

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, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. City Attorney Amanda Blincoe and Kentucky Standard Editor Kenny Fogle were in attendance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of March 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay made motion, duly seconded by Agee, to approve the minutes as written. *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.*

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC

Attorney for Old Bloomfield Holdings, LLC, Matthew Hite presented the Council with a request for a city ordinance to close a never built City road that extends from the existing corner of Chestnut Street to Taylorsville Road, then also close a never built City road (namely "Fairview Street") from the aforesaid extension to Pleasant View Drive (or Maple Avenue as named on the plat). Stating that they would pay all costs involved in the process, the corporation holds all the property contiguous on all sides of these roads and felt it was necessary to alleviate any foreseen possibility of the actual road being surfaced for use by the public. Council consensus was to study all the material he presented and review the actual affected properties and then come to a decision at next month's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES: Blincoe reported that she sent letters last week to those unpaid property tax owners with a deadline of 30 days to respond. Based on these developments the Council delayed action until next month's meeting.

ORDINANCE 2012-80, SEWER RATE: Blincoe read the second 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; the building of the force main to Bardstown. Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Agee, to approve the ordinance. *Motion carried by the following 6-0 roll call vote: Agee-yes, Cheek-yes, Howard-yes, Mays-yes, Pozgay-yes, Wimpsett-yes.*

SELECTION OF AUDITOR: Two bids were received for a three year contract: Smith & Company CPA's, PLLC bid \$4,950 each year plus \$1,500 fee for a single audit. Brown & Company for \$5,800 each year plus \$1,200 fee for a single audit. Single audits are required once a city expends \$500,000 in federal funds in any one year which will be the case when the City begins the Waste Water Treatment construction. Motion was made by Pozgay, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to authorize mayor to enter into the three year contract with Smith & Company CPAs. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

TE-21, BLOOMFIELD SCENIC BEAUTIFICATION GRANT: Discussion was lead on the practicality of expensing City funds as match which does not appeal to the Council considering the City is experiencing a shortfall of income over expenses at this time. Wimpsett emphasized that the requirements are "so limited" as to what qualifies in regard to enhancement of the city street sides. All agreed to review the grant in more detail.

LITTER ABATEMENT: Clerk Jury reported that she sent ten letters inviting Churches and organizations to participate in exchange for a portion of the \$420 state funding. No agreements have been signed as yet. She reported that she would review possible uses of the funds should no one steps forward to participate.

PROJECT REPORTS: In regard to the State's Utility Relocation Project Howard reported that the downtown light poles are up and that the removal of the old lines and poles would be necessary before the actual lamps be installed on the top of the poles. With respect to the project repairing blacktop on some downtown property is yet to be done. Next, Mayor Hagan assured the Council that the Emergency Preparedness Plan only needs to insert Bloomfield's information into the plan and that it would be finished by the 2013 deadline. Mayor Hagan then informed the Council that the Safe Routes to School Project is on schedule with Strand Engineer Jamie Cash working on the next steps.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2012-92; APPRECIATION FOR BEN LONG: After reading aloud this resolution that expressed deep sorrow and appreciation of Ben Long's service to the City of Bloomfield Howard made a motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Pozgay, and presented it to Sally Long and Ben's family who were present. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2012-81: CODE OF ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT (6): Pozgay read the first reading of this ordinance that incorporates all new city legislation since 2007 into the City's Code of Ordinance by American Legal Publishing. American Legal also assessed and modified the entire Code to reflect the language and interpretations of current Kentucky Revised Statutes since 2007.

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Mayor Hagan said her goal is to begin lining up these events with anticipation of starting with some Sundays in June.

TOURIST COMMISSION GRANT: Mayor Hagan reported she applied for a \$1,000 grant to create brochures to promote Bloomfield.

WEB SITE UPGRADE: Clerk Jury informed the Council that the www.bloomfieldky.com website is undergoing an extensive upgrade. Business licenses, photos, and welcome messages have been revised.

SALARY REVIEW: Mays spoke of an increase of the on-call pay. Council consensus was that the City would have a budget workshop in May for the upcoming 2012-2013 annual budget and this would be the time to evaluate the financial status of the City and Water Company in regard to salary increases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Mays, 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 Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Agee, to come out of closed session. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

POLICE POSITION: Stating that because of the current fiscal year 2011-2012 budget and financial constraints of the City and the new budget pending, Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Agee, that the police position would change from a 40 hour work week to a 20 hour work week, with no benefits, to become effective July 1, 2012. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cheek spoke of a drainage ditch that is level with Decatur Avenue that needs to be dug out as there is constant flooding and a potential for some blacktop damage.

Howard emphasized that the "Pay Scale Ordinance" needs to be updated. He also relayed that the "Welcome Sign" on Springfield Road has been vandalized.

Mays relayed that the Riverside Street sign is gone, suggested a sign that says "no through traffic" be erected at the entrance, the Veteran's Memorial USA flag needs to be replaced and that a personnel accommodation be placed in the file for those who worked on the Bloomfield Memorial Park walking trail.

Wimpsett noticed that the "25 mph" sign missing at the entrance to Riverside Drive also. She led a discussion on handicap access to the City Lake for fishing. Hagan said she would pull the Fish & Wildlife Contract to review the specifications for Americans with Disabilities Act.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk