

BLACKDUCK CITY COUNCIL
4th Street NE Public Hearing
August 18th, 2014 6pm

A public hearing was called for the 4th Street NE Residents to discuss the damage to the sewer line from the last winter and the possible costs for repairs.

Council Members in Attendance: Daryl Lundberg, Kris Stade, and Rudy Patch

Absent: Sam Christenson and Mary Loeken

Others present: Fay Olson, Ruth & Carlos Spindler, John & Marianne Sonstebly, Paul & Rebecca Haberle, Bud (Robert) & Kay Anderson, Theresa Templin, John & Jenna Gross, Marlene Bogart, Cury Meyer, and Bob Klug

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lundberg at 6:03pm.

Curt Meyer gave the history of the Frenzel Addition and how the sewer line was put in and the city's challenges to keep the line from freezing. After this past winter the sewer line under 4th Street NE has now cracked under the frost heaves and has failed. It must be fixed before the upcoming winter.

Residents were asked for input and how they would like to help pay for it. Many suggestions were made however the overwhelming comments were that they do not want to be assessed their taxes for the fees. They believe it is not the homeowner's responsibility to fix the city's problem. Other suggestions were made regarding the responsibility put on the developer however since the city 'assumed' responsibility after the developer left the city has to bear the cost of fixing it. Marlene Bogart stated she already pays too much for her water/sewer bill and doesn't believe it's fair that she has to pay more to have something that should have been put incorrect the first time be fixed now.

Other suggestions and comments were taken by the council from the residents. The council told the residents that they would meet to decide how the repairs would be paid for and they would be notified by the city.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55pm by Councilor Stade seconded by councilor Patch motion passed.

Minutes submitted by City Administrator Christina Regas.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is cursive and appears to be 'Christina Regas'. The signature on the right is also cursive and appears to be 'Daryl Lundberg'.