and/or speed bumps on Taft/Olson/Tappen Road area/**Motion by W. Cartrette to contact D.O.T. for guidance on correct placement of signs related to speed bump/humps on Tappen Road and allow Street department to proceed with placement without further Council action/2nd by C. Ekern/motion carried 5-0.** Stop sign placement within City Limits/Action Item/no action at this time.

Water/Sewer Committee 4/27/2017/C. Ekern & notes planning for needed water/sewer utility upgrades, more information at June 5 meeting after Chris get estimates, confirmed with City Clerk that January 1 increases for W/S rates went into effect.

BIDCO Wildcat Residential Development Report- BIDCO developed and placed ads for the lots and have them on 2 well known real estate sale websites: Zillow and Craigslist with City Hall contact information.

Building Permits: T. Colburn @ 505 E. Center Street for fence/**Motion by W. Cartrette to approve with signed authorization from property owner/2nd same by P. Syverson/motion carried 5- 0**; J. Peterson @ 616 E. Olson for utility shed/**Motion by C. Ekern to approve as presented/2nd same by T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0**

Clerk Report: Park Spring Standard Operating Procedures being developed; City Department Maintenance Log Forms implemented; Town of Preston Fire Board Meeting request- ok from liaison board to meet May 11 @ 6:30 pm at Community Center, Town of Preston had City residents bringing items to the Township recycling center – reminder that City has every other Thursday curb side pickup at no charge for City residents, also the Council approved, with thanks, the offer from the Township to take over the Community Center Cleaning effective June 1 to allow City Public Works staff more time in the Park department.

Agenda Amendment items:

Honey Hole Saloon request for 1 year Anniversary Party, to block off (and allow open container alcohol ordinance set aside during this time) Gilbert Street from C.J.'s cafe to Broadway from 5 pm June 10, 2017 to noon June 11, 2017/**Motion by C. Ekern to approve as presented/2nd same by T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0.**

City W/S Superintendent request for 11-16 hours of time off without compensation May 9th and possibly 10th/**Motion by T. Wheeler to approve/2nd same by P. Syverson/motion carried 5-0.**

Hen License Application & building permit from S. Rogstad @ 322 W. Center Street/**Motion by C. Ekern to approve/2nd same by T. Wheeler/motion carried 5-0.**

Clean Water Fund DNR loan agreement Special meeting request form S.E.H/*Council approved June 26 at 6:30 pm for this Special Meeting*

Deer in Park Owner (Mr. Gene Wheeler) request to end agreement with the City and either take back the deer or donate them to the City but end all responsibility for them-after much discussion related to increased State regulation requirements and liability and hopes to find another licensed deer owners in the future/**Motion by W. Cartrette to thank Wheelers (owners of the deer) but to have them take the deer out of the Park/2nd same by T. Wheeler/motion carried 4-1.**

Present Vouchers **Motion by C. Ekern to approve as presented/2nd same by T. Wheeler/motion carried with 5 yes roll call votes**

A portion of this meeting was held in closed session per State Statute Section 19.85 (1) (g) confer with legal counsel with respect to litigation and 19.85 (1) (e) related to bargaining/Action Item-Litigation was related to an ongoing insurance issue and negotiations were with SPW/**Motion by W. Cartrette to move to closed session per agenda statement/2nd same by C. Ekern/motion carried 5-0.**

Return to Open Session as needed, for formal action on discussions/No action taken from 'closed session' discussions. Adjourn-Motion W. Cartrette/2nd same J. Anderson/Motion carried 5 Yes-0 No.

Susan K. Frederixon, Clerk-Treasurer