

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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VOLUME IV

Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Fire House and lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Jim Glisson, Janet Graves, Suzanne Marks, Ann Martin and Denny Howard. City officers present were City Attorney Amanda Deaton, Police Chief Scott Dennis, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell and City Clerk Jean Jury. Also present was *Ky Standard* reporter Dennis George.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were emailed the meeting packets that included the agenda and the January 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Reading of the minutes was waived. Barnett made a motion, duly seconded by Glisson, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Marks, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman of the Heart of Kentucky American Red Cross Fred Hagan spoke of his role on the Disaster Assistance Team, one of the teams in the three county area. He explained how the team goes to a family that have been displaced from their home due to a fire and analyzes the basic needs so that the Red Cross could provide some assistance. He encouraged Bloomfield to put together a team of three people that could perform this service at this end of the county. He said that presently his team had to come from Bardstown to evaluate a disaster that took them almost to the Spencer County line. More teams are needed. Vicki Ledford, Disaster Program Manager for Territory 4, could be contacted at 502-648-9363 for more information. Her email address is Vicki.ledford@redcross.org.

Gilbert Brown, CPA for Brown & Company, PLLC, presented the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 audit. He said the audit includes three parts; auditor opinion, internal controls, and compliance. All tests were performed and the City is confirmed to have a clean audit. In regard to County Employee Retirement System (CERS) Brown sited the City's unfunded pension liability (\$387,556) and compared this to city (CERS) pension liabilities all over the state. He ascertained that the Kentucky General Assembly could call for payment from all cities, but hopes the state will secure funding from other sources. He felt his job was to make the City Council aware of the liability.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SERVICE APPRECIATION: Mayor Hagan presented plaques to Sue Case for appreciation for her two years (1 term) and to Tammy Wimpsett for her six years (3 terms) as members of the Bloomfield City Council.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AUDIT: The Council, receiving the audit by email on Friday, was briefed by auditor Gilbert Brown. Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Martin, to accept the audit as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

HILL STREET (Marshall) PROPERTY AND MASS FORECLOSURES: Attorney Deaton ascertained that this Marshall Property has been submitted to the court for an "Order of Sale". She noted that the sale will be within 60 days of the Order. She said appraisals will be ordered and advertisement published in the local paper before the sale. No other information was given on the mass foreclosures.

NUISANCE VIOLATIONS: Glisson noted difficulty in progress on "notice of violations" for properties at 189 Depot Street and 116 Hill Street due to being left in estate and handed them over to Attorney Deaton to proceed with addressing the violation with the possible heirs. He spoke of 179 Hill Street and 181 Hill Street violations and was submitting these to Logan Spaulding, Nelson County Code Enforcer.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Murphy filled out the paperwork to serve again on the Board of Adjustment. Barnett made a motion, duly seconded by Marks, to allow him to serve another two year term expiring February 2019. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION: Martin reported she had calls out to get bids for new banners downtown and plans complete the application for submission. She relayed that she has spoken with interested area residents and plans a meeting this week on Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield Branch Library to talk about planning for events in Bloomfield. Being affiliated with no certain group she said the public is invited to attend.

FARMERS MARKET POTLUCK: Barnett relayed the dates for the upcoming Farmers Market season; April 29 through October 21, 2017. The market will be on Saturdays (9 am-2 pm) and Tuesdays (3-6 pm). She announced that two organizations expressed interest in providing refreshments during the Market times. A potluck to kick off the season is planned for Thursday, February 23rd, at 6 pm at the Bloomfield Branch Library. She said Chris and Amy Coulter will be the guest speakers and the public is invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDITOR SELECTION FY 2016-2017: Brown & Company CPAs submitted a \$5,500 estimate to continue to do the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 audit. Comparing the cost to the previous years Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to have them do the audit once again. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

MEETING PRESIDER: Martin made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to select Denny Howard to preside over Council meetings in the Mayor's absence. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

RESOLUTION 2017-126: REFINANCING WATER LOAN: After Barnett held the reading of the resolution that authorizes an assistance agreement with the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation for the purpose of refinancing and currently refunding certain obligations of the City Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Glisson, to approve the resolution. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2017-116: ZONING REGULATIONS AMENDMENT: Barnett introduced and read the first reading of this ordinance that amends Article 5: Sections 6.1, 6.12, 6.13C, 6.14, 6.15 and 6.16 of the Zoning Regulations.

CLERKS' INSTITUTE: Clerk Jury announced the Kentucky Municipal Clerk Association's three day Spring Conference to educate City clerks will be held at the Kentucky Dam Village in Gilbertsville, Ky. Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Marks, to authorize Jury to attend. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ON-CALL PAY INCREASE: Jewell asked the Council to consider an increase from \$.81 an hour for 128 on-call hours per week to \$1.81 per hour for the employee that is on-call. He noted this pay has not been increased since its inception. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to approve the increase and make it effective immediately. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

REPORTS

MAYOR: Mayor Hagan noted that the city is blessed to have such an efficient, effective and responsible staff and commends them for the good job that they do.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Jewell spoke of the recent four to five inch rainfalls that results in leaks of manholes throughout the city; particularly the ones at the higher elevations. Noting that this sewer system was installed around the 1950s he says that when he fixes one manhole another will be stressed and then blows out. The city has about 250 manholes to maintain.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Dennis reported 31 citations, 37 violations, and 4 arrests.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk
Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

