

NOTICE OF
RAZE ORDER
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that on November 21, 2022,
the Village Board for the
Village of Hixton, in Jack-
son County, Wisconsin,
approved, adopted, signed,
and issued a RAZE ORDER
requiring property owner
Stephen J. Doerr to raze
the buildings and structures
on the property located at
108/110 S. Sechlerville
Road Hixton, WI having the
following legal description
and tax parcel number:
LOT THREE (3) IN
BLOCK EIGHTEEN (18)
AND THE NORTH HALF OF
VACATED ALLEY LYING
SOUTH OF LOT THREE
(3) IN BLOCK EIGHTEEN
(18) ALL IN THE VILLAGE
OF SECHLERVILLE (NOW
HIXTON), JACKSON
COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
Tax Parcel Number: 136-
0465.0000
The RAZE ORDER may
affect all persons and/or
entities holding any interest,
lien, or other encumbrance
against said property.
An exact copy of the
full RAZE ORDER may
be viewed and/or obtained
from the Village Clerk, Vil-
lage of Hixton, 145 East
Main Street, Hixton, WI
54635.
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NOTICE OF BID
The Jackson County Forestry and Parks Committee will accept sealed bids at the Jackson County Forestry and Parks Office, W9790 Airport Road, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615 until 1:30 P.M., Friday, December 9, 2022 at which time they will be publicly opened and read and placed on file for action by the Jackson County Forestry and Parks Committee for One (1) Pick-up Truck. Specifications may be obtained at the above office upon request. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid or portion thereof they deem most advantageous to Jackson County.
BY ORDER OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
November 21, 2022
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Notice
Please take notice that a public hearing will be held before the Common Council of the City of Black River Falls on December 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 101 S. Second Street in the City of Black River Falls to consider increasing all fares and mileage fees for the shared-ride taxi service.
All interested parties are urged to attend in person or join the meeting remotely using the following instructions.
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81880613061?pwd=VFBDamdSU1plRXBNOHVNSWZmZG1Kdz09>
Or Dial: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 818 8061-3061
Passcode: cityhall
Alex B. Chown
City Administrator
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on December 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. on the following:
“ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2022-51 as requested by Walworth Cranberry, on property in the SE1/4-SE1/4, Section 25, T20N, R1W, Town of Knapp, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5.00 of the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single-family home.
Due to the COVID-19, we will be following all directives from the State of Wisconsin, Jackson County Board and the CDC for large group assemblies. The petitioner or their agent must attend the County’s Public Hearing.
Jackson County Zoning Department
307 Main Street, Courthouse
Black River Falls WI 54615
715-284-0220
Jonathan.Hemp@Jacksoncountywi.gov
Rebecca.Ayers@Jacksoncountywi.gov
Dustin.McCune@Jacksoncountywi.gov
This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the proposed changes and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. The decision of the Committee to either grant, conditionally grant or to deny any conditional use or subdivision request will be finalized at this public hearing. The Committee, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the full County Board for their final decision to either grant, conditionally grant, or to deny any proposed zone changes. Should you desire more information regarding the proposals, please call or visit the Jackson County Zoning Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0220.
A Notice of this Petition will be forwarded to the Town Board. The Town officials will discuss this request and return a “TOWNSHIP POSITION” form. Thus, the Petitioner SHOULD contact the Town Chairman to explain his/her proposal and answer their questions. An effort has also been made to notify adjoining landowners of the proposal/s, so that they may contact the Town Chairman for more information and/or voice their concerns. To ensure that those interested have been notified, please share this notice with your neighbors. CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN MEETING DATE and TIME.
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Dated this 16th day of October 2022.
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The Common Council met in special session at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on November 16, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Mathews, Busse, Gearing-Lancaster, and Ammann were present. Alderpersons Rave, Olson, and Brown attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson Wussow was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Rave, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 1, 2022 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There were 4 citizens in attendance, 3 in person and 1 remotely via Zoom meetings, for agenda items.

Black River Falls Municipal Utilities General Manager Casey Engebretson presented the background on **Ordinance 876**, explained the need for these regulations, and answered questions on the ordinance. ORDINANCE 876 – an ordinance regulating wireless communications facilities in the city right-of-way was presented – 1st reading.

Mayor Eddy opened the public hearing on the proposed 2023 city operating budget.

There were no recommended changes and no objections.

It was moved by Alderperson Rave, seconded by Alderperson Ammann, to close the public hearing on the proposed 2023 city operating budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Mathews, to approve the 2023 city operating budget as presented and set the levy at \$2,216,495. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Brown seconded by Alderperson Rave, to approve the 2023 Business Improvement District (BID) Operating Plan and the budget of \$34,467.96 as presented. Motion carried (6-0-1) with Alderperson Mathews abstaining.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve the request from the Downtown Association to suspend the open intoxicant ordinance for downtown on December 3, 2022 for the Christkindl celebration. Motion carried.

The Department Head monthly reports were reviewed. Department heads present were Greg Rush, Chad Duerkop, Jeremy Isensee, Jody Stoker, and Brad Chown. Cara Hart was excused.

1. The library's 150th anniversary celebration was well planned and well attended.
2. It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve the Fire Department's request to have Lifequest do billing for fire call claims. Motion carried.
3. The Chief of Police advised the motor for the Dodge Durango has arrived and is being installed. There was discussion on electronic speed signs with cost estimates of \$3,815 to \$4,395. The Chief will research data related to the effectiveness of these signs and bring that information back to the Council.
4. It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve the Lunda Park Maintenance Technician job description as presented. Motion carried.
5. It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Mathews to approve the Parks & Recreation Department's request to fill the Lunda Park Maintenance Technician position. Motion carried.
6. The City Administrator advised the permitting requirements to locate and operate an Airburners fire box by the city shop could be prohibitive to using it at that location. Renting a unit to use at the brush dump and mobile permitting requirements will be researched.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Mathews, to approve the vouchers for October 2022 Check #71532 - #71653 totaling \$989,509.39. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Olson, seconded by Alderperson Busse, to approve the City Treasurer's Report for October 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Mathews, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve the Revenue & Expense Reports for October 2022. Motion carried.

There was lengthy discussion on the shared ride taxi service which included notification from Mobility Transformation, Inc that they will be dissolving as of December 31, 2022, the Request for Proposals (RFP) process would need to be followed to secure another vendor, the RFP process takes 2-3 months to complete, service could be interrupted on or before January

1, 2023, The MTI name could be acquired by another company that could then continue to operate under the current contract and avoid a service shut down and a previous provider has expressed interest in this option, service data was shared for 2019-2022, estimated local share for the service for 2022 was \$75,367.86, with the revenue shortfalls this year projecting a 2022 local share to be \$93,000, \$77,957 in Cares Act funding will cover a majority of the 2022 local share but that funding source will come to an end and local share will be approximately \$75,000 per year going forward, 2023 budget has \$50,000 levied for the shared-ride taxi service, should look at increasing fares to help offset local share, the city can operate the service but would not qualify for the state and federal subsidies, if we have to shut down service what is the ridership and fare revenue going to be like when it re-opens, provided 40,000 trips in 2019 and now looking at 23,000 trips for 2022, rides down due to wait times and other reliability issues, the expectations are well beyond what we can deliver with a shared ride taxi, if there are no ADA accessible vehicles available that creates an issue, the ordinance regulating taxi services vehicles and drivers should be repealed to allow private companies to operate a taxi service in the city with no permit required, is it time to end the service, consider a bus service vs a taxi service, need to prepare to release an RFP, could see service interruptions beginning January 1st that could last in to February or March.

It was moved by Alderperson Mathews, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to adjourn. Motion Carried at 7:25 pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator
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