



BLACKDUCK CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY JULY 11TH, 2016 7:30PM

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 7:30 p.m. on July 11th, 2016.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Lundberg, Councilors Stade, and Patch,

Councilors Absent: none

Staff Present: City Administrator, Christina Regas, City Engineer Curt Meyer, and Public Works Supervisor Bob Klug

Others Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Topics covered in the work session were as follows:

1. **2016 WATER/SEWER UPDATES** – Meyer was present to update the council on the following items for the water and sewer project:
 - a. **Construction Updates** – Glaydens will still need to take care of the temporary line and the road so it is passable before the detour is removed. The county portion of the project would still be completed and that timeline will still need to be determined.
 - b. **Funding Updates** – Meyer stated that a meeting was held with the contractors, City, and County to discuss the possibility of putting the underground project on hold and the cost of doing so. The funding issues recently discovered by DEED and PFA have put the City in a funding position not conducive for continuing construction because of the unknown of when the funding would come in. The City is now waiting to find out what the cost impact of waiting will be on the City. Regas has been in touch with several legislators and has a lobbyist working on getting funding issues worked out. Regas stated that Ehlers did state that the City could bond for both the water and sewer side but PFA would still have better rates. Meyer stated that the City will keep the county involved as the numbers come in. It was determined that the City would let the public know when asked that the project is on hold because the funding is still tied up at the State and the City does not know when the funding will be released.
 - c. **TAP** – Meyer stated that the Trail funding and design have had some changes and Lou Tasa has found some additional funding to assist with the Trail Design changes. Meyer stated that bidding would open in mid-August so a late August work session would be needed to discuss the bid costs.
2. **PATROL OFFICER VACANCY** – Regas reported that Scott Wherley has shown interest in patrolling while the officer vacancy is being filled. Regas is working on putting together an offer for Wherley and will have it available to him this week.
3. **PATROL OFFICER CANDIDATE WAGE OFFER** – Regas reported that the background packets are still pending on the candidates and an offer can't be done until those are completed.
4. **BUSINESS SUBSIDY FOR TG SALES & SERVICE** – Regas provided some example agreement wording if the City wanted to offer TG Sales & Service a break on the Wolden Addition Tap Fee. It was discussed that the tap fee has been paid by several other residents and businesses and to not charge their business would not be consistent. Stade suggested still



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charging the tap fee but offering a longer time frame to pay off the amount. Regas will continue to look into a few other options for the business.

- 5. GOLF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES** – Regas submitted both the quote for the greens mower and fairway mower and is still waiting to get quotes on cart shed types and sizes. The current cart shed is 25 x 75' there are about 14 member carts housed in the shed in the summer, and about 6-8 member carts stored in the winter. It was mentioned that it would be nice to house the course carts too.

ADJOURN – Council adjourned their work session at 8:15pm.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

Daryl Lundberg, Mayor