

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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VOLUME IV

Mayor Rhonda Hagan presided over the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council calling it to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Sue Case, Jim Glisson, Janet Graves, Denny Howard and Tammy Wimpsett. Officers present were Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs, and City Clerk Jean Jury. City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton was absent.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Meeting packets that included a copy of the March 13, 2015, regular meeting minutes were picked up, delivered or received by email. With that, the reading was waived. Wimpsett corrected the minutes to say she voted against the Recreational Trails Resolution so it was not unanimous. With this change Case made motion, duly seconded by Glisson, 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 PRESENTATIONS

Boy Scout Devan Snow gave a presentation in regard to his Eagle Scout Project. With the permission of the City Council he plans to install a park bench to honor fallen Police Officer Jason Ellis at the Nelson County Veteran's War Memorial at the Bloomfield Memorial Park. He described each phase of the project. He relayed the cost to be \$700 and would include the City in his scope of work. Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the project. *Motion carried by unanimous decision*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HOUSING UPDATE: Howard introduced Brad Goff, former city council member, owner of the B Goff -Drafting and Design. He gave proposal from SimicDesign International Inc. in regard to building an EMS Station on the City's Karr's Alley property. Howard reminded the council that this was a proposal only which quoted a \$8,200 estimate for their services with a \$2,300 site plan from Horizon Engineers. He stated the project is still in the information gathering stage, not obligating the city to any one professional firm for a design and bid phase. He thanked Goff for taking his time, flying in from D.C., to give the excellent presentation. When asked if Goff would draft the building he said he would for half of the \$1,000 he normally charges.

FY 2013-2014 ANNUAL AUDIT: Mayor Hagan reiterated that the audit is still in progress, but won't be finished until after tax season.

FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 AUDITOR SELECTION: Clerk Jury distributed a bid tabulation showing the following bid for the FY 14-15 Audit: Jones & Hurley CPA's - \$3,200, Maddox & Associates, CPA's - \$4,750, and Smith & Company CPA's PLLC - \$5,200. Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve Jones & Hurley CPA's as the most responsive and responsible bidder. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

NUISANCE PROPERTY: Mayor Hagan relayed that she plans to work with Planning and Zoning Director Jan Johnston and Code Enforcement Logan Spalding in regard to certain nuisance properties.

FARMERS MARKET 2015 SEASON: Barnett announced that May 9th is the opening date of the Farmers Market and another planning meeting is set for April 30, 2015 to finalize the activities for that day.

HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE FOR THE CITY: Glisson informed the Council that this has developed a "life of its own" and is slowly crawling forward. He stated that he may have County EMS Coordinator Joe Prewitt assist in the City's Emergency Disaster Plan.

ORDINANCE 2015-104, AMENDING P&Z'S ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 9: Barnett read the first reading of this ordinance that amends these articles to add definitions of temporary structure and use, add an exception for temporary structures from Zoning Compliance Permit requirements, require minimum setbacks for temporary structures, and revise height of fence from 5 feet to 7 feet.

NEW BUSINESS

FORECLOSURE: Mayor Hagan spoke of the findings of fact in regard to the abandoned Hill Street property listed as the Marshall Estate. She said it is in disrepair with tax bills continually being returned for lack of a forwarding address. More than ten years of taxes are unpaid. Considering these facts Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Case, to authorize the City Attorney to start the foreclosure process. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

ZONING AMENDMENTS: The City Council was delivered a copy of several changes to the joint city-county zoning regulations for their review. Priority was given to scale down the permit process for the public's benefit and to reduce the workload for the P&Z staff. Mayor Hagan said, from attending a meeting on the changes, that the P&Z budget projects to lose approximately \$15,000 from these changes which all the cities and county would have to absorb.

2014 UNPAID TAXES: Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to authorize City Attorney Deaton to send delinquency letters to all unpaid property owners. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CELL PHONE SERVICE: Glisson, working to solve the cell phone reception problem within the city, relayed that he has met with a lady from AT&T who "talks a good talk" however says AT&T has no plans to build additional towers in the Commonwealth. He has reported the problem to the Public Service Commission and is waiting for a response.

EXECUTIVE

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan announced the annual meeting for the Public Holding Corporation will be held May 11, at 6:25 p.m. at the Fire House. The Mayor reported that Spencer County contacted her about their ball fields being flooded from recent heavy rains and asked if they could use Bloomfield's fields. Case made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to assist them any way the City can. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Jewell relayed that the Chaplin Water Tower is in dire need of repair with a report from Engineer Tony Harover stating that the inside has lead paint that needs to be removed. Cost will be approximately \$100,000. Jewell said Harover will be coming to present at the next meeting. He said he will have Harover put a bid package together on behalf of the Water Company. He said recent heavy rains have washed out the road to the old sewer plant and will have to spend \$1,000 to rebuild. He said the newly sewed fill at the new McKay/Colonial sidewalks has washed away and they will have to go back a reseed and mulch.

POLICE: Chief Downs reported the department worked two accidents, 2 arrests, several nuisance runs, 1 domestic, 22 citations and worked traffic for the fire fighters. He is making note of street lights that are out.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Graves, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk
Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor