

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting minutes, September 14, 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, T. Robertson, J. Anderson, and S. Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Motion by J. Anderson to amend agenda to include: Consideration and approval of Library Representative for City of Blair/Possible action, and consideration of pavement of Strand Wayside/Possible action, **seconded by T. Wheeler. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Public comment: None.

Present minutes for approval: Regular Council Meeting 6/1/2015, Special Council Meeting 6/10/2015, Regular Council Meeting 7/6/2015, Special Council Meeting 7/13/2015, and Regular Council Meeting 8/3/15. **Motion by J. Anderson, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Present minutes for informational purposes only: Open book 2014 Meeting and Board of Review Meeting, both held on 6/9/2015. City of Blair on Town of Preston agenda, held on 7/13/2015. 2014 Joint Review Board Meeting-TID 7, held on 8/31/2015.

Review of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer publication: consideration of which publications, length and deadline. **Motion by T. Robertson to put an ad in the weekend additions of the Eau Claire Leader and LaCrosse Tribune, and the weekly additions of the Trempealeau County Times and Blair Press; all until the week of October 12th. Also, possibly putting online additions in, with an email approval. Seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Reclamation Bond Presentation and discussion-Preferred Sands SEH, represented by Rebecca Flege, recommends the Bond be renewed and set at \$1,150,000. The increase from Preferred Sands original bond request is due to the coverage of individual land use area, engineering construction, observation and administration costs. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve SEH recommendation, seconded by T. Wheeler. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Review and consideration for approval of project plan for Creation of TID 7: Brian Reilly of Ehlers, went through project plan. This TID will be a mixed use district; residential, industrial, and commercial. The Joint Review Board has met, as well as the Plan Commission Public Hearing. They have recommended a resolution, approving the project plan and establishing the boundaries for TID 7. **Motion by T. Robertson to approve resolution, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, nays-0.**

City insurance review – Steve Casey/Union bank of Blair insurance: The annexations and new boundaries have brought up many questions. The City employees are covered no matter where they are. The City and all city owned property within the city boundaries is adequately covered. The volunteering of employees in the community and at community events is always a risk, but the rewards and goodwill hopefully outweigh that.

Local business request for water-sewer hookup: Doug Nokken to hookup to City utilities at the old pump house on 144 Mill Road at his expense. **Motion by T. Wheeler to approve water and sewer utilities to Doug Nokken, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Petition for Annexation into the City of Blair: Jay Thompson is requesting annexation into the City of Blair as a commercial property; such as storage units, car wash, office space, and other. **Motion by W. Cartrette to send to Plan Commission as a recommendation to accept, seconded by J. Anderson. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Local Business request for assistance with sewer issues: Orville Greenwold gave review of problem at 302 W. Broadway Street. Property owner believes the sewer was not hooked up properly in 1995. He wants to be reimbursed for City's negligence. **Motion by T. Robertson to approve reimbursement if 1995 records prove City is responsible, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Residential Subdivision update: Rebecca Flege, of SEH, stated that the platting needed to be adjusted and revised because of 2008 findings. Soil drillings will begin soon. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve platting as presented, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Main Lift Station project update: Rebecca Flege, of SEH, stated that 3-D survey has been completed on the lift station. In-field pump testing will be done next.

Report-Park Committee Meeting held on 8/18/2015. The Park Comm. recommended Burbach Aquatics to move forward with pool project; someone on staff is always on site monitoring construction phase, uses reverse fill pool (pushes upper layer of water over the top and filters it). **Motion by W. Cartrette to accept Burbach Aquatics, contingent on an agreement of a cap for reimbursables, seconded by T. Robertson. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Application for Temporary Class "B" Retailer's licenses: Cheese Fest of Blair, September 17-20, 2015; Blair-Preston Fire Department, October 24, 2015. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve both licenses, seconded by T. Robertson. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Kleven property assessment: **Motion by P. Syverson, seconded by W. Cartrette to accept Eric Kleven's contract for 2016 and 2017 Maintenance assessment of real and personal property in the City of Blair, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Post office roof update: need a specification sheet for bids.

Bids for stump removal in Riverside Memorial Park: **Motion by T. Robertson to go with Olson Tree Service, contingent to insurance certificate, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Report-Personnel committee, 8/11/2015 & 8/12/2015. Individual employee meetings held. Agreed to do ad for deputy clerk position, talked about making the position salary, along with the clerk's position. Effective 1/1/2016.

Building Permit: Amber and Brad Thompson @ 221 W. Second Street-26x15' addition with kitchen remodel. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve permit, seconded by T. Wheeler. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.**

Strand Wayside paving: Motion by T. Robertson to approve paving of Strand Wayside by Mathy Construction, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Library Board Representative: Motion by P. Syverson to approve Lucy Axness to another term on the board, seconded by W. Cartrette. Discussion. Ayes-6, Nays-0.

Clerk Report: B-T Summer Rec thank you, Flag football league, Commercial Testing is done daily employee trust fund insurance changes

Suggestion by Tim R for the City website to include minutes and agendas; posted as drafts, as well as a calendar for the next three years.

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

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

Susan Frederixon-Clerk/Treasurer