

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan presided over the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council calling it to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Sue Case, Jim Glisson, Janet Graves, Denny Howard and Tammy Wimpsett. Officers present were Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs, City Clerk Jean Jury and City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered meeting packets that included a copy of the January 12, 2015, regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Wimpsett made motion, duly seconded by Graves, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Glisson, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bloomfield area resident Robert Reiss spoke about a plan for Bloomfield's economic redevelopment. He suggested joining forces to begin a campaign to revitalize the City of Bloomfield. He outlined a "standard operation procedure" for events to create a check list and continuity book to be used for years to come. He is coordinating a National Guard 5K run within the city tentatively scheduled for Armed Forces Day, May 16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2015-101, CREATING A FRANCHISE: Barnett held the second reading for creating a franchise for the erection, laying and maintenance of electric facilities and appurtenant facilities and equipment in, along and across the public ways, roads, street, alleys and other public places in the City of Bloomfield, Kentucky: for furnishing and selling electricity by means of said facilities; and providing for the sale of said franchise. Wimpsett made a motion to approve. Duly seconded by Howard, *motion carried by a 6-0 roll-call vote: Barnett-yes, Howard-yes, Glisson-yes, Graves-yes, Case-yes, and Wimpsett-yes.*

BID ELECTRICITY FRANCHISE: Considering that the 20 year agreement with Kentucky Utilities is expiring in March Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Case, to advertise for bids and sale of a franchise for the purpose of distribution of electric energy. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Christy Thompson, Area Retail Operations Manager for KU, was on hand to discuss terms of an agreement once the bid process is complete. The City Council gave consensus that getting the 3% fee once a year was acceptable in the 20 year contract and a five year review would be reflected in the language in the agreement.

BLOOMFIELD COMMISSIONER ON THE JOINT CITY-COUNTY ZONING BOARD: Howard confirmed that citizen Keith Stenger has agreed to serve as a commissioner for the four year term beginning February 2015. Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the appointment of Stenger to this board. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

PROPOSAL FROM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: Howard informed the Council he is presently fact finding for a probable location of city owned property to rent by the County EMS ambulance and staff.

NEW BUSINESS

BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF ETHICS: Howard made a motion to approve the appointment of Keith Stenger, who has also agreed to serve, to the Board of Ethics. Duly seconded by Wimpsett, *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

SPRING LITTERABATEMENT AVAILABLE: Approximately \$398.71 is available for non-profit groups to share in the litter pickup on city roads says Clerk Jury. Anyone interested may call city hall for the application to participate.

FY 2013-2014 ANNUAL AUDIT: Even though February 1 is the Department for Local Government's deadline for a copy of the city audit the City of Bloomfield 2013-2014 Audit is still in progress.

FARMERS MARKET 2015 SEASON: Barnett reported that those interested in the Farmers Market are invited to attend a potluck at the Bloomfield Branch Library on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. She reports that opening date for the market is May 9, 2015 and that the 181 Chaplin Road location would be leased, once again, from owner Cron Broaddus who charges "no cost" for the benefit of the Bloomfield area residents.

HAZARD MITIGATION AND FEMA: Glisson reported that Safety Coordinator Scott Thompson, Mayor Hagan, Case, Barnett and he attended the recent Hazard Mitigation Training on January 29 at Muldraugh's safe room. Deadline for city updates to be submitted to qualify for FEMA funding is March 16, 2015. He, Thompson and Mayor Hagan plan to begin work on the update this week.

ORDINANCE 2015-102, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-36, CLARIFYING "MEETING": Discussion was lead by Wimpsett to evaluate the compensation of city council members in regard to the term "per meeting". Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to table the first reading until next month's meeting to let all take a look at the issue more thoroughly. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2015-103, REZONING 0.95 ACRE AT 259 CHAPLIN ROAD: Howard read the first reading of the ordinance to rezone this property from P-1 (Professional Office District) to R-1C (Single Family Residential).

JOINT CITY-COUNTY P&Z 2013-14 ANNUAL AUDIT: This audit was made available from County P&Z Director for City Council review.

CLOSED SESSION: Barnett made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property. Duly seconded Wimpsett, *motion carried by unanimous decision.* Howard made a motion to come out of closed session with no action taken. Duly seconded by Glisson, *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

NUISANCE: Mayor Hagan informed the Council that a Hill Street property in the City has been reported as a nuisance. She relayed that property taxes have not been paid for seven years with tax bills being returned with no forwarding address. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Case, to authorize the Mayor to have City Attorney Deaton investigate the status of ownership and possibly begin the foreclosure process. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

EXECUTIVE

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan relayed that she has a request to look at more lighting at the entrance of Arnold Lane. She also informed the Council that Maintenance Technician Thompson, she and LTADD Ashby Willoughby have met to submit a grant for a nature trail to surround the Bloomfield Memorial Park Lake.

POLICE: Chief Downs spoke of 20 citations issued from the Bloomfield Police Department last month. He noted that Bloomfield Police assisted the County Sheriff with 13 calls. He asked that the city should be notified if the traffic light is ever out so that he can alert the State Department of Highways. He is investigating a possible change in the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH descending the first block of Taylorsville Road right in the downtown district.

PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Jewell reports the status of the McKay/Colonial Avenue Sidewalk saying that the construction is finished and that staff will be shaping, seeding and strawing once the weather gets warmer. He spoke that the latest, recently bid, Sewer Improvement Project is on schedule and is about to begin.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Case, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor