

**City of Ottertail  
January 19, 2017  
Work Session Notes  
6:00 PM**

*This is an open forum. Council and Staff may speak openly.  
No other business will be discussed at this session in order to keep under one-hour.*

Council present: Mayor Myron Lueders, Ron Grobeck, Jill Carlson, Heather Rosenthal and Mike Windey.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treas., Elaine Hanson; Maint. Coordinator, Loren Hawes; Deputy Clerk, Shari Wheeler.

Others Present: Brad Stevens, General Manager – Thumper Pond

**Developer curb stops on vacant properties:**

Reviewed and discussed a letter received from Joan and Randy Hutmacher, owners and developers of Deer Run Estates regarding the letter sent implementing the vacant lot rate on their development. Brad Stevens was present to discuss the same for Thumper Pond Real Estate. Their feeling was that this rate which was to be implemented to help with future maintenance costs and expansion would greatly affect what the lots would be worth. Myron provided a graph of revenue from tax. Stevens suggested the city look into a WAC charge which would be charged at time of hook-up to the system. It was agreed that vacant lots owned by developers needed to be revisited.

Briefly discussed how the city will be handling the hook-ups to the Dally Apartments and asked Elaine to check into what Henning does and other cities as well. Another is to determine what is a “new” development.

**Snow Removal:**

Brad Stevens also requested that the council consider doing the snow removal in Thumper Pond, citing that the residents in the Thumper Pond development pay taxes like everyone else and without the city taking over this portion, he would need to start assessing for that service, one that he felt they were already paying for. Currently Thumper Pond has an approximate cost of snow removal of \$3,000-\$6,000 per year for 1.66 miles of road. Discussion involved the complete maintenance which would not be acceptable until the roads have met the standards which have been discussed off and on for several years. An agreement could be drawn up that would provide for snow removal only and not taking over the roads for maintenance.

No other discussion and work session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Elaine Hanson, MCMC  
City Clerk-Treasurer