



BLACKDUCK CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

TUESDAY JULY 5TH, 2016 5:30PM

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of the City of Blackduck met in a scheduled work session at the City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on July 5th, 2016.

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Loeken

Staff Present: City Administrator, Christina Regas

Others Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Topics covered in the work session were as follows:

1. **PATROL OFFICER VACANCY** – Mayor Lundberg requested the council discuss the possibility of hiring a local retired patrol officer from either the County or City that may assist the City of Blackduck in the interim while the new patrol officer is being hired and on FTO. Mayor Lundberg has great concern for the residents and businesses and has taken public comment regarding break-ins. Regas confirmed that the idea was a good one but has concerns on finding someone. Council Patch suggested retired Bemidji Police Department Captain Daryl Russel but found out recently that his POST license was expired. Regas suggested asking if other Beltrami Deputies would be interested on their off days and offered to ask Sheriff Hodapp for assistance. Regas also inquired about other surrounding counties such as Itasca or Koochiching and offered to email their respective departments. Councilor Stade agreed it was worth looking into as the hiring of the next patrol officer to replace officer Nikle is still a few weeks out. Regas commented that the backgrounds for the two final candidates would be finished up late that week and would be able to make a contingent offer after that.
2. **PATROL OFFICER CANDIDATE WAGE OFFER** – Regas offered a study of other cities with police departments with populations under 1000 and their pay scales for their officers to assist in the patrol officer wage offer. It was determined that the City would still offer Step 8 or Step 9 to the next candidate as the City's benefit package is on top of the wages.

ADJOURN – Council adjourned their work session at 5:55pm.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

Daryl Lundberg, Mayor