

**City of Blair Regular Council Meeting minutes, October 5, 2015 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, J. Anderson, and S. Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer. T. Robertson – absent.

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

**Public comment:** None.

**Present minutes for approval:** Regular Council Meeting 9/14/2015, and Special Council Meeting 9/30/2015. **Motion to approve both as presented by T. Wheeler, seconded by J. Anderson. Discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Present minutes for informational purposes only:** Joint Review Board TID 7, 9/30/2015.

**Bids for Post Office roof repair:** bids were opened at the Public Property and Building meeting, held prior to Council meeting at 6:30. T. Wheeler brought forth the recommendation of the committee to accept the Tranberg roofing bid of \$11,900.00. **Motion by W. Cartrette to accept Tranberg Roofing bid, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Blair-Preston Fire Department billing procedure:** tabled until T. Robertson is present.

**BIDCO Petition for zoning change in Residential Development:** Plan Commission recommended that the area along the extensions of Olson and Maple streets be changed from Agriculture (A-1) to Residential (R-1), with the intended use of the territory to be for construction of residential units. **Motion by W. Cartrette to change zoning as described, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion. Ayes-5, nays-0.** The Plan Commission also recommended an ordinance to allow additional permitted uses, namely parking, in the four zoning districts. **Motion by W. Cartrette to add parking as a permitted use for parking lots only for B-1 Business, B-2 Business Highway, Industrial, and Public Facilities, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Review/Consideration approval of final Plat design of TID 7:** Rebecca Flege of SEH reviewed the layout of the plat to be considered. **Motion by J. Anderson to record plat as shown with the understanding that SEH do an adaptation with the ditch, culvert removal and change the E. Fifth Street name to Pine Street, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Municipal Pool update:** R. Flege gave a review of the reimbursable and comparisons of the two contractors being looked at. The Council decided to go forward with Burbach.

**Review of sewer maintenance work done at 302 W. Broadway Street:** Itemized bill was received. **Motion by T. Wheeler to rescind previous motion and open up for questions, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-2, Nays-3.** Citizen will be reimbursed. W. Cartrette suggested that any questions go to the Water/Sewer Committee.

**City Employee Health Insurance Plan Decision:** The City has met with a Municipal Consortium representative, Jerry Den Boer. The plan would start January 1, 2016. The employees would have co-pays with this new plan. The premiums are less, the deductible would be paid by the City, and there is dental available. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve option 3 of WEA Trust and pay for 100% of deductible and 100% of dental insurance, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion by J. Anderson to discontinue Employee Trust Funds as of December 31, 2015 and authorize signature resolutions, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Date for Police/Ordinance Committee meeting:** tabled for T. Robertson to arrange.

**Clerk Report:** clean water fund application update, Strande Park paving update, wash out repair, thank you for donations, Randy Ekern designed and installed entry ramps at Blair-Preston Fire Department, Town of Preston fire truck finance information, new City uniforms update, librarian position at Blair-Taylor School District, and training for CDBG grant in Madison.

Present Vouchers: **Motion to approve vouchers by W. Cartrette, seconded by C. Ekern.** Roll Call vote-P. Syverson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, W. Cartrette-yes, T. Wheeler-yes, J. Anderson-yes.

**Motion by P. Syverson to adjourn, seconded by W. Cartrette. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

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Susan Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer