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**City of Bloomer**  
**Regular Meeting of the Common Council**

1503 Main Street  
Bloomer, WI 54724  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5:15 p.m.

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Bloomer was called to order on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 1503 Main Street – Mayor Koehler presiding.

Roll call was taken: Mayor Koehler, Aldermen Meinen, Bauch, Reischel, Baribeau, Administrator Frion and Attorney Gierhart were present.

All present gave pledge to the flag.

Meinen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting. Bauch seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

Reischel made a motion to approve all claims against the City and Utilities as presented. Baribeau seconded the motion and all present voted aye. The claims were in the amounts listed below:

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| Checks Numbered: | 85714 - 85777       |
| General Fund:    | \$ 33,837.57        |
| Electric Fund:   | \$ 275,718.46       |
| Water Fund:      | \$ 2,772.59         |
| Sewer Fund:      | \$ 178,691.39       |
| Payroll          | <u>\$ 86,029.54</u> |
| TOTAL            | \$ 577,049.55       |

Alyson Zwiefelhofer, 809 Newman Street, spoke in favor of the alley vacation on Block 9 of Emmerton Addition between Oak and Newman Street. Zwiefelhofer stated she was the one that initiated the vacation.

Kevin Zwiefelhofer, 1205 Main Street, spoke in favor of the alley vacation on Block 9 of Emmerton Addition between Oak and Newman Street. Zwiefelhofer stated that the vacation needs to take place for the sale of his daughter’s house.

John Sykora, 1403 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke in favor of the alley vacation on Block 9 of Emmerton Addition between Oak and Newman Street. Sykora is one of the abutting property owners to the alley.

Audrey Sykora, 1403 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke in favor of the alley vacation on Block 9 of Emmerton Addition between Oak and Newman Street.

Brady Jenneman, 1705 Dettloff Street, spoke in favor of the alley vacation in the Tillinghast’s Addition. Jenneman applied for a variance for a shed which was approved, but the current location proposal does not meet proper setbacks. The alley is currently not paved and property owners already have personal property within the right-a-way.

Brant Alman, 1428 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, opposes the alley vacation on Block 9 of Emmerton Addition. Alman’s property abuts the alley and he would like to utilize the alley to access a garage. Alman states that with vacating the alley, there is a hardship to him as he cannot have two driveways coming off of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Matt Meinen would like to see phase 2 of the 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues. This discussion took place when Meinen was Mayor and never understood this was an ‘option’ to not do it. If it is the Council’s decision to not finish the project, then he would like to see those businesses that had to pay for their portion of phase 1 reimbursed.

April Anderson with Clifton Larson Allen provided the Council with the 2019 audited results. There were 3 material weaknesses which are pretty standard for smaller communities. The City received the highest opinion that a municipality can get. The City’s overall fund balance has gone up. The recommendation is between 25-33%, the City is at 46.1%.

Discussion took place regarding the development on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue by Wilson Properties, LLC. The road was partially developed and the lots that Mr. Wilson would like to develop currently don’t have sewer. Mr. Wilson is asking for financial assistance from the City to complete installing the

sewer. According to the City Code, developers are responsible to pay for the cost of any development, including utilities.

Motion by Meinen to require the developer to pay for all development costs on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue that is owned by Wilson Properties, LLC. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Meinen to approve Resolution #04-20 initiating the discontinuance of an unpaved alley located south of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Skyline Avenue, East of Lots 1 through 9 of Block 3 of Tillinghast's Addition and West of Lots 10-18 of Tillinghast's Addition in the City of Bloomer. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Bauch to approve Resolution #05-20 commencing discontinuation of part of public alley located on Block 9 of Emmerton Addition located between Oak and Newman Street with the abutting property owners granting a utility easement. Meinen seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reischel voting nay.

Motion by Baribeau to approve the Compliance Maintenance Report for 2019 for the Water/Wastewater Department. Bauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Reischel to approve Ordinance #05-20 to discontinue existing electric rates and establish new rates beginning with July 15<sup>th</sup> usage. Bauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Beers, property owner at 1302 Oak Street, stated they have started to repair the bricks that were coming off the building. Beers stated they are considering removing part of the building and making it a parking lot.

Motion by Meinen to approve an amended agreement with AEP for the purchase of additional energy for the years 2029-2031. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Baribeau to accept the donation made by Ardella Pecha for additional park equipment to the North Park. Bauch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Meinen to approve a license to serve fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors for Alin Bircham, Aimee Reischel, Courtney Trainor, Mitchell Johnson, Jessica Schwarzenberger, Kathryn Bennett, Jacob Frideres, Jolene Westholm, Laurie Hull, Katelyn Brook, Kristy Fleck, Laura Meyer, Robert Ritter, Gabriel Meinen, Becky Prince, Tammy Kuschel, Amanda Parker, Kristin Holstien, Kyla Wulf, Lorna Worsley, Linda Durham, Jean Frion, Evelyn Boos, Savanna Rogge, Nathan Janke, Lori Rubenzer, Terri McElroy, Lucille Swartz, Tiana Gonzalez, and Angela Culver. Reischel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bauch made a motion to adjourn. Baribeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Frion  
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer