

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting minutes, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ardell Knutson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council attending: P. Syverson, C. Ekern, W. Cartrette, T. Wheeler (via phone), J. Anderson, and T. Robertson (7:05 pm) and S. Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by J. Anderson to amend agenda to include: GVCC building permit, pool donation and employee letter and update with SPW to clerk report, verify open meeting law, and come out of closed sessions after entered, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Public comment: None.

Open Meeting Law Requirements Met – posted more than 24 hours in advance and in three public places.

Present minutes for approval: Regular Council Meeting 12/7/2015. **Motion to approve minutes as presented by J. Anderson, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Wildcat Development: Rebecca and Jason from SEH gave a presentation on the certified survey map that was done. This map found a section of land in the middle of Elland Road that belongs to the Town of Preston. The Town of Preston declined to give their approval and signature for the map. Now, we are looking at annexing that strip of land. There are also some of the City's utilities that run under Elland Road or on other properties, this should also be cleaned up. This could be done with easements and annexations. Dwight Frederixon, representing Blair Industrial Development, made an official request to be annexed by the City of Blair. SEH will work on official petition.

Request to update signature authority for City of Blair business: City needs to remove Tracey Olson and add Debra Fremstad to authorization cards at the Union Bank of Blair. **Motion by T. Robertson to make changes, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion - P. Syverson, Council President is still on authorization cards. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Water-Sewer Committee Meeting: Meeting held on December 9, C. Ekern reported. The sewer rates have not been changed since 1994. The rates need to meet our expenses and they have not for the past several years. The Committee met and crunched numbers and will have a final review to bring to council at The February 1, 2016 meeting.

Application for Temporary Class B Retailers Liquor License: The Blair Sportsman's Club Ice Fishing Contest to be held on January 9, 2016. **Motion by W. Cartrette to approve license, seconded by T. Wheeler. Discussion – none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Application of Hen License. Orville Greenwold-329 Gilbert Street. **Motion by W. Cartrette to approve license, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Shelter and Campground Fees: The current fees were last changed in 2011. **Motion by W. Cartrette to refer to Park Committee, seconded by T. Robertson. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Town of Preston-City of Blair Road Agreement – 1 year review: **Motion by T. Robertson to extend agreement for another year, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Building Permits: D. Bautch @ 910 E. Broadway St. – 12'x16' storage shed. Grand View Care Center @ 620 Grand View Ave. – Bathroom remodeling. **Motion by T. Robertson to decline Bautch permit based on too many accessories per our ordinances, seconded by J. Anderson. Discussion - none. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion by T. Robertson to approve GVCC state approved permit, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion – none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Clerk Report: Nomination papers for Alderperson positions for April election from all current Alderpersons received, GVCC liaison committee is still working on a common date to meet to discuss lease and future planning, update on office workload management report-overtime trimmed by 49% from December 2014, update on SPW pipeline-progress is postponed for now related to market decline; SPW will continue to assess be ready when time is right, pool donation of \$150,000 from Greg Benedict a former Taylor resident who wanted to give back to the City; related to a local business purchasing property of his – VERY GENEROUS and much appreciated, and employee letter-Jeff Lee’s retirement notice.

Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1) (b) (c) related to Personnel issues: Motion by W. Cartrette to enter into closed session, seconded by T. Robertson. Discussion - none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Motion by J. Anderson to exit closed session, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion - none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Motion by P. Syverson to approve all actions taken in closed session, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Present Vouchers: **Motion to approve vouchers by W. Cartrette, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion - none.** Roll Call vote- J. Anderson-yes, T. Robertson-yes, T. Wheeler-yes, W. Cartrette-yes, C. Ekern-yes, and P. Syverson-yes.

Motion by W. Cartrette to adjourn, seconded by T. Wheeler. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Susan Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer