

City of Blue Lake
City Council
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Rd. – Blue Lake
February 7, 2018
Special Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Adelene Jones (Mayor), Jean Lynch, Bobbi Ricca (Mayor Pro-Tem), Summer Daugherty

Councilmembers Absent: Elizabeth Mackay

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Mager, City Clerk April Sousa

Approve Agenda

Ricca/Daugherty *motion to approve the agenda as stated.* The motion carried unanimously.

Blue Lake Power: Discussion regarding Update and Future of Blue Lake Power Plant

Prior to this discussion, Mayor Jones reminded Council and the public of the Pledge of Civility.

David O'Neill and Co-partner Diane O'Neill presented to Council about Blue Lake Power operations. The discussion had two phases.

Phase one discussed current operations. Mr. O'Neill gave information on a pending purchase agreement that would consist of a 5- year contract for purchasing of power. He also stated there are plans to conduct an open house in April, 2018 and that currently there are plans to start operations in June, 2018.

The council chambers were filled with members from the community. There were approximately fifteen (15) members of the community who gave public comment.

Several members of the community voiced comments of concern and criticism regarding current and past operations of the plant, including comments regarding pollution, fuel management, ash disposal and disposal of other waste materials, permits, light and sounds concerns, and other ecological issues.

Phase two of the discussion focused on future possibilities. Mr. O'Neill commented on the possibility of an extension of the lease in exchange for the stopping of current operations at the end of the 5-year purchasing agreement and switching operations to other clean energy options, such as gasification.

The general consensus of community members was not in favor of current or future operations of the power plant.

After the community voiced their comments, the Council took a moment to ask questions of Mr. O'Neill.

Adjourn

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

April Sousa
City Clerk