

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, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs and City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton were present.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of the February 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay then made motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mark Ball, owner of the 155 Arnold Lane commercial building (previously owned by the City), informed the Council that he is opening a restaurant there and naming it "Bourbon Trail Diner". He will feature all Nelson County and Kentucky Proud products. All pies and cakes will be made "in house". He also plans to hire local people. He introduced his mother, Ann, and says he hopes to open before the Kentucky Derby in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AUDIT FISCAL YEAR 2012-13: Jason Strange, CPA with Smith and Company CPAs, presented a hard copy of the 2012-13 audit. The Council received a copy by e-mail prior to the meeting for their review. Strange announced a clean audit, noting they did not identify any deficiencies in internal control. Mayor Hagan reiterated from page 11 that improvements have been made to generate additional revenue and maintain operating expenses at a reasonable and profitable level. She congratulated the Council for becoming proactive in making financial decisions that resulted in a positive outlook for the city's financial future. Wimpsett made a motion, seconded by Mays, to accept the audit as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

SELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014: Bid was advertised in the Kentucky Standard for the 2013-2014 audit to be opened Friday, March 7. The City received one bid from Smith and Company CPAs which stated \$5,200 for the annual audit. Mays made a motion, duly seconded by Cheek, to authorize the Mayor to contract with Smith & Company CPAs to, once again, to perform the audit. *Motion carried by a 5-1 affirmative vote.* Pozgay opposed as he expressed his belief that auditing with a fresh set of eyes can aid in addressing any internal controls that may go unnoticed with the same eyes from years before.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Cheek* discussed the lettering on the clock. It was the Council's consensus to match letter color with the bronze face ring. She indicated the contractor will soon begin to install the clock. *Wimpsett* said she will be working with a company that is writing a profile about the city. She also took responsibility for having the tattered state flag taken down at the City Park. She offered to ask the American Legion for replacement flags since the City has largely taken over the maintenance and electric expenses for the Veteran's Monument. *Mays* presented a pamphlet that described an idea of a "friends' check" and described an emergency contact program in detail for the council to consider. He noted that he plans to work with Jennifer Lyddane who is spear heading a National Guard Memorial Fund 5K Run set for May 10, 2014, beginning at 6:00 a.m. He mentioned that the National Guard might possibly be security for the event.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan relayed that Strand Associates and the City will have another "walk through" to inspect the Safe Routes To School Arnold Lane Sidewalk Project before issuing the final payment to United Construction. The work that was needed at the Library portion of the sidewalk has been completed, however braces for the hand rail have not been removed. Mayor Hagan relayed that she is meeting with the Park Board to discuss the upcoming park use season. She also plans to remind the Northeast Nelson Youth League to bring an American flag for the ball field flag pole.

STAFF REPORT:

PUBLIC WORKS: Jewell reported that Rural Water has privileged the City with a representative who used a leak detector to locate leaks beneath the blacktop downtown. He said five leaks were found and repaired. Howard elaborated on the savings for the water company if the Council approved Jewell's request to purchase a tool that would locate leaks on 2" to 3" service lines for a price of approximately \$2,500 to \$3,700. Howard next made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to allow Jewell to decide what type of tool would be appropriate and authorize him to purchase this tool staying within a \$4,000 range.

Motion carried by unanimous decision. Jewell suggested the 1991 Chevy dump truck be declared surplus, sold and taken off the city's insurance policy. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to declare the truck surplus and advertise it for sale. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

POLICE: Chief Downs relayed an incident report of theft of narcotics and four traffic citations last month. Also two runs were made regarding a person lurking on private property. He noted that a rolling meth lab and a gun arsenal was seized by the authorities at 215 Taylorsville Road property. He also announced that he has filed to run for Nelson County Sheriff this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPERTY TAX MORATORIUM: Clerk Jury distributed a copy of the Nelson County Fiscal Court's recent Ordinance that allows property owners of twenty-five-year-old buildings that undergo rehabilitation a freezing of the taxable value for five years to encourage owners to upgrade or improve their properties. Discussion ensued with the council deciding to table the topic and to do more research before they initiate any legislation in regard to this matter.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Pozgay relayed he attended "Coffee with Dave" at the library recently where he spoke with Kentucky Senator Jimmy Higdon and Representative David Floyd. He said they discussed the local option sales tax and the bill to get rid of the six classes of cities, reducing these to just two classes.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk