

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
April 10, 2017
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 Attorney Amanda Deaton, Police Chief Scott Dennis, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell and City Clerk Jean Jury were also present. 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 March 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Reading of the minutes was waived. Mayor Hagan pointed out that a sentence on the second page under the title "Grocery Store Search" was incomplete and should finish with "prospects of having face to face meetings." Including the correction Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

PUBLIC

- Citizen Jamie Signorino and husband Butch brought a complaint about the flooding of Wooten Alley's spring onto their McKay Avenue property which is becoming a safety issue and a real nuisance. She presented March 1st photos of the flooding during a large rain event.
- Citizen Sandy Cobble asked what the Council's long or short term goal is for the Wooten Alley that is behind her property. Will there be a public hearing?
- Citizen Robert Hendren noted the spring on Wooten Alley (which borders his property) is a wet weather spring. He noted a recent large rain caused flooding of the Colonial Avenue as a result of the Wooten Alley drainage issue. He said cars could not get through.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HILL STREET (Marshall) PROPERTY AND MASS FORECLOSURES: Attorney Deaton announced that a judgment date was set for April 19, for the Marshall Property case and for another case that is one property on the Bloomfield's foreclosure property list which shows the largest tax liability on the list.

NUISANCE VIOLATIONS: CITY ATTORNEY: In regard to 189 Depot and 116 Hill streets nuisance properties City Attorney Deaton noted that since the taxes are paid on these estate properties it is difficult to serve a nuisance violation to any one heir. She suggests the City clean up the property and place a mechanics lien on the property with hopes the city will recapture the cost once the properties are sold or foreclosed on for unpaid taxes.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES: In regard to the city's 179 Hill and 181 Hill streets notice of violations handed over to the County's Code Enforcement Officer Logan Spaulding Glisson reports that since the hail storm Spaulding is quite busy and will need some time to review the nuisances.

BARDSTOWN-NELSON COUNTY TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION: Martin relayed her estimate of \$575 for 10 banners plus the amount of hours for labor and installation from the Water Company to be submitted by May 15, 2017. Having computer glitches she said she would deliver the paperwork to Clerk Jury to finish and send in.

WATER LOAN REFINANCING: Howard said that the refinancing of the City's water loan is in the wait mode. He said Rural Development is combining our request with other cities' financial requests to make sure Bloomfield is eligible for the \$90,000 rebate over the life of the loan.

FARMERS MARKET POTLUCK: Barnett announced September 9, 2017 is set for a festival for the Market. She announced April 29th as the opening day and there would be refreshments provided by the Faith Fellowship Church from Bardstown, Ky. She noted an advertising campaign in underway.

NEW BUSINESS

UNPAID 2016 PROPERTY TAXES: Clerk Jury provided the Council with a list of 16 unpaid 2016 property taxes. Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to authorize City Attorney Deaton to send a letter requesting payment. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ARCHIVING CITY RECORDS: Clerk Jury reports that she contacted Kentucky Library and Archives for microfilming City Minutes, Audits, Ordinances, and Resolutions from the year 2010 to now. She said there are

over 400 pages. She noted the last two sets of microfilms are stored in the City's safety deposit box. She plans to provide the extra copy to the Nelson County Public Library where there is a microfilm reading machine.

LITTER ABATEMENT FUNDS: Clerk Jury announced the Fairfield Hill, Hill Street and Conley Avenue streets are yet to be cleaned up for the remainder of the 2017 Spring funds.

RESOLUTION 2017-127, MUNICIPAL AID AGREEMENT: Barnett read the resolution that authorizes the Legislative Body to sign a contract to participate in the Municipal Aid Co-op Program beginning July 1, 2017. Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Howard to approve. *Motion carried by a 6-0 affirmative vote: Barnett-yes, Graves-yes, Glisson-yes, Howard-yes, Marks-yes, Martin-yes.*

Mayor Hagan set May 8, 2017 at 6:25, before the regular meeting, as the date for the public hearing to hear comment as to how this fund is to be expensed.

OFFICER LIVING OUT OF COUNTY: The Council learned the Patrol Officer is taking up his residence outside of the county. After much discussion Barnett made a motion, duly seconded by Martin, to allow police vehicles to only be driven home to officer residences inside the Nelson County line. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

WATER CONTRACT WITH BARDSTOWN: Mayor Hagan informed the Council that the Bloomfield Water and Sewer Company was recently reviewed by the Division of Columbia Water. They emphasized that the City of Bloomfield should negotiate a contract to increase the purchased water from 12M gallons to 15M gallons to insure the City would be eligible for usage of more than 12M should there come a drought. Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to authorize Mayor Hagan to negotiate and update the contract, pending the City Attorney review. This contract with the City of Bardstown would include the water purchase increase and other provisions that both Cities agree upon. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ORDINANCE 2017-117; ZONING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION VI ZONING DISTRICTS: Barnett introduced the ordinance that amends Section 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11, 7.2 (Cs) Conditional Uses Permitted, and deleted Section VI definitions "Dwelling and Dwelling Unit" and clarified the different dwelling definitions. She read the first reading of the ordinance.

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC HOLDING CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING: Mayor Hagan stated it was time for the annual meeting for this corporation and set the date for May 8, 2017 at 6:20 p.m. at the fire house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Glisson made a motion to go into executive session in accordance with KRS 61.810(1) (b) for purposes to discuss deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property. With Howard second *motion carried by unanimous decision.* With no action being taken motion was made by Howard and seconded by Graves to come out of executive session. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

WOOTEN ALLEY STATUS: Motion was made by Barnett, duly seconded by Howard, to keep possession of Wooten Alley, continue to maintain it, and work toward resolving the drainage issue. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

BICENTENNIAL EVENT PLANNING: Martin reports event planning meetings are being held at 121 Taylorsville Road, the home of Ed Jett's. She said consensus from the group was to hold year-round events during the up-coming bicentennial 2019 year. She also asked permission to apply to KLC's City Story Project. Martin was assured Bloomfield would easily qualify due to the upcoming bicentennial. The application is due May 5. A small number of KLC member cities will be selected as a pilot group. Consensus was to allow Ann to apply for the project.

REPORTS

MAYOR: Mayor Hagan informed the Council that KYTC is planning a traffic study for the 4-way intersection at the downtown intersection that had a traffic light until it was knocked down in March. A park board meeting was held and it was decided, due to the competitiveness of sports teams these days that the ball field would continue to be locked to insure it stays in good condition for league play.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Dennis reported 21 citations, 27 violations, and 3 arrests.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Marks, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

