

Unapproved

October 24, 2019

The Bloomfield City Council met in special session at 7:00pm in the conference room of the Bloomfield Public Library with the following members present.

Mayor:	Daniel Wiegand
Council:	Matt Cronin, Darin Garrett, Earl Howard, Scott Moore, Jack Woolard
Interim CA:	Andrew Morris
DPW:	Danny Simonson
Deputy Clerk:	Sandy Jones
Financial Mgr:	Brenda Johnson
Police Chief:	Shawn Armstrong
Fire Chief:	Jeff McClure

Mayor Wiegand called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Moore, second by Garrett to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Mayor Wiegand announced this is the time and place fixed for a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed 2019-20 asphalt paving project.

Motion by Garrett, second by Woolard to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Moore, Howard, Woolard, Garrett

Nays: None

Evan Vencil, engineer with HR Green informed Council that one bid was received. Norris Asphalt and Paving submitted a bid for a total of \$959,970.35. That bid is \$80,970.35 over the engineer's estimated cost.

The Mayor called for any public comments. No oral objections or comments were offered and the Clerk reported that no written objections or comments thereto had been filed.

Motion by Garrett, second by Moore to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Howard, Moore, Woolard, Garrett

Nays: None

Mayor called for a motion to approve adopting the resolution to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed 2019-20 asphalt paving project. No motion was made.

Mayor requested Steve Leonard, Norris Asphalt, work with HR Green engineers, Evan Vencil and Larry Stevens to get the cost down. Leonard agreed. This project was tabled until the November 7th regular council meeting.

Motion by Moore, second by Howard to approve a quote from Drish Construction to replace the intake at Jefferson and Hwy 63 in the amount of \$24,061.00. It is estimated the project will take ten days to complete.

Motion carried.

Chief Armstrong was directed by the Mayor to set up a meeting with Interim Administrator Morris, Assistant Chief Zach Dunlavy and DC Recorder Megan Clyman to discuss and write a new ATV ordinance to bring back to the Council.

Interim administrator, Andrew Morris has contacted Chris Bowers from Area XV regarding inspections for the housing incentive program. Finance manager, Brenda Johnson is also pursuing leads to find a housing inspector.

Mayor Wiegand noted the importance of tracking the city's vehicles, i.e., maintenance, problems, age, etc. City needs a written plan for fleet management. This plan would include when the vehicles would be replaced. Morris will contact the city administrator at Centerville to request a sample of their plan.

Councilman Cronin arrived at 7:25pm.

Public Comments

- Ernie Bohi - requested clarification on the housing inspections.

Council began work session to discuss the Babe Ruth ball field.

Joe Young gave an update on the field.

- DC Supervisors have sent a letter of support, with no dollar amount committed.
- An unnamed business in town has inquired about naming rights to the field.
- The league has asked the DC Fair Board for an extra couple years on the lease.
- The DC Schools support the field.
- All of these organizations support the field to be at the West Sports Complex.

Council members voiced their concerns/questions.

- Cronin asked what is the public use out there? Can they hold tournaments?
- Wiegand stated if we are going to put taxpayers money into this we have to make sure the taxpayers can use it.
- Cronin asked Dan Maeder, Superintendent of Schools, how does the school feel about annexation into the City?
 - Maeder responded that was not something they have ever considered. Something to think about.
- Cronin expressed desire to see more at the complex; i.e., trails, soccer fields, etc.
- Maeder responded that these are all things that can be worked through. The school is ready to partner to help our city flourish and bring revenue to town. Maeder is willing to sit down with whomever to talk and write up an agreement that will benefit everyone. He assured everyone that Babe Ruth and the City can use the High School field whenever needed.
- Scott Moore asked Joe Young what he wants from the city.
 - Young's response was that he wanted \$30,000 each from the city and county; \$40,000 from the DC Foundation grant; and whatever the private donor gives.
- Cronin - I could see \$30,000. I would want to see what the county does first.
- Wiegand - I am not going to sign a letter if the ballfield is going to be out at the school. There are too many unanswered questions.
- Howard - I'm with Cronin. It is time to move. The complex is the right way to go. We can find \$30,000.
- Moore - Go for the grant, and in the meantime we can work out our concerns.
- Garrett - I think this is a doable deal.
- Maeder - get me all your concerns, and I will research and get answers for you.

Mayor announced a special ballfield meeting will be held November 14th at 6:00 pm at the fire station.

Mayor Wiegand announced it was time to move to closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered

when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Motion by Garrett, second by Moore to move to closed session at 9:30pm.

Ayes: Howard, Woolard, Cronin, Garrett, Moore

Nays: None

Motion by Garrett, second by Woolard to return to open session at 9:13pm.

Ayes: Moore, Howard, Cdronin, Woolard, Garrett

Nays: None

A recommendation was made by Interim City Administrator, Andrew Morris to terminate Danny Simonson from the position of Director of Public Works for the City of Bloomfield.

Motion by Garrett, second by Moore to approve the Interim City Administrator's recommendation.

Ayes: Cronin, Garrett, Moore

Nays: Howard, Woolard

Motion by Garrett, second by Moore to adjourn at 9:15pm.

Motion carried.

Attest:

Daniel Wiegand, Mayor

Sandy Jones, Deputy Clerk