



City of
Blue Earth

**BLUE EARTH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Blue Earth City Council will be holding a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 4:30 P.M.

The agenda will consist of the following:

- A. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll call.
- C. Canvass of 2018 election results including Local Option Sales Tax
- D. Letter of Understanding-Golden Spike Business Park.
- E. Discussion of intended use of Old Fire Hall.
- F. Adjournment.

By Order of the Mayor

Post @ City Hall- Friday, November 9, 2018 to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Distribute to- Mayor & Council members- Media & file

**CITY OF BLUE EARTH
RESOLUTION 18-19**

**A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE TABULATION OF VOTES CAST FOR THE
OFFICE OF THREE (3) COUNCIL POSITIONS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS
FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, The City Administrator has presented the tabulation of the results of votes cast at the November 6, 2018 General Election for the City of Blue Earth; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has received same tabulation as it relates to three (3) Council positions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the City Council of the City of Blue Earth, Faribault County, Minnesota, does hereby canvass and declare the winners of the following offices:

Councilmember at Large (4-year term)

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	TOTAL
Marlyn (Marty) Cassem	354	427	289	1070
Russell Erichsrud	357	425	277	1059
Wendy Cole	357	433	275	1065
Write In	3	14	12	29
Total Council at Large	1071	1299	853	3223

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	TOTAL
Total Ballots Cast	456	554	367	1377
Registered Voters (7am)	582	681	524	1787

Results of Local Option Sales Tax

YES 798 60.68%
NO 517 39.32%

% of Voter Turnout **78%** **81%** **70%** **77%**

Board of Public Works (Blue Earth) (Elect 2)

Nonpartisan Mark Loge 1089 49.73%

Nonpartisan Dan Mensing 1096 50.05%

WRITE-IN 5** 0.23%

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLUE EARTH, MINNESOTA, THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

BY:

ATTEST:

Richard Scholtes
Mayor

Timothy Ibisch
City Administrator

(seal)



Information on Local Option Sales Tax Question

Date: November 7, 2018

To: City Council

From: Timothy Ibisch, City Administrator

Subject: Successful Ballot Question

*“Shall the City of Blue Earth be authorized to impose a local option sales tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) for 25 years or until \$5,000,000 in revenues have been generated, for the purpose of **funding sewer plant improvements, street reconstruction projects, and/or recreational amenities?**”*

The Voter approval of the tax does not mean it will begin automatically or immediately. The Legislature must also approve the tax, and the governor must sign the declaration, a process similar to enacting a new state statute. After that step is completed, the city will file for local approval with the Secretary of State before the start of the next regular legislative session, plus pass an ordinance implementing the tax and notifying the state Commissioner of Revenue at least 90 days before the first day of the calendar quarter on which the taxes would be imposed.

I have spoken with Rep. Gunther and he indicated that he will carry the bill at the legislature in the 2019 session. I expect with the new composition of the Legislature that this will not be a problem. That means that its likely that the new revenue will begin in October of 2019. I would like to isolate this revenue for the time being to allow us to very thoroughly conclude the amounts. It seems prudent to me that we should ensure that this funding source does not get blended in with current revenue.

According to a retail analysis, it is estimated that Blue Earth would collect about \$80,000 annually, or about \$2 million over a 25-year span. After the local option tax collection begins, Blue Earth would receive quarterly payments from the tax from the state. Other information pertinent to the ballot question includes:

- This is a local tax and would be a tax on purchases made in Blue Earth only. It is not countywide.
- Items not currently subject to a sales tax, such as food and clothing, will not be subject to the Local Option Sales Tax.
- Business or warehouse inventory is not subject to the tax.
- The tax would expire after 25 years and cannot be extended without approval from local taxpayers and the Legislature.



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Letter of Understanding and Agreement

11/6/2018
Dirt Merchants Inc.
3301 3rd Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Luke,

This letter codifies a heretofore verbal understanding regarding the terms and agreement to use the clay pile from the Golden Spike business park in Blue Earth, MN 56013.

This agreement is contingent on City Council approval which will be requested on November 13, 2018.

1. This agreement will be set as to ensure that the material is removed, and the site is restored in a responsible manner.
2. Details will be forthcoming, after the Council approval, as to the specific times and schedule for removal, and as discussed during our conversation on 11/6/2018.

Very Respectfully,

Timothy P. Ibisch
City Administrator
City of Blue Earth



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Date: November 9, 2018

To: City Council

From: Timothy Ibisch, City Administrator

Subject: Historic Fire Hall Use

With the shift of the Green Giant Museum out to the beltline, we now have additional space available. I have been working to identify a new tenant for the office space and have been working with Blue Earth Area Mentors. They would like to rent it for their office.

However, that leaves the storage bays. Some different ideas are using some of the space for the library and senior center, as well as potentially generating revenue from the public by storing Campers or boats. Additionally, the Chamber would like to continue using the 5th bay for the Christmas wonderland lights.

No action is required tonight, please advise me as how you would like us to proceed.