

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2018 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) and S. Frederixson-Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Motion W. Cartrette to amend agenda to include: Burbach Aquatics review and recommendation of application for payment #2 for pool project to Wapasha Construction Company, second J. Anderson. Discussion-none. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Public comment: None.

Present minutes for approval: Regular Council Meeting 1/8/2018. Motion W. Cartrette to approve minutes as presented, second C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

New Businesses in Blair: RA Hoffer Hydrographics @ 208 W Broadway Street transfers patterns onto items. Randy Hoff's business can be viewed at www.rehoffer.com. Stevens' & Associates @ 123 W Broadway Street is in the process of purchasing the business previously owned by Ron Myskewitz. Nissa Stevens' is a certified Financial Advisor. Welcome to Blair!

Hi-Crush Financial Assurance Bond: Dick Reesman explained that Hi-Crush will be entering Phase 3 of the reclamation plan and are requesting a financial assurance bond in the amount of \$1,195,000 for that phase. **Motion C. Ekern to approve the financial assurance bond as presented, second J. Anderson. Discussion-none, Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Hi-Crush Environmental Management Plan: Dick Reesman informed the City that Hi-Crush has implemented an Environmental Management Plan that will have funding available to assist with environmental projects within the area. This may be very beneficial for the Lake Committee and the City Comprehensive Plan.

BCPL loan applications for pool project & refinancing of existing loan: Resolution 2-5-2018A, loan #05604816 is in regards to \$605,000 for the municipal pool project, 15 years @ 4.0% interest. Resolution 2-5-18B, loan #05604817 for refinancing current loan #2017126 for \$131,468.68 with the interest decreasing from 4.0% to 3.5%. Discussion: How many years left on 2nd loan? – 9 years. Why a 15 year loan? – no difference in interest with an 11-15 year loan. Then we want a lower rate for a 9 year loan. **Motion T. Robertson to table until next month, with correct length being put on the 1st loan, second C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Zoning related to possible new business: Mike & Jamie Ressel would like to put in temperature controlled storage units @ 114 N. Gilbert Street. The council would have to send this conditional use in the downtown district to the Plan Commission. **Motion W. Cartrette to send to Plan Commission, second C. Ekern. Discussion-please bring a drawing plan to Plan Commission. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

MSA Engineering introduction: Dave Wierzba introduced the company. They are a full service firm with headquarters in Baraboo, WI. Discussion: Do you have in-house experts? –Yes, we are structured such that each team has a specific role, for example we have a funding team, an engineering team, a sewer infrastructure team.

SEH engineering updates: Main Lift Station Report: Jerry Doriott presented application #9 from Wapasha Construction for \$55,578.60 for the Main Lift Station. The final walk thru has taken place with the short circuit testing still to take place. **Motion C. Ekern to approve application as presented, second W. Cartrette. Discussion:** will SEH follow up on circuit testing? – yes. **Ayes-6, Nays-0.** **Lake sediment sampling update:** J. Nussbaum emailed Susan stating that the sediment sampling will be completed by February 7. The sediment sampling plans has been submitted to the WDNR.

Police Department updates: Chief Wheeler reported that the City of Blair Police Department made 540 total traffic stops in 2017; of those stops, 17.8% resulted in a citation being issued. Those citations included 17 OWI's: 8 were alcohol related, with 5 having repeat offenses and 9 were drug related. There have been more citizens driving drugged than driving intoxicated.

Revisit 3 hour parking sign issue: The original 3 hour parking signs were taken down at the time of the Downtown Improvement Project and the council made a motion to install them again at the April 2017 council meeting. There are businesses in town who would like to see the signs taken down. **Motion T. Robertson to table and send to Police and Ordinance Committee, second P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Reports - Plan Commission Meeting: W. Cartrette reported on the meetings held on January 9, 16, and 31 of 2017. These meetings involved going through the Comprehensive Plan draft thoroughly; reviewing and then editing as needed. A vision statement was also completed. The Plan will be presented at the public hearing on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber room at City Hall. **Park Committee Meeting:** W. Cartrette reported on the meetings held on January 11, 16, and 30 of 2017. The pool construction has begun with aggregate base installed under entire pool vessel, equipment and trailers have been brought in, concrete has been poured, and a heat blanket has been put over it. The timeline seems to be holding. Colors were chosen. A donation from an entity will provide upgrades for the bath house and fencing. Application # 2 to Wapasha in the amount of \$81,041.18 needs to be paid. **Motion P. Syverson to pay Wapasha bill, second C. Ekern. Discussion –** Burbach Aquatics needs change Arcadia Family Aquatic Center to Blair Municipal Pool. This money comes out of the pool fund? – yes. **Ayes-6, Nays-0.** The council was okay with W. Cartrette picking out any further color palettes for the pool in future meetings. **City and Township Fire Board Meeting:** C. Ekern reported on the 1/24/18 meeting. Preliminary meeting discussing old fire department constitution, proposed agreement gone through and potential changes noted, appointment of public members on a 2 year term, appointment of elected members will be per their elected term for City and Township, funding will be budgeted on % of equalized value of the City and Township. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Town of Preston building. **Clerk Report:** Spring Primary to be held on 2/20/18, 3 water main breaks, Welcome to Blair sign update, Ward 3 Alderperson position open, Community Center flood damage update, received first of ten \$100,000 payments from Source Energy.

Building Permits: K. Crivitz @ 324 S Pearl St for lean-to off existing structure. There is a \$100 fine for starting a building project without a permit. **Motion J Anderson to approve permit contingent on site verification that it meets requirements, second T. Robertson. Discussion: none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Present Vouchers: **Motion C. Ekern to approve vouchers, second W. Cartrette. Discussion – cost of dually repairs - \$2258.13.** Roll Call vote- J. Anderson-yes, T. Robertson-yes, T. Wheeler-yes, W. Cartrette-yes, C. Ekern-yes, and P. Syverson-yes.

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

Motion by W. Cartrette to exit closed session, second C. Ekern. Discussion - none. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Per J. Anderson - Discussion after Closed Session included: Council directed Park staff to put new cab on mower for snow removal, there will be a Personnel Committee Meeting scheduled for March 13, 2018 @ 5:30 pm prior to 6:00 pm Plan Commission Meeting. All City employees need to attend.

Motion C. Ekern to adjourn, second T. Robertson. Ayes-6, Nays-0.