

SUMMARY MINUTES  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017; 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer**

**4. Roll Call**

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Karen Schmidt, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Jim Fruin, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: David Hales; City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry L. Lawson; City Clerk, Steve Rasmussen; Assistant City Manager, Brendan Heffner, Police Chief Bob Yehl, Water Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Craig McBeath, Webmaster; Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director, and other City staff were also present.

**5. Recognition/Appointments**

- A. Appointment of Nicole Chlebek to the Bloomington Planning Commission
- B. Appointment of Loreto Delgado III to the Cultural District Commission

**6. Public Comment**

Alton Franklin	Bruce Meeks	Michael Gorman
Marty Siegel	Nancy Keith	James France
Erin Easter	Nate Green	Kurt Hoferle
Aaron Len	Dave Witwill	Amy France
Rick Carter		

**7. Consent Agenda**

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion, and is provided in BOLD, and items that Council pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed with a notation Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

**Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of item 7G.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of Approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 8,863,098.01.

The following was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions.

The following was presented:

Item 7D: Consideration of a revised meeting monthly meeting schedule for the Beautification Committee.

The following was presented:

Item 7E: Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with McLean County for Booking Fees in the amount of \$27,108 annually.

The following was presented:

Item 7F: Consideration of approving the purchase of twenty-three SWAN Turbiwell monitors for water treatment filters at Lake Bloomington Water Treatment Plant.

The following was presented:

Item 7G: Consideration of approving amendments to the Lake Bloomington building and structures permitting ordinance. (*Removed from the Consent Agenda.*)

ORDINANCE 2017 - \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY CODE  
ON PERMITS ISSUED AT LAKE BLOOMINGTON

**Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman Black that an Ordinance amending Chapter 23, Lake Bloomington, Section 3, regarding the permitting of any dock, wharf, boathouse, or anchored or stationary raft be approved and the Ordinance passed, and authorize the Mayor and City to execute the Ordinance.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**

**Nays:**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7H: Consideration of

(1) Adopting an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 2016-24 which approved a Final Plat for the Third Addition to Shirk Commercial Subdivision on March 26, 2016; and

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 10

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-24

(2) Adopting an Ordinance approving a Petition from Sunrise Company, LLC, for a final plat for the Third Addition to Shirk Commercial Subdivision, located at the southwest corner of Hershey Road and College Avenue.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 11

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE THIRD ADDITION TO  
SHIRK COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION

The following was presented:

Item 7I: Consideration of passing an ordinance approving the Shirk Commercial Revised Preliminary Plan, approximately 35.56 acres, located southwest corner of Hershey Road and College Ave.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SHIRK COMMERCIAL REVISED PRELIMINARY PLAN, APPROXIMATELY 35.56 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HERSHEY ROAD AND COLLEGE AVENUE

The following was presented:

Item 7J: Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a Petition from Wallace and Thelma Holderby Family Trust, for an expedited final plat for Holderby Subdivision, located east of McGregor Street and north of Lincoln Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 13

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF HOLDERBY SUBDIVISION

The following was presented:

Item 7K: Consideration of an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Miller Park Pavilion on March 18, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 -14

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 701 OF CHAPTER 31 AND SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AT MILLER PARK PAVILION ON MARCH 18, 2017

Item 7G: Consideration of approving amendments to the Lake Bloomington building and structures permitting ordinance. (*Removed from the Consent Agenda.*)

ORDINANCE 2017 - \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY CODE ON PERMITS ISSUED AT LAKE BLOOMINGTON

**Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman Black that an Ordinance amending Chapter 23, Lake Bloomington, Section 3, regarding the permitting of any dock, wharf, boathouse, or anchored or stationary raft be approved and the Ordinance passed, and authorize the Mayor and City to execute the Ordinance. (*Withdrawn by Alderman Buragas*)**

Motion by Alderman Lower seconded by Alderman Schmidt to bring this item back to Council within 30 days, after City staff has received public comment. Alderman Lower stated the Ordinance appears a bit ambiguous. Attention has been directed to share access for many years, predating 30 years back at times. It is his belief is this deserves more time and discussion with the public

Alderman Buragas asks what docks will be affected in theory, and has there been an analysis done of the existing docks and whether or not they would be affected by this particular Ordinance.

Mr. Jurgens answered you have to have a permit to have a dock, and this does not change that. The City has been citing individuals that have docks or other boat structures that do not have a permit or there are structures not in compliance with their Permit. This Ordinance does not change the Rules and Regulations of the City.

Mr. Yehl states the intent of this Ordinance changes from this point going forward. It does not impact anything out there today. Staff is working diligently to try to identify docks that require further conversations. The intent is just to codify what generally we've done in practice, to only allow lakefront leasees the opportunity to put docks in. The intent is two-fold, water quality above all. The reservoirs were put in for our public water supply, and anything done out that has to keep that in mind. We need to gain more control over what's happening at Lake Bloomington. This is not intended to punish anybody that's got something out there. Due diligence will still be conducted on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Rasmussen addressed the second part of the question, has anybody looked at this. For a year and a half, we've looked at every dock in great detail, and the problem is every one of them is different. They all have a different set of circumstances of how they got there and what permission was given or not given, what permits were granted or not granted. We found that even though the Water Department had a series of policies, none of them seemed to be consistent. The Ordinance is to codify what the rules and regulations are so everybody would know what they are supposed to be.

Alderman Lower reiterates there were discussions with the public, those affected have already been contacted. Mr. Rasmussen stated, a letter has been sent to anyone who has a "troublesome" dock, and their response was requested. Alderman Lower asks if any enforcement action is being considered. Mr. Jurgens stated, enforcement actions are being considered for something not permitted or out of compliance, in accordance with existing policies in place. Alderman Lower asks whether the language has been amended to facilitate that. Mr. Rasmussen stated, the language in the Ordinance will be on a going forward basis and does not address any issues with existing docks.

Alderman Mwilambwe asked, if a citizen has not received communication, are they considered in compliance? Mr. Rasmussen, occasionally a situation will pop up that they weren't aware of, and in that case, it has to be addressed. Alderman Mwilambwe asks if there is an opportunity for the citizen to bring something to compliance, or must they remove? Mr.

Rasmussen stated, all conditions may apply. Staff has prepared documents on each situation to be brought to Council. Alderman Mwilambwe asks when a property is cited, what happens? Mr. Rasmussen stated, an official will inspect. If the situation is egregiously out of order, a citation is issued, similar to Building or Code Violations, and the citizen can address the Judge in Administrative Court.

Alderman Black stated, no one represents the residents of these properties. What is the process Community Development follows to remove a nuisance dock? Mr. Jurgens stated, there are fines to be opposed, formal citation, Administrative Court, corrective action, other injunctive relief, etc. Alderman Black expressed environmental concerns, why would boats be allowed at all. Mr. Yehl stated, the Lake was constructed with the idea of smaller lots for weekend homes, to find a balance between water supply and recreation. Alderman Black states the grandfathering is moot. Mr. Yehl confirmed that is correct, going forward citizens use the permitting process. Alderman Black muses that there is a compelling public good in ensuring hospital water resources are managed, and a permitting process for docks makes logical sense.

Alderman Hauman asks for clarification. If a residence did not receive a letter, are they in compliance? Mr. Rasmussen stated, 99% of the time, yes, although it is possible another might come to City attention.

Alderman Fruin stated, the concern is whether the public was properly notified. Conversation from the public is missing. Intent was to ask Staff is there concern with a two to four week delay, as there is uncertainty. Mr. Rasmussen stated, there are many complaints by people at the lake who have docks that fit the Ordinance or who maybe have homes who don't have docks at all who have complained about non-compliant docks. Staff is trying to respond to complaints and develop an answer to appease everybody. All information was discussed with Lake Bloomington Association.

Alderman Schmidt stated audience members appear concerned. She agrees with extending the issue for a couple of weeks. Staff confirms the change for this Ordinance is from this point going forward. Alderman Schmidt states it has been stated troublesome docks either need to be changed or removed. Mr. Rasmussen stated, nothing precipitously will be done, each individual dock in question will be brought to Council for their input.

Alderman Sage asked for clarification on those citizens who have not received a letter, and clarification of enforcement for those not in compliance. He asks was there ever an open house at the grade school or Green Gables or somewhere, was there signage of a public hearing, or was it mostly mailings and committee work with the Lake Bloomington Associations? Mr. Rasmussen stated, yes and no. There has not been a public meeting to that effect.

Alderman Painter reiterates her understanding. Mr. Jurgens stated, this Ordinance is designed to say if you are going to get a permit for a dock, only permits will be issued if you are directly on the lake from this point forward. Past permits will continue to be recognized, so long as the dock is in compliance with that permit. The sub-issue of a dock without a permit or a dock not in compliance, those are the infractions that City Staff has been working on trying to clean up. Regardless of this ordinance, we've still been looking at the infractions. This ordinance is basically

just clarifying the existing policy that going forward, only permits are going to be issued if you're directly adjacent to and on the lake and have appropriate access.

Alderman Buragas stated, regardless of what Council do tonight, no one is going to be told to remove their dock without Council review of that decision. Mr. Jurgens stated yes, the intent is to bring back issues related to the docks to the Council before citations go out. Alderman Painter asked if citations will go out whether or not it is passed. Mr. Jurgens stated that is correct assuming that the Council is agreeable.

Mayor Renner stated this is with new docks and no docks will be removed unless somebody comes back to the Council.

Alderman Sage asked about the Jefferson Street house. Is it appropriate to offer staff some suggestions or perhaps a desire that we hope this is what they would accomplish over these next two weeks.

Mr. Hales asked to make one suggestion. Maybe look at 30 days out. If there is a public meeting, we want to give advanced notice, have that meeting, and it would be difficult to do in two weeks. Thirty days out is suggested.

Mayor Renner stated at this point voting on a 30-day delay.

**Motioned by Alderman Lower, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to table this item for 30 days to allow staff to reach out to the residents with docks to provide comments.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**

**Nays:**

**Motion carried.**

## **8. Regular Agenda**

The following was presented:

Item 8A: Consideration of a recommendation to widen Linden Street pavement, from Locust to Empire Streets, to 30 feet and that the street consist of two 10-foot driving lanes and one 7-foot parking lane plus new curbs and gutters.

**Motion by Alderman Buragas, seconded by Alderman that Linden Street pavement be widened from 26 feet to 30 feet, from face of curb to face of curb, from Locust to Empire**

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**streets and that Linden through this area consist of two 10-foot driving lanes, one 7-foot parking lane, new curb and gutter, improved turn radius at Locust Street and other improvements related to street project.**

Mr. Karch stated in summary about why this is an issue. He asked for some direction on inclusion of the Linden Street widening in this summer's resurfacing project. He stated that something needs to be done due to the major disrepair of the street. The Illinois Department of Transportation classifies this as a collector road and the consideration of the impacts of residences and businesses. The recommended option is a 30 feet face-to-face street.

Alderman Schmidt asked if there are any parking options off-street for the bakery. Mr. Karch stated he did not know and could discuss further with them. He stated that the bakery has expressed interest to maintain the parking they have, and they have communicated other costs incurred with other options would make it difficult for them to stay where they are.

Alderman Schmidt asked about the lack of alignment as you go on to Locust. Mr. Karch stated that north of Empire, there is an offset to the west. Tried to look at what that would entail to widen all of it. Alderman Schmidt asked if now it is going to be somewhat out of alignment. Mr. Karch stated that it is already out of alignment. Staff will see if there are any other options further to the north to either shift/align any possibilities to accommodate reducing the offset.

Alderman Buragas stated that a fit that works for everyone was not found, but are doing our best to balance everyone's needs. The diagrams and having price tags on it helps us understand what it is we are doing. This project is in line with what we have been seeing from a public's point of view that the public wants to be involved.

Alderman Fruin stated that it has gotten a lot of public attention. With this decision that we are likely to make plus the bridge decision we are like to make, suddenly we have that gap in between. In looking at Linden Street north of the Bridge into Normal, it is very well updated. There will be an eyesore between Empire and Emerson.

Alderman Hauman asked whether there was any idea how much has been spent to date on this with the original plan and then redoing it. Mr. Karch stated that he did not know. Alderman Hauman stated that lessons learned both from the discussion on the docks and the discussion previously and now Linden Street, we need to reach out to residents more before items come to Council. Mr. Karch stated that you reach out to the people along Linden and to the people directly impacted, but how far out do you reach and how do you do that? It's hard to put a gauge on how far out and how do you engage people effectively.

Alderman Black thanked Aldermen Fruin and Buragas for their work on this project.

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**



**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of a Contract Award to Stark Excavating for the Grove Street and Olive Street Sewers (Bid #2017-22).

**Motion by Alderman Black seconded by Alderman Painter that the contract for Grove Street and Olive Street Sewers be awarded to Stark Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$254,991.25 and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**

**Recused: Alderman Karen Schmidt  
[Departed: 8:18 PM]  
[Returned: 8:31 PM]**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Karch stated we are dealing not with streets, but with sewers. Whenever we talk about sewers on the Linden Street projection, we already have been working on the underground in that area, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Along Grove Street and Olive, neither have any lines along them. Places that were built before 1900, were expanded upon and homes were built, maybe where there was not sanitary sewer, so it was built across backyards, in alleys, in any way that was needed to be able to get sewer to your house. Now, 115 years later, the City is trying to clean up some of these areas in the community. Staff are now trying to do this and have done some work on Jackson Street. There is not funding to do a lot of these every year. We try to do one every year or two. There is a strong need in our community for consistently doing one or two of these every year or two years. We have to keep this type of thing on our radar so that residences that are impacted can have plumbing that works. These are critical issues. In summary, we will be running some eight (8)-inch public sanitary sewer down the public street minimizing impact to trees. We have worked to minimize any impact. People will not be forced to tie on to that sewer. When their current wildcat services fail, it is under the current administrative code statewide that they have to tie into the sewer.

Alderman Painter stated, when their wildcat sewer fails, they will have to pay to tap in to the City sewer system. Mr. Karch stated no, they will pay us. It is there waiting for them, but they have to tie onto it. So whatever that cost is for them, they will have to pay somebody else to do

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that. They would have to hire a private plumber. The City does not provide those services. Alderman Painter stated that a lot of these homes are in the west end of town where they can't afford to do these things, and they don't know when that is going to happen. If they have been paying sanitary sewer fees all along, it seems that they might have an understanding that the City would pay for that. Mr. Karch stated that sanitary sewer fees are to allow for services to be provided to the right of way. Whenever it becomes on people's property, all of those things are costs and risks that we have as property owners. What the City has done in the past is provided assistance through Community Development Block Grants and the like, but currently there is no funding allotted.

Alderman Black stated that these are some of the unique challenges and would be very amenable to having some sort of fund set aside for these types of emergencies. We are looking at long-term problem and a long-term challenge that we have to overcome. It is always good to invest in our historic core.

Alderman Fruin asked Mr. Karch how many homeowners have to pay for that connection on a yearly basis for problems that occur. Mr. Karch asked how many accounts are there that tie into the system or how many people have issues. He stated probably about 25,000 in that range of homes of tie-ins and then clarified that this was wildcat-type sewers. We have about 23% of the community with sewers built before 1900, so almost a quarter were built before 1900. Not all properties have a tie-in issue. Alderman Fruin stated that it's a noble idea, but we are talking about a lot of money. We have a lot of capital needs and all of sudden we are adding to it.

Alderman Lower complimented the Public Works Department on the notification that they have done on East Jackson Street. It is a difficult situation. He asked how many wildcat sewers exist currently that people would have to tie-in. Mr. Karch stated that he did not know the answer to that question.

Alderman Hauman asked if there would be any financial advantage to a homeowner in tapping on when the project is being done. Mr. Karch stated that there can be some cost savings if you have the right contractors, and we encourage residents to reach out to the contractor.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of a Resolution to accept permanent and temporary construction easements granted by the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District for rehabilitation of the Linden Street Bridge and an IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) Resolution for Improvement by Municipality in the amount of \$1,800,000.00 for the estimated construction cost.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENTS GRANTED FROM THE BLOOMINGTON NORMAL WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT TO THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LINDEN STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS.

**Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Resolution to accept permanent and temporary construction easements granted by the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District for rehabilitation of the Linden Street Bridge and the IDOT Resolution for Improvement by Municipality in the amount of \$1,800,000.00, be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

Mr. Karch this is going to be coming from a bid, but this is not a bid tonight. We will be coming back in another few months for your acceptance of this as a bid. He highlighted why we are looking at this Linden Street bridge project. It is part of a trifecta of bridges – three bridges, Cottage, Linden and Jersey that need to be improved for the long-term plan of Constitution Trail along Sugar Creek. We are looking to improve Linden from Emerson all the way north into Normal.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that we have had a couple of tough issues tonight, but this one is pretty straight forward, and I would encourage the Council to do nothing that would delay this rehabilitation project.

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 8D. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Town of Normal (Town) for cost-sharing for the construction of improvements to the intersection of Vernon Avenue and Towanda Avenue and consideration of a corresponding Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for funding the City's portion of the construction.

**Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Normal be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and; the Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the City's portion of the construction costs at the intersection of Vernon Avenue and Towanda Avenue be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

Mr. Karch stated this is an extension of existing agreement. We have agreements with Illinois Department of Transportation, the Town of Normal to maintain traffic signals.

Alderman Fruin asked who determines when a stoplight is placed in an intersection where there are shared city-town interests. Mr. Karch stated a lot of times it is yourselves. You vote

upon the larger capital budget, staff makes that recommendation. We have to look the balance between what the needs are. Alderman Fruin asked if there is a stoplight plan for Keaton Drive. Mr. Karch stated yes there is.

Alderman Sage thanked Mr. Karch. A lot of times folks are not aware of the tremendous collaboration and cooperation that happens between the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal and the County of McLean, and we appreciate Mr. Karch helping to highlight and illustrate that.

Alderman Mwilambwe asked about the merits of traffic circles versus traffic signals. Mr. Karch stated there are benefits as a foundational go to. There are times when traffic circles are effective and times then they are not.

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Mwilambwe, Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Hauman, Fruin, and Black.**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

#### **9. City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Hales commented that going back to some of the comments about citizen participation and citizen engagement. With the upcoming five-year CIP, one thing we are working on is a much more detailed and specific public communication plan. Secondly on the Lake Bloomington area, he shared that one of the groups you did not hear much about tonight is the 200 plus homeowners that are part of the Lake Bloomington Association. He gave compliments to Steve Rasmussen, Bob Yehl, Leslie Yocum and many others. There have been many meetings with the Lake Bloomington Association, and they have been going to dinners, socials, meeting with the officials. With all this engagement and outreach, it is these people who are probably at the forefront wanting some changes. They have enhanced the relationship with these 200-plus homeowners. Last but not least, in the conference last week with the City Mangers, we had Brad Cole, President of IML, come as well as others, and unfortunately they could not really share is give us any answers as to what is going to happen. We do have some serious issues to be prepared for depending upon what comes down by the state.

#### **10. Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Renner asked Mr. Jurgens if in the next regular Council meeting, if you could clarify some of our rules for public comment so that it is quite clear what is appropriate and what is not in terms of our ordinance and the First Amendment.

#### **11. City Alderman's Discussion**

Alderman Fruin commented that this issue about demeanor, respect and civility and interest to serve, there is so much going on, and we need to get a handle on it. In regards to the Shirk Kroger thing, there will be a lot of traffic added there that will challenge Spring Ridge. Mr. Hales added that the Kroger would have had a traffic impact study required, and if it did say that that traffic would generate the need for a traffic signal at Jumer and Hershey, it would have come out in such a study. Alderman Fruin commented that he was just saying there would be more traffic there.

Alderman Buragas commented that she had sent out an email on brick streets and wanted to give a little more context on why she was reaching out to Council on that now and what she is hoping to achieve. The email explained there was a plan put together by staff with regard to brick streets. We have about three (3) miles of brick streets in the City of Bloomington. It is only about 1% of the streets we have, but Council was never able to act on it. A lack of action is a policy statement and has an impact. No additional funds have been provided for maintenance or restoration of brick streets, and some are deteriorating rapidly. She stated what she was looking for from fellow Council members is some indication about whether or not there is a tolerance for allocating some resurfacing funds to restoration or maintenance of brick streets. Alderman Painter stated it would be helpful in giving feedback if we had a sense of the scale of costs. Alderman Buragas stated that we know it is substantially more expensive, but we do not know how much more expensive. Mr. Hales stated that the brick master plan will be brought back to the Council. Mayor Renner stated that he would contact Mayor Jim Levenfelder and find out what kind of deal they got.

Alderman Lower states that there had been a controversial discussion about docks up at the lakes. Thanked McLean County sportsmen, the Department of Natural Resources and the City of Bloomington for the effort they put into the lakes.

Alderman Hauman apologized to Mr. Lower for residents calling him names in the public foreman. She asked who would be attending One Voice from the City of Bloomington.

## **12. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.**

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

**ATTEST**

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Tari Renner, Mayor

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Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk

