

City of Blair – Special Council Meeting minutes 10/13/2021

Mayor J. Rawson called the Special Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was posted in 3 public places, with 24 hours' notice. Alderperson roll call: P. Syverson, T. Wheeler, M. Lisowski, J. Anderson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson. Others attending: Attorney M. Radcliffe, D. Schofield, S.E.H., Clerk S. Frederixon, Jeremy Tranberg and Brian Simmons.

Discuss/Take Action on Blair Haus new building, sanitary sewer relocation issue: Points of discussion:

- Blair Haus says they need this sanitary sewer manhole that is not being used moved so it can build the new Blair Haus. Blair Haus current plan would build over top of current manhole.
- S.E.H. estimated the cost to do so @ \$5,000.
- S.E.H. reminded Council we have many properties with this same type of rear sanitary sewer system and if we agree to relocate this one at City expense you will be setting a precedent. After much discussion it was decided the cost of that process would be the responsibility of the Blair Haus management as it is because of their building plan the sanitary sewer needs to be moved. Even though the line belongs to the City.
- City Attorney advised City to take advice of City Engineers.
- City Attorney said City has right to have the current manhole where it is and if property owner wishes it changed it would be at their expense.
- City Engineers say the work needs to be coordinated by the City and overseen by S.E.H., ok for Blair Haus contractor to do work with oversight and pre approval from S.E.H.
- Request for City Clerk to check into possibility of this being a TID eligible expense, where the expense could be handled that way.
- Suggestion was made to Blair Haus management to approach owner of Tripleee building next to Blair Haus empty lot for easement to put manhole on his property since he can build over that empty part of his lot as there is a current line running under the Tripleee
- It was discovered by City televising that there is also small leaks in the lateral that goes to this current manhole that the City is completely responsible to fix.

Motion by J. Anderson to have S.E.H. inspect sanitary sewer currently on Blair Haus property, if failing may allow cost share through TIF and if necessary have Clerk order J&D abstract to do a rush tile easement search/ 2nd by P. Syverson. Roll call vote taken all present members voted yes. 0 no's. Motion approved. J. Anderson amended previous motion to include approval of City staff with S.E.H. oversight to complete the relocation of manhole in question, P. Syverson 2nd the amendment. Mayor did roll call vote: all 6 alderpersons voted yes, 0 no. Motion amendment approved.

Attorney reminded Council to consider and develop permit fees for things like this as all of this type of thing is costing engineering fees, special meeting fees and attorney fees, all being paid by regular tax payers. Through Ordinances we can pass those costs to the person requesting the work.

Motion by P. Syverson to move agenda item # 5 ahead of # 4, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on 10/7/2021 Personnel Committee Meeting minutes: Minutes included closed session interviews of 8 applicants for the open Street Supervisor position.

Out of Closed Session: Committee is recommending Andy Graff be hired as the new Street Superintendent at a pay rate of \$19/per hour. Committee also is recommending to allow Dennis Stephenson to facilitate public works employee meetings going forward. **Motion by M. Lisowski to accept the minutes as presented and place them on file, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.**

Motion by C. Ekern to approve on Committee recommendation, the hiring of Andy Graff @ 19.00 per hour, as our new Street Superintendent, if for some reason Andy does not accept motion to offer position to 2nd choice of Committee, 2nd by M. Lisowski. Discussion: P. Syverson question about abstaining of Dennis as a relative. There was discussion by other members of Personnel Committee that felt there was no pressure from Dennis to hire Mr. Graff and they were in total agreement on the choice recommended to the full Council. None. Roll call vote: Paul/yes, Dennis, Abstain, Chris/Yes, Mike/Yes, Terry/Yes, Jill/Yes. Motion approved.

Motion by P. Syverson to approve/appoint Dennis Stephenson to facilitate weekly public staff meetings for the purpose of organization, teamwork and efficiency, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 1 (D.S.).

Motion by C. Ekern to convene to closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems of the investigation of charges against specific person except where par. (b) applies which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems investigations.

Motion by C. Ekern to reconvene into open session, 2nd P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Announce NO action was taken out of the closed session.

Motion to adjourn by J. Anderson, 2nd C. Ekern. Yes-6, No-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Susan Frederixon, City of Blair Clerk