

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
September 9, 2013
VOLUME IV

Mayor Rhonda Hagan lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag* before calling to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays and Tammy Wimpsett. City Attorney Amanda Blincoe, Police Chief Kenny Downs and Kentucky Standard Reporter Jennifer Corbett were also present. Council member Walter Pozgay arrived soon after the meeting was called to order.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of the August 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Mays then made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Cheek made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM K. DOWNS, JR. REPORT: The chief relayed that the department has issued 9 citations - 2 arrests of which were at traffic stops. He noted that the owner of Betty's Hair Salon building has gotten two bids, (\$1,600 and \$2,200) to concrete the grassy strip of the sidewalk in front of this Taylorsville Road property. He also said that Nelson County Emergency Disaster Coordinator Joe Prewitt announced that Nelson County emergency service and law enforcement are going to digital radios in 1 1/2 months. He says he's heard nothing from the highway department speed study for the downtown Taylorsville Road speedzone. He hopes that the study would result in a speed reduction to 25 mph. Downs also gave a statement to the Kentucky Standard reiterating appreciation to Heaven Hill Distillery for the \$3,750 donation recently given to the City of Bloomfield to purchase a 2004 Crown Victoria (fully equipped).

ORDINANCE 2013-91, SETTING THE 2013 TAX RATE: Barnett read the second reading of the 2013 tax rate ordinance. Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the 2013 tax rate ordinance. *Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote:* Barnett-yes, Cheek-yes, Howard-yes, Mays-yes, Pozgay-yes and Wimpsett-yes. See "Exhibit".

BID OPENED FOR 2003 IMPALA AND UPFIT: The mayor announced that sealed bids were advertised twice in the Kentucky Standard and were opened after noon today. The Impala upfit (light bar and accessories) was bid at \$155. The City received two bids on the 2003 Impala; \$328.00 and \$402.01. All bids were rejected by the Council as they felt these were not in range of fair market value. Consensus was given to have the car and each item of the "upfit" advertised online and by word of mouth, and have the mayor and chief decide fair market values and sell accordingly.

WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE: Howard spoke of many hours of study in regard to how to legislate water and sewer fees and rates. He concluded that setting fees for services would be implemented by policy and placed in the Policy Manual. On the other hand, water and sewer rates should be set by ordinance. He ascertained that setting rates by resolution does not have the "effect of law" as does by Ordinance. He also plans to ask Strand Associates for help in determining rates according to their recent studies of Bloomfield's water and sewer operations during the financial planning of the building of the current force main to Bardstown. Setting rates to include a percentage increase each year in a three year ordinance would save the city time and costs in regard to a yearly adoptions.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan relayed that registration begins at 10:30 a.m. on October 5 for the Barkfest event. She reported that all Safe Routes to School sidewalks are finished and plans are to install some railing and finish the seeding. She said the projected finish date for the wastewater force main to Bardstown is November 9, 2013. She asked Cheek to report on the TE-21 Project. Cheek said the City received a "Notice to Proceed" and that she would place the order for the clock to be installed on Springfield Road between Bart's Mart and the Church. In regard to the Utility Relocation Project Cheek also relayed that the barrier railing planned to cover the electric and cable stations is delayed because these were powder coated the wrong color.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2013-108, FACEBOOK PAGE: Howard read this resolution authorizing the City of Bloomfield Staff to administer a facebook page to aid immediate correspondence with the public in regard to the safety, health and welfare of the citizens and customers of the City of Bloomfield. Barnett made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve the resolution. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* The page would be set up as "City of Bloomfield".

LITTER ABATEMENT FALL CAMPAIGN: Clerk Jury announced that fall litter abatement funds are available for litter pickup in the city and invited any "non-profit" group to apply. Boy Scout Troop #136 has already volunteered to clean one of the three areas of the city for \$140.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cheek asked if the City could order a "No parking here to the corner" sign to be placed on the decorative trash receptacle at the north end of the handicap ramp in front of the drug store.

Howard spoke on behalf of Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell stating that the City needs to set up the automatic withdrawal feature of the Utility billing program to allow customers to sign up to automatically pay for utility services. He also emphasized that residents with sump pumps need to be aware that these need to be outlet onto their properties and not into the city's sewer system because this infiltration would be billed to the Bloomfield Water Company.

Mays stated that 155 Arnold Lane building needs to have "Civic Center" removed from the awnings.

Pozgay relayed that compliments are being paid on the railings installed downtown. He wanted to know who was responsible for the weedy growth at the corner of Faith Avenue and Arnold Lane.

Wimpsett spoke of the "Trash to Treasure" display being held Wednesday through Friday of this week.

ADJOURNE

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

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

"Exhibit"

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-91

ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2013-2014 AND PROVIDING HOW THE FUNDS SO RAISED SHALL BE EXPENDED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, KENTUCKY:

SECTION I:

There is hereby levied for the tax year **2013** an ad valorem tax of 25.6 cents of each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable property assessed and assessable of every kind, other than tangible personal property and bank shares, liable to taxation in the City of Bloomfield, Kentucky. There is hereby levied for the tax year **2013** an ad valorem tax of 53.0 cents of each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of tangible personal property assessed and assessable, liable to taxation in the City of Bloomfield, Kentucky.

SECTION II:

Said levy and all 2013 property and tangible taxes are due November 16, 2013 and become delinquent January 16, 2014 whereby a 12% penalty is assessed. Compounded annually, a 12% interest penalty is charged for each unpaid year thereafter.

SECTION III:

There is hereby levied for the tax year beginning **January 1, 2014** an ad valorem tax of 27.5 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of fair cash value of motor vehicles assessed and assessable, liable to taxation in the City of Bloomfield. Said tax shall be collected by the Nelson County Court Clerk in accordance with applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION IV:

The said levy and all taxes realized therefrom to be used for and solely devoted to the general municipal purposes and expenses of said City.

SECTION V:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION VI:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its second reading, passage and publication. Given first reading on August 12, 2013, second reading given on September 9, 2013, and published in the *Kentucky Standard* on _____.

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, KENTUCKY

BY:

ATTEST:

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk