

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 Ann Agee, Henry Cobble, Liz Gillis, Johnathan Hagerman, Mark Mays, and Walter Pozgay. City Attorney Jim Willett and Kentucky Standard Editor Lydelle Abbott were also present. Public Works Superintendent Ben Long and Police Chief Mike Cotton were absent.

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

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

Bloomfield Citizen Rhonda Hagan spoke to the Council about the City's appearance upon entering each main thoroughfare. Citizen J.R. Rosswald agreed that properties are unsightly and roadsides are littered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2009-64, CABLE FRANCHISE: In regard to tonight's scheduled bid opening for the City of Bloomfield's expired cable service the City of Bardstown's Jeff Mills and Mike Abell delivered the only bid. It was the consensus of the Council to have Bloomfield's City Attorney Willett read the first reading of the ordinance granting the non-exclusive franchise to use the public right-of-ways of the City of Bloomfield to provide cable television and internet access services to the public, to the city of Bardstown, subject to certain conditions and duties. Second reading will be held at the March 9th regular meeting.

CITY AUDIT 2008-2009: Stacy Cammack, with Brown & Company CPAs, presented the 2008-2009-city audit. She confirmed that the mayor assures her that inter-office cross training is in progress and that a public works superintendent succession plan is in the works that utilizes the time to properly train a replacement for the current superintendent Ben Long as he could retire within the next few years. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Agee, to approve the audit as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CIVIC CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT: With no agreement as yet completed the mayor asked Gillis and Cobble to form a committee to create two drafts in regard to the rental agreement and rules to govern the use of the Civic Center. They agreed to serve on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

BLOOMFIELD BEAUTIFICATION ORGANIZATION: In regard to Rhonda Hagan's above-mentioned concerns about the appearance of Bloomfield she requested the council realize unsightly problems within the city and talked about solutions to the problems. Gillis made a motion, duly seconded by Agee, to adopt **Resolution 2009-78**, which recognizes a Bloomfield beautification organization and, joining with council member as a liaison, approve this organization facilitating volunteers and offering recommendations to the City Council to advance their cause. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Mays agreed when asked to be the liaison. In addition to the recognition of the organization the mayor relayed, this spring, the city has been awarded \$448.84 for litter abatement, particularly roadside cleanup.

RESOLUTION 2009-76: Cobble made a motion, duly seconded by Gillis, to adopt this resolution that expresses the Council's sorrow for the passing of Geraldine Simpson and appreciation for her dedicated service to the City. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

RESOLUTION 2009-77: Gillis made a motion, duly seconded by Cobble, to adopt this resolution that expresses the Council's appreciation for Bennie Thompson's dedicated service to the city and the Council's sorrow for his passing. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

BLOOMFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY: Bloomfield's Director Danny Stewart sent word that William Taylor has agreed to serve on the Bloomfield Housing Authority Board filling the vacancy left by the deceased Geraldine Simpson.

NORTHEAST NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: The Nelson County Chamber of Commerce held it's annual dinner on February 6, 2009 when Bloomfield's Jim Warner, President of NNCDA, received Nelson County's Man of the Year award. It was noted that NNCDA's web site www.northeastnelson.com is up and running.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Gillis asked about the status of City Hall's building signs that have been gone for over a year. She confirmed the web address for the city's web site: www.bloomfieldky.com and asked if the City could post 2008 unpaid taxes once the city purchases them in April. Signs have been picked up this past week and consensus was to have the 2008 unpaid taxes posted on the website.

Pozgay informed the Council that he will soon take a web development class whereby he will become more interactive with the present website. His goal is to have the city control it's own site to initiate city information in a timely manner. In regard to recent winter weather he asked if the city has a generator for emergency use. The city used two generators to power city hall and the sewer plant during this past emergency.

Mays thanked Clerk Jury for assembling new binders, which included a meeting calendar, state and federal elected officials pages and monthly dividers for meeting minutes.

Agee asked once again about glass recycling. The mayor says Bardstown recycling is not ready yet to receive glass in its recycling program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mays, duly seconded by Agee, made a motion at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk