

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

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were mailed a copy of the October 8th regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. The October 15th minutes were not mentioned for approval for reasons that the mayor announced that October 15th was a working session*. Cobble made a motion and Pozgay seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

*Kentucky League of Cities Legal states the following: “ The clerk does not need to be at the meeting to keep minutes – and minutes only need to include actions and votes taken. Since this is a work session there was probably no action – all that needed to be recorded was who was in attendance and the start and adjourn times...notify the media of the date, time and place of the meeting and give them an agenda.

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

Kenny Brown thanked Mayor Bobblett, Ben Long and Jean Jury for their participation in the Veterans’ Day ceremony held at 11 a.m. today. He said it turned out to be a memorable event in honor of all veterans.

Amos Gritton of Bloomfield Community of Tomorrow (BCT) informed the Council that one of the items that was lacking on the application for a “Preserve America” designation was that Bloomfield had no historic preservation board. He relayed that he talked with Planning and Zoning Director Jan Johnston about the creation of such a board to be recognized as their own governing board in regard to the City of Bloomfield’s historic preservation policies. He asked the Council to authorize the establishment of the Bloomfield Historic Preservation Board and provide him with a letter of confirmation. Mays made a motion with Cobble’s second to approve Gritton’s request to establish the board. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.*** Gillis reminded all that the annual Home Tours is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, from 3 to 7 p.m. Beginning November 26 tickets are being sold at Bloomfield City Hall for \$10.

As indicated on the agenda the mayor reiterated the dates for the Bloomfield Community Choir’s “Tree of Life” presentation. These dates are December 6-9 and 14-15.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT: Strand Engineer Mark Sneve presented bid tabulation summaries for Contracts 1, 2, and 3 for the Wasterwater Treatment Project. He recommended awards be given to the following most responsive and responsible bidders coupled with the approval for water company contingencies: Contract 1: Winelco, Inc., West Chester, OH for \$357,000 for improvements to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and a generator and a 10% contingency allowance. Contract 2: Pending land acquisition, Salmon Construction, Inc., Mount Washington, Ky. for \$231,000 *without* a generator and a 20% contingency allowance. Contract 3: Leak Eliminators, Frankfort, Ky. for \$341,516 for collection system rehabilitation and a 25% contingency allowance. With the exception of Contract #2’s pending land acquisition Sweazy made a motion with Gillis’ second to approve Strand Engineer’s recommendation and authorize the mayor to sign and execute all documentation associated with the three contracts. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.*** Bids were supported by bid bonds and are good for 60 days. Other project costs outlined on the spreadsheet were grant administration by LTADD for \$25,000, technical services by Strand Engineers \$241,000, and land acquisition for \$20,000. Total project cost comes to \$1,383,000 for the 1.2 million dollar project. The funding gap of \$183,000 will come from an escrow account, the water company’s uncategorized funds, or loans.

LIGHT UP BLOOMFIELD: The mayor informed the Council that T. Long did purchase a “Santa” suit for \$65 and is making plans for “Light of Bloomfield” on Saturday, December 1.

ORDINANCE 2006-61; SUPPLEMENT (5) TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE: The City Clerk read the second reading of this ordinance. Sweazy made a motion with Mays’ second to adopt the ordinance. *Motion carried by the following roll call vote:* Cobble – yes, Gillis – yes, May – yes, Pozgay – yes, Sweazy – yes.

WEB PAGE REPORT: Pozgay presented a website cost spreadsheet that outlined an estimated \$1,500 expense, if approved, for this year and an approximate annual \$235 expense thereafter. Based on the estimates presented Mays made a motion with Sweazy’s second to allow Pozgay the freedom to proceed with the web page project. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

NEW BUSINESS

NEW HIRE: The mayor introduced Leslie Fischer of Bardstown as the newly hired part-time patrol officer who was recently employed nine years by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office with experience in warrants and EPOs. The mayor asked the Council to introduced themselves.

ZONING & SUBDIVISION REGULATION TEXT AMENDMENTS: The Council reviewed the recommendation from Director Jan Johnston for the text amendments to Articles 5,6,8 and 13 of the Zoning Regulations. Gillis made a motion to table action until the Commission completes all amendments to the Zoning Regulations. With Pozgay’s second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

WORK SESSION: The mayor announced the next work session is scheduled for Monday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. Consensus of the Council was that they expected no pay for these sessions.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Mays noted the Bloomfield Branch Library’s limited internet access because of having only a few computers. He suggested that the City donate any old computers to the Bloomfield Branch Library so that they may have more equipment for internet access.

Gillis, asked for input on an idea she has about building a civic center on property owned by the city behind Creekview Apartments to be used by the community, especially the elderly. She envisions providing a part-time worker to create a formal place for historic records and civic programs. The alley that leads to this property would need to be reworked and would provide for access to the back of the residents on the west side of Taylorsville Road thus allowing to free up parking on Taylorsville Road. Pozgay thought it was a great idea. The mayor said he would check with Lincoln Trail Area Development District in regard to funds for senior centers.

ADJOURNMENT

Gillis made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn. With Sweazy’s second *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Ronnie Bobblett, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk