

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan first led the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* before she called to order the regular monthly Bloomfield City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Firehouse. Council members present were Ann Agee, Tracy Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. Interim Public Works Superintendent Craig Werner, City Attorney Amanda Blincoe and Kentucky Standard Editor Brad Bowman were in attendance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Hagan called for a moment of silence for the passing of Benjamin Tobin Long who died at 4:00 a.m. this morning. A revered public servant for the City of Bloomfield he first served as Mayor of the City of Bloomfield from 1982 to March 30, 1985. In 1985 he was appointed Public Works Superintendent for the Bloomfield Water & Sewer Company. He also served as Assistant Mayor in the mayors' absences for most of those years. He retired on December 31, 2011.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of February 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Mays made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the minutes as written. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Agee made a motion, duly seconded by Mays, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SELECTION OF AUDITOR: Council consensus was to have City Clerk Jury ask this past year's auditors, Smith & Company CPAs, for a bid for the fiscal year 2011-2012 audit. She was to get bids from other firms also. Consensus was to keep Beverly C. Whelan, CPA, as city consultant, especially while the City and Water Company are going through a transition as a result of Ben Long's death.

ORDINANCE 2012-79: DEPOT STREET PROPERTY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE: The Council asked Attorney Blincoe to read the second reading of this ordinance to annex the 183 and 189 Depot Street properties. Motion was made by Mays, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve this ordinance. *Motion carried by the following 6-0 role call vote:* Agee-yes, Cheek-yes, Howard-yes, Mays-yes, Pozgay-yes, and Wimpsett-yes.

PROJECT REPORTS: In regard to the State's Utility Relocation Project Howard confirmed that the electrical wiring and transformers appear to have been installed behind the downtown district. He concluded that, with respect to recent tornado activity in other parts of the state, Kentucky Utilities would be a while before resuming work on this project. Interim Public Works Superintendent Craig Werner agreed. Next, Mayor Hagan assured the Council that the Emergency Preparedness Plan would soon be complete and that last month's "tornado warning" was a learning experience for emergency readiness. Mayor Hagan then informed the Council that the Safe Routes to School Project is not going as far up Arnold Lane as first planned. She said it would end at the farthest end of the Elementary School Property.

LITTER ABATEMENT: Clerk Jury relayed that Bloomfield Middle School Beta Club and the Bloomfield Baptist Church Youth Group have picked up the litter abatement paperwork but neither have returned them. Mayor Hagan informed the Council that a Missy Thompson, employee at Bart's Mart, is having a road block collection on March 16 at the traffic light for the West Liberty community that was completely wiped out by the tornado. Suggestion was to assemble a group to do litter abatement and then donate the money to this same cause.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 DELINQUENT TAXES: Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, that Attorney Blincoe send letter to the 2011 unpaid tax payers giving them 30 days to pay. Then, after thirty days, the City would place a lien on the delinquent properties. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2012-80, SEWER RATE: Howard read the first reading of the sewer rate ordinance that raised the sewer rates as required by the lender, Rural Development, in order to reassure financing of the Waste Water Improvement project which is building the force main to Bardstown.

TE-21, BLOOMFIELD SCENIC BEAUTIFICATION GRANT: The Council revisited the Transportation Enhancement Grant that was awarded in 2005. For the record it has a remaining balance of \$36,186.13 (grant) with a \$9,046.54 (city) match. After much deliberation the Council agreed with Pozgay when he insisted that they review the requirements for the grant moneys in regard to projects that qualify and determine only functional uses for the funds to be expended and return next month ready to take action on the viability of the City's obligation to complete this project.

KMCA CLERK'S ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE: Pozgay made a motion with Agee second to pay only the \$175 registration for Clerk Jury to attend the April spring conference being held by the LTADD Clerks in Elizabethtown on April 18-20, 2012. All other expenses would be her responsibility. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to go into closed session according to KRS 61.810(1)*f* to hold a discussion that might lead to the dismissal or discipline of an individual employee and also KRS 61.810(1)*b* to discuss deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* With no action taken Agee made a motion, duly seconded by Cheek, to come out of closed session. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Mays wanted the Council to revisit the on-call pay for Bloomfield Water Company employees since they are short staffed. He relayed a tourism idea from Citizen Scott Thompson suggesting that the City could have a Civil War reenactment as a fund raiser to bring in a large crowd to the City. Mays spoke of a memorial to Ben Long to remember his contributions to the City and Water Company.

Howard couldn't say enough about his relationship with Ben, saying, "above all he was a good friend".

Agee presented an e-mail from Kentucky League of Cities that spoke of Senate Bill 208 that would remove insurance coverage from being considered a professional service and make the Local Government Model Procurement Code provisions applicable thereby infringing on the city's home rule to purchase the type of coverage that meets their individual needs. She encouraged the Council to contact their congressmen to oppose.

Pozgay suggested designing city advertisements on "card stock" paper to encourage patrons to purchase locally. These could be passed out at their establishments. To defray costs businesses could pay for the expense of printing. He expressed deep sorrow over Ben Long's passing saying "Ben has been my best friend for the past 25 years and I will deeply miss him".

ADJOURNMENT

Wimpsett made motion, duly seconded by Agee, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk