



CITY OF BLACKDUCK PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY APRIL 4TH, 2016 6PM

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CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of the City of Blackduck held a Public Hearing at Blackduck City Hall at 6:00p.m. on April 4th, 2016 to discuss the City's plans for road improvements on Frontage Road from Summit Ave. W. to Main Street S. & on Pine Avenue.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Lundberg, Councilors Christensen, Stade, Loeken, and Patch

Councilors Absent: none

Staff Present: City Administrator Christina Regas, and Public Works Supervisor Bob Klug, Liquor Store Manager Shawnda Lahr, and Chief of Police John Wilkinson

Others Present: Curt Meyer, WSN, and Audrey Zimmerman Bemidji Pioneer

City Of Blackduck Residents Present: Lue Zimmerman, Eric Anderson, Scott Granell, Jim & Liz Krabbenhoft, Carmen & George Zaleski,

Letter to the Blackduck City Council – A letter was submitted by the owners of the Drake Motel as they could not be in attendance. That letter is attached to the minutes.

CONVENE MEETING/INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Daryl Lundberg
Mayor Lundberg convened the meeting at 6:00pm. The pledge of allegiance was not stated.

DESCRIPTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS & FUNDING SOURCES – Curt Meyer from WSN was present to summarize the road improvements on Frontage and Pine Ave. and the funding sources. A Feasibility Report was distributed to the audience and spoke about the improvements. Frontage Road alignment will stay the same the North part of Frontage will mill off 9 inches of bituminous and relay bituminous onto the North section. The South part of Frontage will be reclaimed and used on to Pine Ave and put 6 inches onto Pine Ave. The roads will not have curb and gutter. Frontage will look the same when finished, and Pine will look the same but have bituminous on it. Meyer refers to the detail breakdown of the projected costs of the project from the feasibility report. The construction and construction contingency is covered by the LRIP funding obtained by the State. The engineering and administration is not covered by LRIP and that is the cost that could be assessed if the City chooses to. Anderson asked if the funds cover both roads and Meyer confirmed that it does.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Curt Meyer, WSN

1. Eric Anderson Blackduck Family Foods:
 - a. Q: Raising the Road 6 inches what is that going to do for run off?
 - b. A: Everyone knows it is really flat this is not going to change the drainage pattern any. It will still go both ways it will not go over the road there is no storm sewer in the project mostly because of the grades of the project. The road will stay very similar with the crown of the road. With having 6 inches that will assist with the crown staying.



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2. Scott Grannell:
 - a. Q: I am affected by the water the most. The front of my building will flood if the road is built up too much. He has taken his skid steer after the road is built up and moved the fill so that the water doesn't come back onto his property. He believes there is no question that his place will flood out.
 - b. A: Meyer confirmed where his building was and stated he would look at the plans and see if there is something that can be done near that property. However one of the reasons the drainage is so poor is due to the soils that is there now.
3. Lue Zimmerman Building on Pine Ave:
 - a. Q: If the road is going to be 6 inches higher, when I drive to the Salon, will I drop off 6 inches?
 - b. A: The final grade will be 6 inches high. There is tie with gravel and paved bump outs by all the drive areas so it won't be a straight drop. There won't be any transition that you will notice.
4. Scott Grannell:
 - a. Q: Where the frost boils are on Pine Ave. will that be dug down deep enough to get rid of that?
 - b. A: There is going to be 18 inches of material but there will still be movement. There will be a total of 22 inches of material that doesn't expand and contract. So it will bridge better than most areas in town.
5. George Zaleski:
 - a. Q: What's the thickness of the pavement going to be?
 - b. A: 4 inches
6. Eric Anderson:
 - a. Q: You stated 4/5's of the project is funded by the state how much is that?
 - b. A: The City was funded more than what was estimated originally, but the construction costs are all covered by the LRIP state money.
 - c. Q: But the remained would be paid for by assessments?
 - d. A: Could be by assessments. The City hasn't made any decisions on assessments yet. The City is going through the Public Hearing process and this meeting is one of those steps. The City has multiple projects and funding agencies going on this summer. Some of those funds may not be known until next month. But the LRIP money secured is only for Frontage and Pine.
7. Carmen Zaleski:
 - a. Q: We are still in the process of putting in some block walls. Lakes Concrete told her that if they do not have at least 5 -6 inch road down there and they bring in the block that they ordered it could bust up the road. Is there is a way to put more asphalt on our side to cover that thickness?
 - b. A: No, part of the City getting the State money the State gets a say in the design of the road. This section is more than what the state asked for. For that type of a road the state



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is not going to approve that much on the roadway. What you are asking is for more of a HWY 72 type section. Or a 10 ton road.

- c. Q: What is the classification of this road?
 - d. A: As far as tonnage, we don't have a calculation on Pine. It is not going to meet a 10 ton grade, but that doesn't mean a 10 ton couldn't drive on it.
 - e. Q: We don't want the road to have to be busted up.
 - f. A: This is going to be one of the heavier roads that the City has that is not a main road.
8. Jim Krabbenhoft Blackduck Floral and Gifts:
- a. Q: Do you feel what you are proposing is a strong enough or durable enough road from an engineering stand point?
 - b. A: It is, but I'm going to say that when you build in these soils any road has a shorter life span than other areas.
 - c. Q: Is there fabric underneath Pine now?
 - d. A: There is only a small portion on the East side where it was dug out.
 - e. Q: Is 6 inches going to be enough should it be raised up higher?
 - f. A: There is going to be enough crown to get the water away. Water migrates from the sides so higher isn't going to solve everything.
9. Lue Zimmerman:
- a. Q: So everything is covered under grants except the administration and engineering, are there grants for that?
 - b. A: One of the most difficult things for Cities to pay for is streets. There's money out there, but it isn't considered a health and safety. Streets are a lower priority. The LRIP program is one of the fewer out there that assists funding street.
 - c. Q: So basically it would be \$40,000 divided amongst the properties.
 - d. A: If the City decides to assess they can't assess more than what the project costs. The City will then have to decide how much of that amount they will assess and how, by lot or by frontage. Those decisions are made after.
 - e. Q: What if I don't have the money to come up with the assessment?
 - f. A: How a typical assessment works is it goes on your property taxes as a special assessment. There is an interest rate associated with it and it is assessed over a period of time. For streets the City has used 10 years in the past which is a typical duration of time. You don't want to have to be replacing a street before it is paid for. If the City decides to assess there is another public hearing about that.
10. Eric Anderson:
- a. Q: How long is it going to take? What is the timeline?
 - b. A: The project is getting bid with a very large County project. The Contractor will be awarded sometime in May. The County is going to give that contractor the whole summer to do the projects. The contractor has to provide a timeline at a preconstruction meeting which would happen near the beginning of the project. Then we will know when everything is going to happen.



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- c. Q: They won't have Pine and Frontage closed at the same time?
- d. A: No, they have to keep traffic flowing on the roads all the time. There will be one lane open all the time.

11. Jim Krabbenhoft:

- a. Q: Why is the County involved?
- b. A: The County has a very large project happening in town at the same time and the City has projects replacing infrastructure at the same time. Having the County involved as the fiscal agent is because the City isn't large enough to be their own agent. Blackduck is not a state aid city. The County is the sponsor. The county is bidding the project together.
- c. Q: So the contractors working on the county project would be the same as the City project?
- d. A: Yes, you will have one overall paver, reclaimer, etc.
- e. Q: Do you know how the Frontage Rd will tie into the parking lot at Blackduck Family Foods?
- f. A: The profile isn't changing and the mat is saw cut so you will have a smooth edge to pave against.
- g. Q: Are you redoing you parking lot? (Addressed to Eric Anderson)
- h. A: We are considering it.

12. Carmen Zaleski:

- a. Q: Is there a standard apron? The corners of our building are quite large. How much room is there going to be? What is the width?
- b. A: There is no standard as there is no curb and gutter. There is a bump out. Whatever the width of the drive is there will be bump out. That is done to protect the edge of the bituminous. There will be new class 5 to protect the edge of the bituminous.

13. Jim Krabbenhoft:

- a. Q: Will the Contractors to be sensitive to the businesses and events this summer?
- b. A: There will be general access to all the businesses; they are limited to the time it can be blocked. Weekly construction meetings will happen and the public can attend.

14. Scott Grannell:

- a. Q: How does the width on Pine Avenue compare to what is being used now?
- b. A: 24' it will be narrower than what it is now, but the drainage areas won't be wiped out.
- c. Q: So the road is going to be smaller?
- d. A: There are some areas that will be, it is hard to see it now, but yes.

ADJOURN – Mayor Lundberg adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

Daryl Lundberg, Mayor