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5.01 CITY CLERK

(1) The office of City Clerk shall be filled by appointment by the Council on a majority vote and the Clerk shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

(2) The duties and responsibilities of the Clerk shall be controlled by Sect. 62.09(11) Wis. Stat., of these Ordinances and as directed by the Council.

(3) Compensation paid to the Clerk shall be determined and fixed by the City Council.

(4) A Deputy Clerk position may be filled by the Council and the Deputy shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. In addition:

(A) The Council may delegate the supervision and assignment of duties and responsibilities of the Deputy to the Clerk.

(B) The Deputy shall assume the duties of the Clerk during any temporary absence, disability or temporary vacancy.

(C) Compensation for the Deputy shall be determined and fixed by the City Council.

5.02 CITY TREASURER

Pursuant to Sec. 66.01, Wis. Stat., the duties, responsibilities and title of City Treasurer shall be merged with that of the City Clerk. As to the duties and responsibilities, Section 62.09(9) Wis. Stat., these ordinances and the Council shall control.

5.03 CITY ASSESSOR

(1) The City Assessor shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve at its pleasure.

(2) A corporation or independent contractor may be appointed assessor.

(3) No person may assume the office unless certified by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, pursuant to Sec. 73.09 Wis. Stat.

(4) Duties and responsibilities shall be as established by law and as directed by the Council.

5.04 CITY ATTORNEY

(1) The City Attorney shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve at its pleasure.

(2) The Council may appoint a firm of attorneys to act as City Attorney, designating one member thereof as City Attorney with the other members of the firm available to assist.

(3) Section 62.09(12) Wis. Stat. is hereby incorporated by reference.

5.05 CHIEF OF POLICE

(1) The Chief of Police shall be employed by the City Council and shall remain so employed during good behavior and subject to suspension or removal for cause.

(2) The Chief of Police shall have command of the police force of the city, under the direction of the Mayor.

(3) The chief shall obey all lawful written orders of the Mayor or common Council.

5.06 FIRE CHIEF

(1) The selection of the Fire Chief shall be determined by the rules and procedure adopted by the Blair-Preston Fire Department.

(2) The duties and responsibilities of the Chief shall be governed by the same rules and procedures, subject to compliance with applicable Wisconsin law.

5.07 HEALTH OFFICER

(1) The Mayor for the City of Blair shall nominate a member(s) to the Trempealeau County Board of Health if so requested by the County.

5.08 OTHER OFFICERS

(1) The offices of Street Commissioner, Engineer, Comptroller and Constable shall be dispensed with and the duties performed by other officers, Council, committee thereof, or independent contractor.

(2) The Council may, by ordinance, create other offices not inconsistent with the state law.

5.09 OATH OF OFFICE

Officers of the City, including the Mayor and members of the Council, shall take and file oaths of office as required by law. The Council may, by resolution, dispense with this requirement as to appointed officers. The Clerk is not required to furnish a certificate of appointment.

5.10 BOND

(1) City Officer: If required by state law, an officer shall file an appropriate bond with the City. The Council shall authorize the payment of any expenses incurred in bonding of any city officer.

(2) Bond Eliminated: The City of Blair directs not to require a bond for the City Treasurer as provided in Section 70.67(1) Wis. Stat.

(3) Liability of City: The City of Blair shall be liable for and obligated to pay, in case the City Treasurer shall fail to pay, all state, county and local taxes required by, law to be paid by such Treasurer to the County Treasurer. Such liability for payment is pursuant to Section 70.67(2) Wis. Stat.

5.11 TERM

The term of office shall be consistent with Wisconsin law and these Ordinances.

5.12 COMPENSATION

(1) Compensation for all city offices shall be determined by action of the City Council.

(2) A three quarters (¾) vote of all members of the Council is required in establishing the level and nature of compensation.

(3) Once established, compensation shall so remain unless modified by action of the Council.

5.13 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

The provisions of Ordinance Section 8.06 relating to residency requirements apply to the Chief of Police and full-time police officers. Such requirements do not apply to the other appointed positions in this Chapter.

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