

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. Council members present were Henry Cobble, Liz Gillis, Tina J. Long, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Richard Sweazy. City Attorney Jim Willett and Public Works Superintendent Ben Long were also present.

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

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

The Joint City-County Planning Bloomfield Commissioner Kenneth Brown announced no rezoning applications have been submitted for the City of Bloomfield.

Nelson County Magistrate Jerry Hahn announced another public hearing for a rezoning request for land west of Bardstown for use as a rock quarry. The hearing date is March 20 at 6:00 p.m. being held at the Civic Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WIRELESS INTERNET: Willett presented for council review a bid package containing advertisement for bids, specifications and bid form and wireless internet services contract. After discussion Pozgay made a motion with T. Long's second to proceed with the bid process. *Motion carried* with the mayor casting his vote in favor-breaking a tie vote.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: The mayor relayed that the application is due March 15th to Lincoln Trail Area Development District and is still in need of construction details and estimate.

BILLING CLERK STATUS: The mayor stated that he has hired Rita Sweazy as a temporary "full-time" billing clerk to fill in while Karen Douglas is sick. Gillis made a motion with Cobble's second to approve **Resolution 2007-64** authorizing Rita's signature on the Water Company's accounts at Wilson & Muir Bank. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote with Richard Sweazy abstaining, as he is Rita Sweazy's husband.

MOWER PURCHASE: Public Works Superintendent Long reported bids received for purchase of a zero-turn mower: Big 3 Tractor Co.-\$7,100, Joe Hills Auto Center - \$7,599, and Greenline Equipment \$8,640. He has chosen Big 3 Tractor as the lowest bid and stated that the City's Park Account will pay \$5,000 and the Bloomfield Water Company will pay \$2,100, as they will be using the mower also.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT: Mays made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2007-63** for the City to accept the grant of 3.2 million dollars, approve the grant agreement with Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, and authorize the mayor to sign all related documents. With Sweazy's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.* Mays made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into the Professional Services Contract with Lincoln Trail Area Development District for a fee of \$20,000 for LTADD to administer and service the 3.2 million dollar grant. With Sweazy's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

NEW BUSINESS

SIGN ORDINANCE: The mayor relayed a request from a business to allow them to mount a digital sign at their business (a price changing sign for a gallon of gas) that could be controlled from the inside of their store. Sweazy made a motion to grant a variance from the Ordinance to allow this sign to be constructed. With Gillis' second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONLEY AVENUE PARKING LOT: Superintendent Long relayed that he has been working with an engineer in planning a 60' x 150' parking lot and entrance to the new Park property on Conley Avenue. Estimated cost will be \$2,500 for gravel. T. Long made a motion with Cobble's second to authorize him to proceed with the plans. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: The mayor read a letter from Geraldine Simpson resigning from the Board as of March 14. He received no recommendations for a replacement from the Council.

POLICE AUDIT: The mayor read a letter from the Department of Criminal Justice stating that the Bloomfield Police Department meets all the requirements and is in compliance to continue funding through the Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF).

DELINQUENT TAXES: Upon learning of the 2006 KRS 424.130 legislation concerning the publication of the list of delinquent taxes the council realized the cost would triple to publish this year. Motion was made by Sweazy and seconded by Pozgay not to publish taxes for sale. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* First reading was read by Willett of **Ordinance 2007-57;** an ordinance amending and adopting as amended Section 35.03 of the City of Bloomfield's Code of Ordinance whereby the City shall collect a 12% penalty on unpaid delinquent taxes, charge 12% interest per annum on past due taxes, compounded annually, and collect any additional costs for collection of delinquent taxes.

SPRING CONFERENCE: Gillis made a motion with Long's second to approve the expenditures for the City Clerk's attendance to the Spring Conference being held April 18-20 at Lake Cumberland. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

SPRING LITTER ABATEMENT: Consensus was given to authorize the clean up of Bloomfield's streets in April by Boy Scout Troop #139 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Joe Bowman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mays made a motion to go into executive session for purposes to discuss land acquisition. With Cobble's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.* With no action being taken motion was made by Gillis and seconded by Pozgay to come out of executive session. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ANNEXATION: A committee of Gillis and T. Long was delegated to develop a plan for annexation of property into the city limits. This committee would be a fact-finding committee and would bring back information to the Council for consideration.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Mays relayed appreciation for the cleanup of the construction work along Riverside Drive.

Gillis asked if the council could review the annexation of properties into the city limits.

Sweazy informed the Council that the Kentucky League of Cities' city night was an enjoyable event.

ADJOURNMENT

Mays made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn. With Sweazy's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

