

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Ronnie Bobblett called to order the Bloomfield City Council regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Firehouse. Attending were council members Henry Cobble, Liz Gillis, Mark Mays, and Walter Pozgay. City Attorney Jim Willett, Police Chief Mike Cotton, and Kentucky Standard Editor Lisa Tolliver were also present. Council member Ann Agee and Public Works Superintendent Ben Long were absent. Her resignation, as presented at the December 15, 2008 special meeting by council member Tina Long, becomes effective today.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were mailed a copy of last month's special meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Mays, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded Cobble, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

Nelson County Magistrate Jerry Hahn was on hand to report that the County has installed a stop sign at the intersection of Arnold Lane and Chaplin Road (HWY 62). After receiving concerns that bus drivers cannot see cars that pull up beside them at the same intersection the mayor asked Hahn to request the marking of a turning lane there to avoid a potential accident. The mayor also says he is doing research with the State on the possibility of lowering the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on Chaplin Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CIVIC CENTER AGREEMENT: Mays suggested the mayor check prices from local rental entities that lease space so that the council may set a reasonable rental fee on an agreement. Gillis also suggested a substantial deposit be required that would cover any violation of the agreement. In regard to having someone to coordinate senior activities at the civic center the mayor said Lincoln Trail already has Ms. Burkhead hired and meets regularly at a church location in Bloomfield. Pozgay asked for clarification in the difference in civic groups versus private parties and weekday versus evening and weekend events. The mayor insisted that second parties should not be allowed to rent from the signer of the rental agreement. Willett informed the council of issues such as alcohol, non-profit renters, admission charges, etc. Consensus was to allow the mayor to use a basic lease agreement, provided by Willett, and charge \$50 an hour with a \$100 deposit for each lease for the mean time. Willett was asked to have a lease agreement for council review at the February 9th meeting. All issues, deposits and fees would be subject to change in the future by the Council depending on developing circumstances.

COUNCIL VACANCY: Gillis nominated Johnathan Hagerman to replace Tina Long as council member. Hearing no other nominations Cobble moved that nominations cease and that Hagerman be elected by acclamation. Duly seconded by Mays *motion carried 4-0 by the following roll call vote:* Cobble-yes, Gillis-yes, Mays-yes, and Pozgay-yes.

CABLE FRANCHISE: Even though Bardstown Cable has bought out Insight Communications' expired contract with the City of Bloomfield the federal guidelines require the City of Bloomfield to advertise for bid the new, 10-year minimum, non-exclusive franchise cable contract. Gillis made a motion, duly seconded by Mays, to advertise for bid and have the opening at 6:30 p.m. at the next regular council meeting, February 9, 2009. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Willett assured the council that the City would be registering as an entity capable of policing their fees.

AUDIT: The mayor relayed that Brown and Company has the audit ready for his review and it would be presented at the February 9th meeting. Gillis requested a copy ahead of time and Pozgay asked that the auditors be present to answer any questions the council may have.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESIDER AT MEETINGS: Pozgay nominated Gillis to be presider at council meetings in the absence of the Mayor. With no other nominations being heard Mays moved to cease nominations and elect Gillis by acclamation. Duly seconded by Cobble *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: The mayor informed the council that A.G. Wright accepted the reappointment on the Board of Adjustments for a 4 year term.

CITY APOINTMENTS: The mayor announced staff appointments to city positions go unchanged.

MAYOR'S REPORT: In regard to unsightly areas around certain businesses as discussed at previous meetings the mayor said he has discussed this with the property owners and if the city has to clean property up a lien will be placed on the property.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Gillis, considering safety as the issue, relayed complaints about a large hole under traffic light caused by a water main break. Mays suggested the Mayor contact the state and have them cut out a large square and place a steel plate to smooth the transition in the pavement and make it safer to cross.

Mays remarked on the economic downturn of the country and asked if the mayor is readying the city to seek funds from the stimulus packages that may be offered by the federal government, particularly in road funds. The mayor reported that he is applying for the "Safe Routes to School" grant once again and that the Water Company has three applications for water and sewer projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Mays, duly seconded by Gillis, made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk