

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD

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Mayor Ronnie Bobblett called to order the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Firehouse. In attendance were council members; Ann Agee, Henry Cobble, Rhonda Hagan, Jonathan Hagerman, Mark Mays, and Walter Pozgay. City Attorney Jim Willett was also present.

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

CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC

Representing Bloomfield Proud (BP) Rhonda Hagan relayed that they have held cleanups periodically throughout the city and found litter left by teams at the park to be inexcusable. BP's Karen Biederman also expressed her disgust at the cigarette butts randomly thrown around at the park and requested that the public be made aware that this, too, is littering. The mayor said he could post signs to remind people that what they bring in, they take out (including cigarette butts). Hagan introduced the Nelson County House Removal Grant Program that pays 80% of the landfill cost for the removal of dilapidated structures.

Mike Simpson of Bloomfield Community of Tomorrow reminded the mayor that the interest in acquiring grants to remove light lines from downtown Taylorsville Road business district is a priority to them and would be looking forward to working with the city on combined efforts to accomplish this goal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES: The Mayor said being that Nelson County Code Enforcement does not enforce the City's nuisance and unsafe structure ordinances it was the responsibility of the city to do the enforcement. Police Chief Cotton has sent the letters to those in violation and three of the five property owners are making plans to take down their dilapidated structures.

MARIANNA DENNIS ESTATE JEWELRY: Upon the council's discussion about the jewelry from the Dennis Estate Agee made a motion with Mays second to declare the jewelry surplus. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Then City Attorney Willett relayed the different perplexities in the market of appraising and liquidating these 541 items of which around 7 may have significant value. Pozgay then made a motion with Cobble second to authorize the mayor and city attorney to decide and execute the most appropriate method of sale that would benefit the city's coffers. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING TAX RATES: Hagerman made a motion to set the real and personal property rates to the maximum allowable 4% real property rate of 19.8 cents per \$100 value of the real and personal property. With Cobble's second *motion carried with four council members for, one against and one abstained* due to this being her first official council meeting. As required by law upon setting the 4% real property rate a public hearing was called and scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2009, at 6:25 p.m.

Next Pozgay made a motion to set the motor vehicle rate as always at the same rate of 27.5 cents per \$100 value on motor vehicles. With Agee's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2009-66, SETTING 2009 TAX RATE: Clerk Jury read the first reading of the tax rate ordinance that included the tax rates as stated above. A public hearing to hear comments from the public on the 2009 real and personal tax rates will be held at 6:25 p.m. on September 14, 2009 just before the regular meeting.

BOARD VACANCIES: The mayor informed the council he has two vacancies on the Ethics Board and one vacancy on the Board of Adjustments. He invited the council to find citizens to serve.

PUBLIC WORKS: The mayor informed the council that the Bloomfield Water Company would be listing a job opening for a maintenance technician in the *Kentucky Standard* since the preliminary work has commenced for building the wastewater force main to Bardstown.

HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING: Dr. Bob Hendren sent word that he is having a committee meeting on August 30, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the Civic Center to fine tune efforts for archiving city history records.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cobble asked the city to repair the broken swing chains at the park. The mayor said to put it on a work order.

Pozgay thanked Public Works for repairing the pavement on Hill Street.

Mays spoke of the condition of the "welcome" signs at the entrance to the city. The mayor said the Businessmen's Association maintains the signs. In regard to the entrance to the city limits on Hill Street (HWY 162) *Mays* relayed that a "Bloomfield" sign has not yet been posted at the city limits and requested that a speed limit warning sign needs to be posted on the approach to the city. Once again he asked if the Depot Street metal bridge be painted to enhance its looks. In regard to increasing city revenue he suggested annexing the front properties along Arnold Lane.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Pozgay with Agee's second to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk