

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. Council members present were Henry Cobble, Liz Gillis, Tina J. Long, Walter Pozgay and Richard Sweazy. Police Chief Mike Cotton and Public Works Superintendent Ben Long were also present. Council member Mark Mays and City Attorney Jim Willett were absent.

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

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

Nelson County Fiscal Court Magistrate Jerry Hahn was on hand to answer any questions in regard to Fiscal Court business. Joint City-County Planning Commission Director Jan Johnston sent a message encouraging the Council to attend a public hearing regarding the new Subdivision Regulations that all legislative bodies in the county will soon be voting on. Bloomfield Community of Tomorrow Representative Mike Simpson relayed that he has donned lampposts around town with a corn stalk display and ribbons. He also said he has received holiday garland for the white bridge. A reminder was passed along of the Holiday Home Tours taking place on Sunday, December 9th. Announcement was made that the Community Choir has scheduled the "Tree of Life" presentation for the weekends December 7-9 and 14-15 being held at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church, to replenish the Community benevolence fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WEB PAGE REPORT: Pozgay announced that Trends, Inc. has given the City the domain "bloomfieldky.com", free of charge, and the license is good until December 31, 2007. Thereafter domain name is \$25 a year or \$100 for 5 years. Pozgay said that Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) has its own server and is offering the City a \$150 subscription (or maintenance) fee. They would provide 24-7 security, statistics and maintenance of the server. The City would have to purchase the software package to link to its server. Once Web site is set up LTADD would reside up to 15 city staff and officer e-mail addresses for \$120 a year or \$60 a year for just the e-mail forwarding service. The City would make its own changes and additions or LTADD would, for \$40 an hour for accumulated time, make changes or additions. Consensus of the Council is that they were not interested in having new e-mail addresses, but for Pozgay to go ahead and collaborate with LTADD for WEB services and bring back to the next meeting the cost of the project for Council review.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT: Mark Sneve, Strand Engineer, updated the Council on the status of the 1.2 million dollar phase of the project. He said that three bids have been let to the public: 1) Enhancements to the existing wastewater plant to utilize for the force main to Bardstown, 2) Victory Lane pump station and force main, 3) Rehabilitations to the collection systems for use in the project.

Sneve said he presented the City Attorney Willett a contract for engineering professional services for the 3.2 million phase of the project. In regard to the force main to Bardstown Sneve ascertained that the "Interlocal Agreement" between Bloomfield and Bardstown has not advanced since Bardstown last talked with the City of Bloomfield. He indicated that LTADD insisted that supplemental language be inserted for various federal and state loan application considerations to fill in the funding gap in the project. Sweazy made a motion with Pozgay second to, once Willett has reviewed these two contingencies, authorize the mayor to sign and execute the contract and agreement. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

MAYOR REPORT: The mayor confirmed that signs are up and parking issues have been addressed with one car towed. The Council stated that parking on sidewalks is still an issue.

NEW BUSINESS

RECESS: The mayor called for a 10-minute recess for the city clerk to retrieve the Personnel Policy Manual to review the Insurance policy for city employees. T. Long did not return at 7:30 when the meeting was called back to order by Mayor Bobblett.

PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGE: Pozgay made a motion with Sweazy second to strike out Line 23 through 29 on Page 16, under category Insurance: 1. Health Insurance: Part B. Part time employees (working less than 40 hours a week). *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* In regard to the city's personnel policies and the Personnel Classification and Compensation Ordinance other changes are anticipated after the City Council's review at a special meeting (working session) called for Monday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE: Consensus was to set the time for "trick or treat" in the city to be set between 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st.

LIGHT UP BLOOMFIELD: The mayor asked T. Long to chair this event on Saturday, December 1st. Pozgay made a motion with Gillis second to purchase a new "Santa" suit. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

POLICE OFFICER HIRE: The mayor asked Chief Cotton to address the Council about a new hire for a part time police officer. The mayor assured the Council that the officer is being briefed that no benefits are offered with this part time position. The mayor was met with approval with the Council emphasizing that the mayor and chief monitor the hours carefully so as not to work this officer for over 100 hours a month so the City would not be obligated to pay 33.87% "hazardous duty" retirement to the County Employment Retirement System.

ORDINANCE 2006-61; SUPPLEMENT (5) TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE: The City Clerk read the first reading of this ordinance that incorporates 11 ordinances that were passed since 2005.

LITTER ABATEMENT: The city clerk informed the Council that Joe Bowman of Scout Troop #129 offering to do the cleanup for the fall Litter Abatement program. It was the consensus to allow them to cleanup the city once again.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Gillis, asked the mayor if the Council would be privileged of any input as to the hiring of a replacement for the Maintenance Technician position which was vacated on September 25th. The mayor directed any comments to the Public Works Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Pozgay made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn. With Cobble's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk