

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs and City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton were present. Council member Mark Mays was absent.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of the March 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay then made motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Cheek made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Newton, city licensed lawn business owner, expressed concern about liabilities of all lawn care businesses. He stated that they contract with private property owners to mow their lawns and mow some city areas that may lie adjacent to their properties. Example would be the strip of grass beyond the sidewalk next to the highway. Discussion lead to assume that all businesses carry a liability insurance policy when operating a business and would be the first responsible party for any accident or injury.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Bids were opened on March 28, 2014 for the sale of the surplus item, the 1991 Chevy Dump Truck, and were as follows; Johnnie Jones for \$1,501 and Gary Jewell for \$3,030. Pozgay made a motion to authorize Mayor Hagan to award the purchase to Jewell. Duly seconded by Howard *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

PROPERTY TAX MORATORIUM: Attorney Deaton distributed a copy of the Nelson County Fiscal Court's full Ordinance that allows property owners of twenty-five-year-old buildings that undergo rehabilitation a freezing of the taxable value for five years to encourage owners to upgrade or improve their properties. Considering the fact the council just received a full text Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to table any action until next month's meeting. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

STAFF REPORT:

PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Jewell relayed that three bids were received to upgrade the electrical components at the park and pavilion to satisfy the county electrical inspector's compliance issues. The three bids were Gardner Electric for \$3,400, Riggs Electrical Inc. for \$2,981 and Perkins Electric for \$2,367. Wimpsett made a motion to authorize Mayor Hagan to contract with Perkins Electric for the upgrade. Duly seconded by Pozgay *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

POLICE: Chief Downs reported on recent law enforcement activity within the city. He relayed that he returned the hand-held radios that were loaned to Bloomfield back to the City of Bardstown. He also spoke about glass bottles thrown around at the park. Mayor Hagan agreed that the park policy would state that no glass containers be sold at the park.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan relayed information from the committee conducting a 5K Run. She said it is fund raiser to construct a memorial at Boone Center in Frankfort, Kentucky for those that have served in the Kentucky National Guard and perished for our freedom. The event is scheduled for May 10, 2014 and coordinator for the event is Jennifer Lyddane.

NEW BUSINESS

NUISANCE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT: Following the guidelines in the Bloomfield Code of Ordinance Chapter 92: Nuisances, it states that the Chief of Police shall designate who is to enforce the ordinance. Chief Downs announced that he spoke with Nelson County Judge Executive Dean Watts and they agreed to allow the County's Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the City's Nuisance Ordinance.

LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM: Mayor Hagan emphasized the spring litter abatement program is now underway and invited non-profit organizations to pick up litter on city streets. Organizations must apply at City Hall for the privilege of participating in this money-making event.

RESOLUTION 2014-111, FARMERS' MARKET: Mayor Hagan lead the discussion of a "From The Field" farmers' market group coming together to offer, for sale, fresh farm produce to area residents since there is no longer a grocery store within the city limits. Attorney Deaton has drafted a lease agreement identifying covenants between the City of Bloomfield and Broaddus Brothers, owners of the 181 Chaplin Street parking lot next to the Nelson County Tobacco Warehouse where the group is planning to set up. Cheek made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve this resolution that describes requirements of all those involved with the market and waived participants from having to pay a city business license fee.

Motion carried by unanimous decision.

PUBLIC HOLDING CORPORATION: Mayor Hagan set the annual meeting at 6:25 p.m. on May 12, just before the regular monthly City Council Meeting.

UNPAID 2013 PROPERTY TAX: The City Council received a list of all unpaid taxes. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to authorize City Attorney Deaton follow up on the next step in collecting these taxes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP: Mayor Hagan and the City Council called for a special meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., for a budget workshop and the first reading of the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cheek noted that the water fountain does not work at the park. She informed the council that the clock lettering will be finished by Mills Ironworks next week at which time he will deliver it back to the city.

Howard noted that the electrical contractor for the Park electric upgrade project needs to show proof of insurance, have a license and sign a contract with the city.

Pozgay asked of the status of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet project to replace the HWY 48 bridge, culverts and major highways above Simpson Creek which runs beneath the traffic light and on up the Chaplin Road. Mayor Hagan states that it is being reviewed by the Kentucky Heritage Council and is still with the engineers.

Wimpsett noted a portion of sidewalk has fallen in front of 374 Taylorsville Road.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk