

Minutes of **Public Hearing for CDBG-PF Broadway/Pearl street project** February 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm and **Common Council Meeting**, February 5, 2024 to follow

A **Public Hearing for the CDBG-PF** street project on Broadway/Pearl was held in the City of Blair, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. The Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following people were present: Debra Fremstad, Andrew Stevens, Jeremy Tranberg, Chris Ekern, Dennis Stephenson, John Rawson, Jill Anderson, Mark Radcliffe, Joshua Greenwold, Andrew Dannehy, Connor Kokott, Paul Syverson.

The mayor asked three times if there was any comments or questions from the public in attendance; there were none.

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Blair gave a brief overview of what A-1 Excavating completed in 2023 and what was left to do for the project in 2024. The project is to be completed by August 30, 2024.

Mayor Rawson closed the public hearing at 6:32 pm.

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Mayor Rawson called the **Common Council Meeting** to order at 6:32 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council attending: A. Stevens, J. Tranberg, J. Anderson, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Attorney Mark Radcliffe, Andrew Dannehy-TCT, Connor Kokott, Joshua Greenwold, Mike Ressel, Clerk/Treasurer-Debi Fremstad.

Agenda was posted on 1/31/2024 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

Motion by J. Anderson to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

**Motion by C. Ekern to approve January 4, 2024 council minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by P. Syverson to accept minutes from the 1/8/2024 Tax, Finance, & Personnel meeting, 1/15/2024 Park meeting, 1/18/2024 joint Public Property & Buildings and Police & Ordinance meeting and place on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: purchase of city squad was not allowed to be discussed as it was not on the agenda. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Attorney Radcliffe went over the meeting held with the City of Blair and AMPI. Discussion revolved around excess grease going into the sewer system, and the potential need for a third well within the City of Blair. The City will be looking for a location to place a 3<sup>rd</sup> well as we are at maximum compacity with our water. Fines and/or citations for any business not following our ordinances was discussed. The City of Blair will also be scheduling monthly meetings with AMPI to keep the lines of communication open and ask and answer questions that arise.

Public Property/Buildings and Police/Ordinance meeting recommendations: Need to sell City of Blair landlocked property adjacent to Owen Berg or get an easement from him before moving

forward. **Motion by J. Anderson to send the City of Blair owned property at the south end of Porter Street out for bids to Owen Berg and Simmons Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Roll vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.** The alley between Desert Rose and the Baptist Church is in need of repair and will need to get bids for. No annexation requests have come in at this time. The Community Center is in need of gutters and stoppers on the west side of the building where we put in the concrete. We will get bids and propose to Town of Preston. **Motion by C. Ekern to put out bids for gutter and stoppers on the west side of the Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Anderson. Discussion: none. Roll vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.** Ordinance changes: 33.04 add an annual peddler permit fee of \$500.00; 43.02 changing assembly to 2000 to conform with the county; 46.04 no more apartments going forward on ground level in the business district; 46.09 change height of grass to 8” from 12” and strike (I) for landscape/decorative uses; 46.12 zoning administrator change to enforce ordinances and citations; fee schedule to adopt. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve adding 33.04 (2)(C) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per year to the Green River Ordinance and change 43.02 (3) to two thousand (2000) or more people to the Regulation of Large Gatherings and adopt the fee schedule as presented and send all Chapter 46 ordinance changes to a public hearing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Tranberg. Discussion: none. Roll vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

Information only: GEC building permits

Server licenses for approval: Deborah McNulty and Molly Stenberg. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve application for Deborah McNulty and give Molly Stenberg a provisional license until background check is completed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Motion by C. Ekern to pay the bills (vouchers #61234-61334), V1036-1051, R184, ST43, BT7-2023, WI 242-243, BusTax24-26, ETF2-2024, CREX1-2024, EFTPS 011224 & 012624, Def Comp 176-177, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, J. Anderson-yes, P. Syverson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.**

Next Common Council Meeting, Monday, March 4, 2024

D. Stephenson read a letter from Detective Anderson and Sheriff Semingson regarding the January 1, 2024 incident in the City of Blair and that the Blair Police Department was recognized for a job well done.

**Motion by C. Ekern to adjourn at 6:59 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.**