

Public Hearing & Common Council Meeting minutes, January 6, 2025

Mayor Rawson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:25 pm

Hearing held to review new ordinance draft, Chapter 71 Sex Offender Residency.

Mayor called 3 times for public comments. There were none.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:26 pm.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: A. Stevens, T. Palkowski, J. Anderson, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Attorney Mark Radcliffe, Andrew Dannehy-Trempealeau County Times, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Agenda was posted on 1/2/2025 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

**Motion by P. Syverson to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: none.

**Motion by C. Ekern to approve December 2, 2024 Common Council minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0, Abstain: P. Syverson (not present 12/2//2024). Motion carried.**

Building Code Concerns: Randy Obieglo. Mayor called Mr. Obieglo. No one answered. A message was left.

AFP #1 McMullen & Pitz Construction: The company is asking for the P&P bond expense of \$3284.38 for the Blair Dam repairs. **Motion by J. Anderson to pay \$3284.38 to McMullen & Pitz for work done on the dam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Roll vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, T. Palkowski-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Garland discussion: The real garland is not holding up well; weather is too warm. **Motion by C. Ekern to send to Streets, Lights, & Equipment Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

ATV/UTV discussion: T Palkowski has been asked by several residents to have Lake Henry access for the AVT/UTV's. The park does not allow this type of vehicle to go through the park at this time. **Motion by J. Anderson to send to the Police & Ordinance committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

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Ordinance 71: Sex Offender Residency. Attorney Radcliffe stated that this ordinance says you can't live within 1500 feet of certain places and safety zones in the City of Blair. A person may petition for an exemption through the Appeals Board. If already living within the City there is nothing that can be done. The Council would like Attorney Radcliffe to change the Appeals Board to be 3 members from the Council. That will be changed in the draft. **Motion by C. Ekern to adopt the Sex Offender Residency ordinance with the Council members amendment as discussed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Roll vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, T. Palkowski-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Server applications for Crystal Brandenburg. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve server application, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by P. Syverson to approve the vouchers #62276-62353, R195, V1237-1263, EBC21, EBC22, WI 265-267, Def Comp, BT8-2024, ETF1-2025, efts112924, efts121324, efts122724, Def Comp 199-200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Roll vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by P. Syverson to adjourn at 6:55 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer