

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays and Walter Pozgay. City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell and Police Chief Kenny Downs and Northeast Nelson Fire District Sergeant Scott Thompson were present. Council member Tammy Wimpsett arrived after the meeting began.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of the December 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay 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 Pozgay, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A senior citizen sent word that she was appreciative of the Bloomfield Police Department knocking on her door to check on her during the recent "polar blast" of below "0" temperatures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GARBAGE CONTRACT: Mayor Hagan relayed that when she reviewed the garbage contract after December's meeting she realized that if neither party gave written notice of termination before 60 days of the expiration date the contract would automatically renew at the same rate. Therefore she felt it would be in the citizen's best interest, especially since water and sewer rates have increased recently, to let the contract automatically renew at the \$10.52 rate. A consensus was expressed by the Council.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Mayor Hagan announced the appointment of Nancy Gillis, effective February 2014, to the Board for the next four year term. She said Gillis accepted.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan reported that she is working with consultants Hibbs & Associates CPAs to create a spreadsheet for a better Water Company budget format. She asked Barnett when she was able to meet to revise the City's Policy Manual. Howard offered to review the work once a draft was ready. In regard to the "state of the city", Mayor Hagan spoke of the City's 2013 accomplishments (see "Exhibit") and encouraged the Council to set goals for 2014.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Cheek announced that the clock has arrived. She said contractor Phillip Snider is waiting for the weather to clear up before he can install the concrete foundation to mount the clock at the corner of Bart's Mart and Bloomfield Baptist Church on the state right-of-way. This project is the final phase of the 2004 Bloomfield Beautification Project (TE-21) and a resolution 2013-107, passed August 12, 2013, was approved to amend the budget to spend approximately \$4,495 and reflect a scope of work for the installation of the clock.

STAFF REPORT:

POLICE: Chief William K. Downs, Jr. relayed that the Department issued 7 citations in December and one rescue. He commended Officer Scott Dennis for helping a senior that had fallen in Blazer Heights Subdivision. He also commended Officer Dennis for his work in getting a 2004 Crown Vic rear end replacement at a discounted cost. Dennis also acquired a light bar replacement for the car plus other equipment he donated to the fire department at no cost. Downs announced that two new digital hand held radios have arrived. He spoke of a contractor that may do the concrete work to cover the grassy strip in front of Betty's Salon for \$700 to remedy the dog defecation problem spoke of earlier in 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Ricky Jewell spoke of the recent "polar blast" that caused many frozen lines and meters throughout the area. The mayor commended the Water Company personnel for the hard work during this "polar" event. Jewell said the old sewer tank will be demolished by Gilkey Backhoe in trade for the salvage of the metal. He spoke of television camera viewing of the sewer system throughout the city and announced that "Pipe Eyes" company won the bid to do the work. Parked outside the firehouse was the new 2014 Chevy 4 wheel drive Sierra 3500 dump truck for all to see. Jewell recommended the City keep the 1995 Ford dump truck until after the cold weather in case they need to haul a load of salt for the roads, then surplus it in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

METHODS TO DISTRIBUTE MINUTES: To save time, paper and travel for the distribution of the monthly meeting packets Pozgay suggested scanning the monthly meeting packets and send by e-mail to the council members. Clerk Jury said she would take this into consideration and evaluate the city's capabilities to see if this is feasible.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LIAISON: Scott Thompson, sergeant and treasurer of the Northeast Nelson Fire District, talked about Nelson County Dispatch Board of Trustees' monthly meetings. To be Phase II compliant the Northeast Nelson Fire District needs a liaison at the meeting. Noting that Officer Downs attends each month, Thompson asked if Downs may be this liaison, in addition to the City's liaison, since he is already there. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* He assured the Council that a fire fighter would also be there.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cheek spoke of two large holes at a culvert at 114 Decatur Street and the Goodloe-Decatur intersection that could pose a danger to pedestrians.

Mays noted that the 155 Arnold Lane, recently owned by the City, has had the City's titles taken off the awnings. He noted the sign posted in the front needs to be removed.

Pozgay spoke of appreciation for the City's expression of sympathy for the passing of his father Gary Pozgay.

Wimpsett thanked the officers for checking on the elderly.

ADJOURNMENT

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"
State of the City
2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Thanks to the efforts of Bloomfield City Council and the City Staff, Bloomfield has made much progress this year for the health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of Bloomfield.

- 1). Blazer Heights Subdivision and Depot Street became part of the City's boundaries and plans for the future.
- 2). Publication of Bloomfield "*Just Visit Us*" brochure (tourism grant).
- 3). Construction of Safe Routes to Schools project (grant).
- 4). Construction of Bloomfield Forced Main Wastewater project which included updating the maintenance equipment, improvements and repairs of existing sewer lines and replacing the old 1995 dump truck. (grant and RD loan).
- 5). Purchase of Safety Equipment (matching grant).
- 6). Downtown line relocation and beautification project (state grant).
- 7). Lowering of speed limit in needed areas.
- 8). Cherokee Ave. paving, installation of stop and speed limit signs on every street.
- 9). Bloomfield Memorial Park improvements which includes walking trail repairs (grant), and developing a maintenance plan.
- 10). Additional police cruiser and equipment (donation).
- 11). Adopted a resolution to aid county law enforcement in the event of an emergency.
- 12). Contracted six non- profit groups for litter abatement to clean up city streets (grant).
- 13). Adopted resolution upon the passing of Councilman Donnie Holt and former Councilman Henry Cobble to honor them for their service to the community.