

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan presided over the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council calling it to order at 6:35 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 last month's regular meeting minutes were delivered by email thereby the reading was waived. Barnett made motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2015-104, AMENDING P&Z'S ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 9: Wimpsett read the second reading of this ordinance that amends Article 5 to add definition of accessibility improvements and to amend the definition of structure to revise fence height from 5 feet to 7 feet and to amend Article 9 to add Section 9.8D to allow setback exceptions for accessibility improvements. Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Case, to approve the ordinance. *Motion carried by the following roll call vote:* Barnett-yes, Case-yes, Glisson-yes, Graves-yes, Howard-yes and Wimpsett-yes.

FY 2013-2014 ANNUAL AUDIT STATUS: Mayor Hagan read an email from Jason Strange, CPA with Smith and Associates, that stated that he would be able to issue the audit this week for the Council to review before he presents it at the June 8, 2015 regular meeting.

RESOLUTION 2015-117, CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMS STATION: Howard read the resolution that authorizes the construction of a commercial building on city property to lease to the county to house the ambulance and staff while on duty. Additionally the resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation on behalf of the City and Public Holding Corporation and to do all further acts and things necessary to complete the project. He reiterated that Judge Watts will draft a resolution to obligate the county for the lease for a number of years. Discussion ensued with Howard noting that plans are that Brad Goff's firm would provide the engineering work. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the resolution and proceed with the project. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Howard reiterated that the Public Holding Corporation has the money and no borrowing will be necessary.

UNPAID TAXES: Attorney Deaton noted that letters have been sent to delinquent property tax owners, giving them 14 days to respond, requesting payment of all delinquent taxes and fees. She said the Marshall Estate Property, a noted nuisance property with several years of unpaid taxes and no forwarding address for heirs, is under the process of foreclosure.

CHAPLIN TANK STATUS: Jewell introduced Tony Harover, engineer for HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., who presented his contract for engineering services for the rehabilitation of the Chaplin Water Tank. Council members have been invited to view the Video of the decay inside the tank. He spoke of the scope of work and time line for the rehabilitation. Howard made a motion, pending Attorney Deaton's review, to authorize Mayor Hagan to sign all the necessary contracts and documentation and execute all that is necessary to complete the project. Duly seconded by Wimpsett, *motion carried by unanimous decision.* The council was given a total estimate for the project to between approximately \$140,000 to \$180,000, including the engineer's fees. Jewell assured the Council the Bloomfield Water and Sewer Company was financially able to cover the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET WORKSHOP SPECIAL MEETING: Consensus was to call a special meeting, scheduling it for May 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., to work on the 2015-2016 annual budget. The Mayor announced that the first reading of the 2015-2016 Annual Budget Ordinance would be read that night so that the second would be held at the June 8, 2015 meeting.

RESOLUTION 2015-118, MUNICIPAL AID AGREEMENT: Barnett read the agreement approving the execution of the Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract beginning July 1, 2015, which apportions the city for \$16,262.31 from the Municipal Road Aid Funds. The first distribution would be 60% and amounts to \$9,465 which is allocated in the fall. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the mayor's authorization to enter into the contract. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* A public hearing to hear comments for the use of these funds will be scheduled at 6:25 p.m. before June 8th's regular meeting.

REPORTS

FARMERS MARKET 2015 SEASON: Barnett updated the Council on the May 9th kickoff of the Bloomfield Farmers Market. She said seven out of the nine registered vendors were set up and they had a steady flow of customers.

PROSPECTING FOR NATURAL GAS: Glisson reported that he met with representatives with Louisville Gas and Electric to discuss the feasibility of getting natural gas to Bloomfield. Facts were noted that the trunk line would start from Nelson County High School to the City's only traffic light, then distribution lines would be laid out the main roads. His research revealed the fact that there are no grant moneys available for the prospective project and that an upfront \$20,000,000 would be expected to initiate the project. Mayor Hagan thanked Glisson for his fact finding mission and the Council made no motion to pursue any further action.

PARK SYSTEM: Wimpsett reported that she is transplanting and planting at the park. She said she would work with Maintenance Technician Scott Thompson in getting more done. Graves stated that the old slide and other old park play structures are a safety hazard and need to come down. She said she would get with Scott to discuss this.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan relayed that she attended a Bardstown Chamber of Commerce luncheon when a Mrs. Zimmerman from the University of Kentucky spoke of the population increase for Nelson County for the next 20 years to include a huge portion of seniors. Hagan mentioned that Bloomfield would need to prepare for this trend to entice seniors to locate in Bloomfield.

POLICE: Chief Downs reported the department worked two accidents, 4 arrests, 16 citations, 1 burglary, 1 armed robbery and answered two alarms at the Elementary School. He noted that both officers worked with the County and Bardstown Law Enforcement in a recent incident that involved a perpetrator breaking into Franklin Motors, stealing a truck, using it to damage three Police Cars, and ending with the shooting (maiming) of the perpetrator.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk
Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor