



BLACKDUCK CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY JANUARY 23RD, 2017 6:00PM

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of the City of Blackduck met in a scheduled work session at the City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 23rd, 2017.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Patch, Councilors Stade, Kolb, and Molnar

Councilors Absent: none

Staff Present: City Administrator, Christina Regas

Others Present: Curt Meyer, City Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Topics covered in the work session were as follows:

1. BLACKDUCK ROAD PROJECTS – Curt Meyer

- a. 2017 Summary of Road Projects – Meyer was present to give updates on all 3 road projects for the new council.
 - i. Water & Sewer Project on Summit & Main – After bringing the council up to speed on the history of the project from 2016, Meyer stated that he is waiting to hear back from Beltrami County Engineer as to when the project will start up again and if the County has given the contractor (Marks Sand & Gravel) a close end date for the remaining work on the project. Meyer hopes to hold a teleconference with the County, City, and Contractor soon. Meyer believes realistically the remaining amount of work on the project will take about 6 weeks. Other 2017 issues include the MN Legislature still needing to pass a bonding bill to appropriate more infrastructure money to several Minnesota Cities. With the large turnover of legislators the bonding bill is still being reworked and although the City hoped to have a bonding bill passed right away when the state reconvened the first part of January but it hasn't happened. At this time the City has not made a decision if it will assess or not due to the unknown of the water funding from PFA.
 - ii. Frontage & Pine Ave. – Meyer updated the council on the project. At this time there are no updates, the project is worked into the larger water & sewer project bid and will start when that project resumes. At this time the City has not decided if there will be assessments for the project yet.
 - iii. Blackduck Trail Phase 2 – Meyer updated the council on the project to date. The project has not had any accepted bids and will need to rebid in the Spring. The wetland credits will now cost the City about \$5-\$7,000. WSN has finalized the design of the project and will need to see what the bids come in at to see if any additional cost to the City.
- b. Vacant Committee Seats – Regas updated the council on the following vacant seats all posted on the City website.
 - i. Kitchigami Regional Library Board – Regas received a letter from the board asking to fill the vacancy. Regas strongly suggested a council member fill the



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vacancy. Councilor Stade noted the vacancy could be filled by a resident but it must be a Blackduck resident. No councilor offered to fill the seat.

- ii. Park & Trail Board – Regas reminded the council that the park & trail board still needed another seat filled; no councilor offered to fill the seat.
- iii. Vacant Council Seat – Mayor Patch asked if Regas has had any resident interested in filling the vacant council seat. Regas stated not at this time but she would post a notice on the website again.

2. **BLACKDUCK POLICE DEPT.** – New Policies and waivers

- a. Ride-Along Policy & Waiver – Chief Grangruth and Regas worked on a updated version of the policy and ordinance for the City of Blackduck. The main changes to the ordinance include: 1) approving only POST certified eligible candidates and 2) The total number of hours will be limited to four hours over a continuous six month period. The Chief would have final approval of all ride-along requests.
- b. Trap Team off-season practice waiver – Regas updated the council on the request of the Blackduck trap team to utilize the Blackduck LEC to as a location for off-season practice for the Blackduck students. ISD #32 has denied the request to use the school. Mayor Patch noted the difference between the students from Kelliher & Blackduck is for the Blackduck school district the team is run through community education, but the Kelliher school district is run through the school. The Kelliher Trap Club hosts the combined team at their trap club but the insurance doesn't follow the Blackduck students when not attending tournaments. The trap team coaches from Blackduck have agreed to sign the drafted waiver by Chief Grangruth each time attending a practice. Grangruth has a list of restrictions for the team each time they attended a practice. Councilor Kolb asked if there are any restrictions of “no firearms during school hours” based on the City being in the radius of the school. Regas stated that the practice would not occur during school hours. Councilor Kolb asked what the consequences would be if someone were to ‘accidentally’ bring in a live round, Chief Grangruth was contacted by phone for the answer. Chief Grangruth stated that if it were to happen they would not be able to return to the LEC. If it is at the bottom of a bag and a mistake, Chief Grangruth will take it on a case by case basis. The council agreed to allow the waiver and agreed it would be good for the Blackduck students to be able to participate.

3. **LIQUOR STORE ORDINANCE ON MINORS** –

- a. Review of City Ordinance vs. State Statute – Regas reviewed with the council the need to revise the City Liquor Ordinance 1120.35 Minors on Premises. Regas reviewed the state statute and how it differs from the City Ordinance. Regas urged the councilors to look at minors different than 18, 19, & 20 year olds. Regas also urged the council to understand that the state does not limit to a time of day that a minor, 18, 19, or 20 year olds can be in a bar if those people are in the establishment for one of 3 reasons:
 - i. To perform work for the establishment
 - ii. Consume meals
 - iii. Attend a social function where liquor is not sold

Mayor Patch asked what is considered food. Regas stated that you cannot limit what is considered food regardless of when the “kitchen is closed”. Regas asked the council if the City should draft a policy as to what is allowed or not. Kolb asked if we have a



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designated driver program for 18, 19, or 20 year olds? Mayor Patch stated no. It was suggested that the City of Blackduck revise Ordinance 1120.35 to be more in line with the state statute. Regas stated that the City cannot limit the time of when the minors and under 21's can come in. Council will revise the ordinance and adopt the state statute into the City Ordinance. The council suggests the Pond have a sign on the door that requests patrons under 21 not be present after 10pm unless with a parent or guardian, eating off the menu, or attending a social function that is being hosted at The Pond.

4. **UPCOMING CITY TRAININGS** – Regas summarized several upcoming trainings from the League of MN Cities, and the Municipal Clerks Association that will be in attendance by City employees and elected officials. No further action needed.
5. **ADJOURN** – Council adjourned their work session at 7:34pm.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

Rudy Patch, Mayor