



MINUTES

Council - Public Hearing Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, September 14, 2020
City Hall, 8 Summit Drive, Blackduck MN

The Council - Public Hearing of the City of Blackduck was called to order on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 PM, in the City Hall, 8 Summit Drive, Blackduck MN, with the following members present:

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Maxwell Gullette, Councilor Sheldon Ostlund, and Councilor Jason Kolb

COUNCILORS EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Jace Grangruth, City Administrator Christina Regas, and Public Works Supervisor Mike Schwanke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Parker, Blackduck American, Gail Leverson, Wideseth, Christian Shafer, RRM, Todd Hagen, Ehlers

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) Mayor Gullette called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mayor Gullette requested all present that have comments or questions to speak up and clearly for the record.

2 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

- a) Capital Improvement Plan in connection with the New Public Works/Public Safety Building - City of Blackduck, MN
Todd Hagen presented to the public hearing a summary of the need for a public works/public safety building and the financing options associated with the project. Hagen stated the City is reviewing the option of using USDA funding for the project. Hagen stated the reason for the public hearing is to receive public comment on the project and funding.
Hagen stated that after the public hearing is complete if the City Council agrees a preliminary approval can be voted upon. Hagen further reported that no issuance of bonding will be approved at the public hearing only questions and answers from the public are to be addressed.
- b) Estimated Cost for Project
Hagen stated the proposed project cost would be \$1.1 million and \$465,000 in utility bonding since 30% of the project would be utilized by the sewer and water funds.
- c) General Questions & Answers from Public
Mayor Gullette called for questions from the public.

No questions asked.

Mayor Gullette called for questions from the public a second time.

No questions asked.

Mayor Gullette called for questions from the public a third time.

Rudy Patch - Are the plans drawn up already or started?

Regas - No, the process to approve bonding is the stage the City is in.

Rudy Patch - When would the soonest ground breaking could start?

Hagen - Once bonding is approved, and plans begin it can move pretty fast, however the City must wait until October 14, 2020 to move forward next. Hagen stated it can take up to 2 months for financing to complete. Hagen stated the budget needs to work tight to have little tax impact to the tax payers. Hagen stated a Spring bidding time frame is realistic.

Mayor Gullette called for questions from the public a fourth time.

Jennifer Parker - What will the tax impact be?

Hagen - Close to \$0. There is a bond that drops off in 2023 that will take most of the tax impact so around \$14,000 that will need to be applied to the levy. Hagen stated it will be minimal impact to the tax payers and it won't be until after 2023.

Mayor Gullette called for questions from the public a fifth time.

No questions asked.

3 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

a)

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Jason Kolb moved to close the public hearing at 6:14pm Sheldon Ostlund seconded the motion.

Carried 3 to 0

Maxwell Gullette	For
Sheldon Ostlund	For
Jason Kolb	For

4 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-28

a) Approval Needed - Resolution 2020-28 - Resolution giving preliminary approval for the issuance of general obligation capital improvement plan bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 and adopting the City of Blackduck, MN, Capital Improvement Plan under Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.521

Rudy Patch asked for confirmation of the total that will be bonded for as the amount does not include the costs for the remodeling and addition for the Liquor Store.

Regas clarified that the public hearing only needs to be held for the general fund funding but the full amount of the bonding will include the enterprise fund.

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Jason Kolb moved to approve Resolution 2020-28 Sheldon Ostlund seconded the motion.

Carried 3 to 0

Maxwell Gullette For
Sheldon Ostlund For
Jason Kolb For

5 ADJOURNMENT

a)

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Maxwell Gullette moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm Jason Kolb seconded the motion.

Carried 3 to 0

Maxwell Gullette For
Sheldon Ostlund For
Jason Kolb For

Mayor, Maxwell Gullette

City Administrator, Christina Regas