

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD**  
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**VOLUME III**

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, Mark Mays, and Walter Pozgay. Councilman Johnathan Hagerman was absent. City Attorney Jim Willett and Police Chief Mike Cotton were also present.

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

**CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Craig Broaddus and John Coulter gave a presentation and business proposal to the City Council asking for sponsorship of their newly created video series by their Tunnel Mill Pictures company. The series is called the "Coulter Plough". The purpose of the company is to accentuate the positive and educate the viewer of the people, places, and history of Nelson County. The mayor tabled any decision for sponsorship, pending to further city attorney review.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2009-66, SETTING 2009 TAX RATE:** After reviewing the comments from the public hearing Bobblett asked Clerk Jury to read the second reading of the tax rate ordinance. Cobble made a motion with Pozgay's second to adopt the ordinance. *Motion carried by the following 4 to 1 roll call vote:* Agee-yes, Cobble-yes, Hagan-yes, Pozgay-yes, Mays-no.

**UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES:** Hagan asked for copies of the five letters that were sent to property owners as a result of Bloomfield Proud's written complaint citing nine properties that they deemed in violation of the nuisance and unsafe structure ordinances. The mayor said he talked to three property owners and two are making arrangements to take down the unsafe structures. Willett reminded the council that there is a due process that takes a graduated approach that is fact dependent when citing a property owner for nuisance or unsafe properties. Discussion ensued as to the interpretation of the nuisance ordinance versus people's rights. It was noted that the first step in enforcing the ordinances is to submit a written complaint to the city.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor announced that he received an e-mail from Lincoln Trail Area Development District stating that the City will be awarded the Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of approximately \$230,000 to construct sidewalks to the elementary and middle schools along Arnold Lane. He asked the council if they have anyone to serve on the Board of Adjustments or the Ethics Board. These boards are still absent of the mayor's appointees. He also relayed that the City has advertised for a Public Works Superintendent Trainee rather than a Maintenance Technician as indicated at last month's meeting for reasons to insure a qualified replacement hence there could be an unforeseen vacancy in the Public Works Superintendent position. Sixty applications have been received thus far.

## NEW BUSINESS

**HARVEST HOMECOMING:** The mayor congratulated the Northeast Nelson Community Development Agency for a successful September 12<sup>th</sup> event. Pozgay made a motion with Agee second to help defray their cost of the festival by donating \$500 to their organization. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

## CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

*Agee* asked if the City could add a step to the Barber Shop end of the Highway 48 Bridge to reduce the height of the entrance onto the walkway along the bridge.

*Cobble* asked about the cleaning out of debris along the Hinkle and Simpson Creeks.

*Hagan* asked about the status of the sale of the Dennis Estate Jewelry that was left to the City.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mays and Agee's second to adjourn at 7:40.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

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Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

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Jean M. Jury, City Clerk