

**CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS  
FOR MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011 COUNCIL AGENDA  
AS OF MARCH 27, 2011 AT 3:28 PM**

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 6C-Consent Agenda- “Appointments/Reappointment to various Boards and Commissions”

**Question/Comment:** Where are with the other Commission Appointments (Regional Planning, Zoning, City Planning and others)? I would like to see all of these vacancies filled; I have been asked by many to serve on these groups over the past year or more. In addition, lets put a work session together to review current Boards and the possibility of term limits.

**Staff Response:** Staff is working on updating the historical information on each member of Bloomington Boards and Commissions by the end of May 2011. This information will be kept in the City Manager’s Office and will be kept up-to-date from then on out.

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 6D-Consent Agenda- “Donation of up to Forty (40) Bicycles to the West Bloomington Revitalization Partnership for the Global Youth Day”

**Question/Comment:** I have no issues with this request. Have we ever looked at donating these bicycles to a vendor/non-profit to be used for citizens when they are in the downtown area? I am not sure what the exposure/liability would be to the City of Bloomington, but it makes green sense.

**Staff Response:** Staff has not looked at the possibility of donating the bicycles to a vendor/non-profit for citizens to use when they are in the downtown area. There would be no liability to the City.

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 6G-Consent Agenda- “Permission to Sell Surplus Water Meters and Water Meter Parts”

**Question/Comment:** Good asset management.

**Staff Response:** Thank you.

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 6H-Consent Agenda- “Three (3) Year Renewal of the Proprietary Water Meter Reading Equipment Maintenance Agreement”

**Question/Comment:** Is Northern Water Supply the only vendor that can work on this equipment and when was the last time this was put out for bid?

**Staff Response:** Northern Water Supply is the only vendor that can work on the Neptune water meter equipment that the City uses. Northern Water Supply has an exclusive franchise agreement for this area and thus is the only company that can provide factory authorized and guaranteed work on Neptune equipment. Since this is an exclusive franchise agreement, this service has never been put out for bids.

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**Item:** 6I-Consent Agenda- “Analysis of Bids for Sandblasting Holiday Park Pool”

**Question/Comment:** Just an observation; why is the \$19K so much lower than the other bids? Quality????

**Staff Response:** Staff had the same observation; however, the low bidder performed the same work at O’Neil Pool in October 2010 and Staff was very satisfied with the quality of work performed.

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 6L-Consent Agenda- “Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer Petition for Lot 6”

**Question/Comment:** Again, I encourage Staff to start the dialogue in reviewing these leases for possible adjustments in the future

**Staff Response:** Staff has nearly completed the study of the true cost of service for City Services provided to Lake Bloomington residents. Once this study has been finalized, it will be the basis for future dialogue with Lake Bloomington residents.

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 6M-Consent Agenda- “Petition from the Links at Ireland Grove Road requesting approval of the Dedication of an east/west Easement”

**Question/Comment:** What does this give the Developer and what liability or commitment/promise will the City of Bloomington have to the Developer?

**Staff Response:** This east/west easement is being granted to give the City of Bloomington Water Department the legal right to access the water main which is installed under private property in this development. That public water main terminates at a public fire hydrant to provide public fire protection to the buildings in the complex. The City of Bloomington Water Department will have ongoing maintenance and replacement responsibilities for the public water main and fire hydrant under this easement. However, these responsibilities are no different than the numerous other locations where the Water Department has public facilities built on private property.

**Alderman:** Bernie Anderson

**Item:** 8A-Regular Agenda- “Ordinance Amending the City Liquor Code”

**Question/Comment:** I support this Ordinance and pleased that it mirror’s the Town of Normal

**Staff Response:** Both communities share the possibility of dealing with large gatherings and it makes sense that both Ordinances were identical. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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