

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Ronnie Bobblett called to order the Bloomfield City Council at 6:40 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Firehouse. In attendance were council members Ann Agee, Henry Cobble, Rhonda Hagan, Johnathan Hagerman, Walter Pozgay, Mark Mays, Police Chief Mike Cotton and City Attorney Jim Willett. Public Works Superintendent Ben Long was absent.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of last month's regular 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.* Agee made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bloomfield Community of Tomorrow Representative Liz Gillis announced the date for Picnic in the Park, Saturday, July 10, 2010. She requested a donation of \$675 for the pyrotechnic display that costs \$3,675 of which Wilson & Muir Bank pays \$3,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PAVING CITY STREETS: Included in the Council's packet was a cost estimate that Public Works Superintendent Ben Long and George Hubbard of Mago Construction Company came up with for paving city streets this coming fiscal year. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Agee, to approve the paving of the following streets for the approximate costs; Locust Street - \$8,112, Conley Avenue - \$6,337.50, and Pleasant View Drive - \$9,126. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

PAINTING CITY HALL: The council gave consensus for the mayor to gather bids to paint the exterior of City Hall and the Mayor's office. He was authorized to have the inside cleaned thoroughly.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE AGREEMENT: Discussion was lead by Willett about the stipulations with Fish & Wildlife and the City in regard to allowing F&W to stock the City Park Lake. Willett said he has a call out to F&W to discuss the open-ended language in the agreement and that he would give counsel at next month's meeting as to whether the City should continue in this particular agreement.

BLOOMFIELD WELCOME SIGNS: Hagerman relayed he doesn't have estimates yet.

UNSAFE STRUCTURES: Attorney Willett relayed that he has sent four letters last week to citizens who are suspect of owning unsafe properties and gave them a deadline to respond to open up a dialogue about compliance with the City's Nuisance and Unsafe Structure Ordinances. Each property in question would be handled case by case.

ETHICS BOARD FILLED: The mayor appointed Sharon Dickerson and Steven King to join Nancy Glisson on the City's Ethics Board. Agee made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve the appointments. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET WORKSHOP: The mayor announced a date, Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., for a special meeting to have a budget workshop and 1st reading of the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget ordinance. The mayor said salary adjustments would be considered at that time.

PICNIC IN THE PARK: Hagerman made a motion, duly seconded by Cobble, to approve the \$675 donation to help with the pyrotechnic display expense for this July event. *Motion carried by unanimous decision* to approve the expense.

UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED PROPERTY: Attorney Willett explained the process of handling abandoned or unclaimed property whereby cities may file a title action and force a tax foreclosure sale, placing the property for sale at the Court House steps and the proceeds applied to unpaid taxes.

DENNIS JEWELRY BEQUEST: The mayor relayed that David Bishop Realty has agreed to handle sale of the Dennis jewelry, offering his service at no cost. He said Bishop ascertained the costume jewelry has devalued due to the state of the economy as these type items have flooded the market for liquidation. Council consensus was given to allow a few pieces be retained for the history room at the Civic Center in Marianna Dennis' memory.

ATTORNEY INVOICE: The mayor announced that Willett has presented seven invoices for seven prior years' service totaling \$35,448. The mayor noted the Water Company is obligated for 30% and the City for 70% of the bill. Forgiving the first quarter of 2010 and upon the Council consensus of approval for quarterly \$1,000 retainer Willett signed an agreement, beginning April 1, 2010, for future service as city attorney. This invoice would be split between the city and water company.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Agee's question about unclaimed property was answered during the meeting. She asked if the City would trim a tree that encroaches the right side, uphill, sidewalk on Hill Street.

Hagan asked Willett to e-mail her copies of the letters sent to suspect unsafe property owners. Hagan noted that she called the Department of Transportation and found that the city only needs to provide written requests for constructing a step on HWY 48 Bridge and posting a speed limit sign on Chaplin Road to be considered for such assignments. She noted that the 6:00 p.m. emergency fire whistle has not sounded for days and the broken swing at the park is still not fixed.

Hagerman reports that the Park sign needs painting. He relayed a message from Debbie Bryan, daughter of Mr. Ansul Hite who recently died, that she wishes to pay for a Dogwood tree (or two) to be planted in Mr. Hite's memory since he enjoyed the Bloomfield Memorial Park so much. Hagerman's previous meeting concern about the Attorney bill and retainer was resolved during the business session.

Mays spoke of his "Bloomfield Friend Check" campaign encouraging the Council members to join in this community outreach program. Consensus was to have the program move forward. He confirmed, verbally, that the mayor has submitted approximately \$200,000 worth of Bloomfield's hazard mitigation projects under the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Plan.

Pozgay reports that he and the city clerk now have access to the www.bloomfieldky.com website. LTADD Russell Mays has e-mailed directions on how to post minutes, downloads, etc. Pozgay also states he is interested in placing forms on this site such as "complaint" forms. He said he would be researching how water bills and taxes could be paid through the site.

ADJOURNMENT

Agee, duly seconded by Hagerman, made motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk