

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. Attending were council members Henry Cobble, Liz Gillis, Tina Long, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Richard Sweazy. City Attorney Jim Willett and City Clerk Jean were also present. Public Works Superintendent Ben Long and Police Chief Mike Cotton were not present.

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

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

Nelson County Planning and Zoning Bloomfield Commission Kenneth Brown and Magistrate Jerry Hahn were not present. A new Nelson County Comprehensive Plan map and a budget comparison for the Joint City-County Planning Commission were distributed to all council members. The community group, Bloomfield Community of Tomorrow, presented no news.

Jim Warner of the Northeast Nelson Community Development Agency announced an upcoming one-day event called the "Harvest Homecoming" for Saturday, September 6, kicking off with a breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge on Fairfield Hill. At 10:00 a.m. old cars will be on display with many, many booths lining Depot Street. Food booths are planned with entertainment being provided from 4 – 11 p.m. Warner relayed that there will be community-wide yard sales all day. He asked for a \$100 membership from the City of Bloomfield, inviting the city to join in promoting the northeast area of Nelson County. He did mention that the Nelson County Tourist Commission awarded this group a \$4,000 Grant to use toward all their tourism efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CIVIC CENTER: Reporting on results of the surveys received about the use of the newly acquired building (the former Sydney's Café), Long said the majority wanted the use to be as a multipurpose building for group and family activities. With these results now confirmed and no opposition heard from the council Long said the next step is to talk with Bloomfield Historian Jane Cecil about setting up room for historical records. Long said she would have estimates for carpet, appliances, file cabinets, tables, chairs etc. at next month's meeting. Mays asked that the air condition and heat pump be checked. Management, fees, policies and contracts were not decided.

CABLE FRANCHISE: Attorney Willett announced that the cable franchise agreement with Insight Communications has expired and the current relationship can go uninterrupted until the City engages another contract with whomever. He said there have been changes in the FCC requirements since 10 years ago and the city has to become certified before the city could initiate the franchise process. He said it would take 120 to 180 days to certify. Willett said he would consult with attorneys who specialize in the cable franchise field and get back with the Council.

HEATING & AIR FOR THE MAINTENANCE OFFICE: The mayor referred to last year's approval to have the heating and air replaced in the maintenance office. He informed the council of the \$3,437.40 estimate from Mattingly Mechanical and plans are to have them do the work. He said this bid won over the Greer bid of \$4,692.47 and Air Joy Heating bid of \$4,940.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING TAX RATES: The following tax rates were voted on by the city council:

- **2008 Real Property:** Gillis moved to set the rate at the maximum allowable "up to" 4% rate of 19.0 cents per \$100 value of real property. With Long's second, *motion carried by unanimous decision.*
- **2008 Personal Property:** Gillis moved to set the rate at 19.0 cents per \$100 value of personal property. With a Long's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*
- **2009 Motor Vehicle:** Sweazy moved to set this rate, as same as always, at 27.5 cents per \$100 value on motor vehicles. With a second from Gillis *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2008-63: Clerk Jury read the first reading of the tax rate ordinance to include the above tax rates. In the setting of the "up to" 4% rate for real property a required public hearing was the order and was set for Monday, September 11, at 6:20 p.m. to hear comments from citizens in this regard. The public hearing precedes the regular monthly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: After the council discussed the goals of the Northeast Nelson Community Development Agency the mayor said he had a motion from Cobble to join and give them \$300. Upon a second from Long *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

RECYCLING: The mayor reported that Bardstown has received a recycle program grant and invites Bloomfield to participate. He announced that he has arranged with Bloomfield Fertilizer & Chemical Co. to allow containers to be set in their parking area. He said Nelson County Landfill would pick up the containers and Nelson County Industries would sort the items. Sweazy emphasized that someone should oversee the program to insure proper placement of recyclables and neatness of the area.

MAYOR REPORT: The mayor informed the council he has a \$300 estimate to stripe main street and plans are to get this done. He reminded the council of the filing for office deadline for tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's office.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Long expressed her concerns about the littering during and after little league events at the Bloomfield Memorial Park. She plans to contact the league commissioner about it.

Pozgay reported a hole in the sidewalk next to the drug store that someone lost a cell phone in. He was glad to hear of a community-wide yard sale in the "Harvest Homecoming" plans. He also said soccer starts next week and someone would contact the city when a portable toilet is needed. Soccer will continued for 10 weeks thereafter.

Mays asked about the painting status of the McKay Bridge. For some help to get this done the mayor says he's in contact with Judge Watts.

ADJOURNMENT

Sweazy, duly seconded by Mays, made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk