

Public Hearing & Common Council Meeting minutes, September 5, 2024

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

The zoning ordinance change was reviewed for Chapter 46: Ch.46.09(4)(C) and (D) to amend to in-ground pools only for building permit requirements.

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

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:26 pm.

~~~~~  
Mayor Rawson called the Common Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda was posted on 8/29/2024 at City Hall, Post Office, Waumandee Bank, & City website.

**Motion by C. Ekern to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: none.

**Motion by D. Stephenson to approve 8/5/2024 Common Council & 8/19/2024 Special Council minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain: P. Syverson ( not here on 8/19/2024). Motion carried.**

Owen Berg property discussion. Owen wants the city to have a survey done to determine his lot size without the street being in his property. He also wants the city to produce a legal description and deed for this street. Owen said he had no interest in having the street vacated to him. Attorney Radcliffe stated that the street is a proper city street and we have a right to maintain that street.

Lake Henry Dredging renewal contract for SEH. **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve the renewal contract with SEH for the Lake Henry project, 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.**

City parking lot discussion: The parking lot on Center & Gilbert has been repaved. The Council has not made a motion as to what vehicles we want on the parking lot moving forward. We have talked about not allowing semis to park on the new pavement. Do we want a weight limit set? How do we want to mark the parking spots? The police department will have to enforce. **Motion by D. Stephenson to allow only passenger vehicles in the city parking lot on Gilbert and Center until May of 2025 and then review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Page 2, September 5, 2024

Rod Squad temporary class B liquor license for 9/28/2024. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve temporary license for Rod Squad on 9/28/2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Rod Squad road closure permit in the park on 9/28/2024. **Motion by D. Stephenson to approve the road closure for 9/28/2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Blair-Preston Fire Department temporary class B liquor license for 10/19/2024. **Motion A. Stevens to approve temporary license for Fire Department on 10/19/2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Compliance Assurance Plan update for recycling program. This plan has compliance guidelines for our recycling ordinance. We now have bins instead of bags and need to change that section of the plan to state that Tri-City Sanitation will notify the City of Blair if they see any obvious violations of recycling being placed in the garbage bins. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve the changes within the Compliance Assurance Plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Community Development Authority loan application. The CDA group meet on 8/29/2024 to review application 24-001. Applicant is asking for \$33,000, 20-year loan. The committee recommended to approve the applicant. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve CDA loan of \$33,000 to applicant 24-001, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Roll Vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Anderson-yes, P. Syverson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance 6-24 changes: 19.04(2)-The City does allow open burning by its residents or occupants within the city limits, with a Permit, under the following conditions; 19.04(5)- FIRE PIT PERMIT. The City shall require annual permits for fire pits for an initial fee of Ten Dollars(\$10.00) which amount can be changed by Resolution of the City Council; 22.02(2)-A proposal or request to undertake alteration, modification and repairs may be submitted by any person. Upon receipt, within thirty (30) days, the Clerk shall submit the proposal to the Street Superintendent to review and submit to the City Council with recommendations for action to be taken; 22.02(3)-If action is recommended by the City Council under this Section 22.02, a public hearing shall be held and written notice provided to all affected property owners; 22.02(4) and (5) are repealed and the remaining subsections (6) through (10) shall be renumbered (4) through (8); 30.05(3)(A)-“that are determined to be permanent structures by the Building Inspector or City Council”; 37.01(5)-No truck, other than pickup trucks, shall be allowed to park on Center Street between State Highway 95 and Gilbert Street, however, Semi-trucks and dump trucks are allowed to park in this section of roadway if they are waiting to enter in to a commercial or industrial business for loading or unloading products at said business but in no event is overnight parking of the same allowed on this section of roadway; 37.01(6) and (7) are hereby combined into none new subsection (6) and the remaining subsections (8) through (10) shall be renumbered (7) through (9) In all other areas of the City, it shall be unlawful to park upon City streets in excess of twenty-four (24) continuous hours. Special arrangements for parking in excess of specified time limits may be allowed by the

City Police Department. Such special arrangements must be secured from the Police Department in writing in advance of the intended parking; 44.02(4)(A)-Persons who have paid the appropriate nightly, weekly, or monthly camping fee, and who are duly registered with the City Clerk's office for the City of Blair; 46.09(4)(C)-insert for "in-ground pools" for permit required and construction requirements; Chapter 53 amended in whole to Solar Access and Wind Access, 53.01 Permit Procedure (1) The City adopts Wis. Stat. 66.0403 in whole regarding Solar and Wind Access Permits. (2) An application is required in order to grant a Solar or Wind Access Permit. All applications shall have the fee as set by the City's Building Inspector, or as otherwise set by the City Counsel by Resolution. Upon receipt of an application, the City Clerk shall provide to the City's Building Inspector for review and recommendations after which time the procedures of Wis. Stat. 66.0403(4) shall be followed regarding a Hearing on the application. **Motion by D. Stephenson to pass 6-24 ordinance revisions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: Attorney Radcliffe-to comply with the state the Solar Access includes Wind access. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

7-24 Adoption of Water Curtailment Ordinance, creating section 24.11. **Motion by D. Stephenson to adopt 24.11 Ordinance for Water Conservation and Curtailments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Server applications for Stacy Wittkowske, Malorie Schultz, Lindsay Shramek, Timothy Peterson, and Linda Curran. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve all server applications, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

**Clean up days: Wednesday, 9/25/24 from 3-6 pm & Saturday, 9/28/24 from 9am-12pm**

**Motion by C. Ekern to pay the bills R191, 61918-62022, EBC11-13, V1162-1180, WI 257-258, FraFix7-24, ETF 9-2024, efts 080924 & 082324, Def Comp 191-192, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Vote: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, A. Stevens-yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by C. Ekern to adjourn at 7:10 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion-none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer