

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD**  
**March 9, 2015**  
**VOLUME IV**

Mayor Rhonda Hagan presided over the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council calling it to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Sue Case, Jim Glisson, Janet Graves, Denny Howard and Tammy Wimpsett. Officers present were Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs, City Clerk Jean Jury and City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton.

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Meeting packets that included a copy of the January 12, 2015, regular meeting minutes were picked up at City Hall or received by email. With that the reading was waived. Barnett corrected the minutes to say she did not attend the January 29 Hazard Mitigation training in Muldraugh. With this change Wimpsett made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**BID ELECTRICITY FRANCHISE:** Christy Thompson, Area Retail Operations Manager for Kentucky Utilities, presented KU's letter written by John P. Malloy that states that KU agrees to the terms and conditions of the franchise that will be for a twenty year period and agrees to reimburse advertising expenses incurred by the City. Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to authorize Mayor Hagan to sign and execute the contract with Kentucky Utilities. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**RESOLUTION 2015-115, REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE:** Wimpsett read the resolution that states that the City has prepared a hazard mitigation update and will submitted it to Lincoln Trail Area Development District to show the City's participation in planning the 2015 Regional Hazard Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Plan Update. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to adopt the resolution. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**RESOLUTION 2015-116, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION:** Barnett read this resolution that approves the City to submit an application for funds from the Kentucky Transportation Enhancement program, city matching the same, to expand the recreational trail around the lake at the Bloomfield Memorial Park and make other improvements along the route. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Case, to adopt the resolution. Howard suggested a lower amount from the "not to exceed \$75,000" to "not to exceed \$30,000" of funds requested. Howard amended the motion to include the lower amount, duly seconded by Case, to approve the Resolution as amended. *Motion carried by 5-1 majority decision.*

**ORDINANCE 2015-102, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-36, CLARIFYING "MEETING":** Howard emphatically stated that this amendment is unnecessary and if the attendance of a council member is a problem, then it is the council's problem to solve using laws that are already in place by the Kentucky Revised Statues. With that being said council consensus was to take no further action.

**ORDINANCE 2015-103, REZONING 0.95 ACRE AT 259 CHAPLIN ROAD:** Case read the second reading of the ordinance to rezone this property from P-1 (Professional Office District) to R-1C (Single Family Residential). Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Glisson, to adopt the ordinance. *Motion carried by the following 6-0 vote: Barnett-yes, Glisson-yes, Howard-yes, Wimpsett-yes, Case-yes, and Graves-yes.*

**LITTER ABATEMENT:** Mayor Hagan relayed there are still openings on the roadside pickup allocation. Case relayed that she has a group interested.

**NUISANCE PROPERTY:** Attorney Deaton relayed that if a property is a threat to public safety and there is no response to take action then imminent domain laws may apply. She asked the council if they would want to take on the task that may not be worth the cost of taking the property over such as legal fees, filing fees, cleanup fees, environmental reviews and fees, etc. Consensus was to allow the foreclosure process on nuisance properties so that the new owners would take on the unknown tasks to solve the nuisance. Next step for this process would be to evaluate the nuisance property and lot in question to know what the City is dealing with.

**FY 2013-2014 ANNUAL AUDIT:** Mayor Hagan stated that the audit is still in progress, but won't be finished until after tax season.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HOUSING UPDATE:** Howard presented an update for a 1,000 square foot building housed on city-owned property on Karrs Alley which would be a good place for the facility. He noted that County Engineer Jim Limieux has agreed to design the building and create the bid package at no cost. With this savings and not having to buy property he stated that features to install gas powered heat pumps, water heater and a standby generator could be afforded. He announced that with Judge Executive Dean Watts' offering a 10 year lease the city will get their money back, the city will increase their fixed assets by owning the newly built building, and be certain to have an ambulance within the city limits for the future.

**FARMERS MARKET 2015 SEASON:** Barnett informed the Council that the February 26 potluck was a success. Wimpsett reports that three baskets of Kentucky Proud Products were purchased from Sugar Valley Store (at a discounted cost) and presented to the Broaddus Brothers for the use of their 181 Chaplin Road lot for the City's Farmers Market. She said they signed the lease for another market season. Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to authorize Mayor Hagan, once again on behalf of the city, to sign and execute the lease.

***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

**HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE FOR THE CITY:** Glisson relayed that Mayor Hagan, Safety Coordinator Scott Thompson and he have completed the update, finalizing it with the adoption of tonight's resolution. He said that an emergency plan for Bloomfield will be the next step to prepare citizens for a disaster. Mayor Hagan plans to meet with Mary Sue Brown, prior coordinator of Nelson County's Chapter of the Red Cross, to learn what they have to offer and bring this back to the City.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 AUDITOR SELECTION:** Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to advertize for bid, audit services for the 2014-15 fiscal year. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

**JOINT CITY-COUNTY ZONING AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION:** The council discussed the letter of recommendation from Director Janet Johnston-Crowe to amend Article 5 to revise the height of fence from 5 feet to 7 feet and Article 5 to add definition of accessibility improvement and Section 9.8D to set forth setback exceptions for accessibility improvements. Consensus was to review and take action at a later meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE**

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Hagan said she received phone calls commending the water company staff for their work during the recent inclement weather. She pointed out that the guys were out scraping roads while citizens were warm and in bed. She also said that she contacted Representative David Floyd about having the downtown block on Taylorsville Road speed limit reduced to 25 mile per hour. She said a study is in the plan.

**POLICE:** Chief Downs spoke of citations issued and arrests made by the Bloomfield Police Department last month. He noted that Bloomfield Police assisted the County with some of their calls. He said there was a deer struck in the city and one car accident he worked. He witnessed a Pitt Bulldog rescue by the Mayor and commended her for her knowledge of dog whispering.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Case, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

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Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

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Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor