

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD

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VOLUME IV

Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular 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, Sue Case, Janet Graves, Jim Glisson, Denny Howard and Tammy Wimpsett. Officers present were Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Scott Dennis, Patrol Officer Dwayne Reed, City Clerk Jean Jury and City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: The meeting packet that included copies of last month's regular meeting minutes and financial reports were picked up at City Hall in the blue book drop box thereby the reading was waived. Wimpsett made motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BID TABULATIONS FOR SURPLUS VEHICLES: Clerk Jury handed out a bid tabulation of the sealed bid opening today at 11:00 a.m. for two surplus pickups. Two bids were opened for the 2006 Chevy 4WD pickup: Sarah Jewell - \$3,000 and Fairfield Auto Mart - \$2,065. Three bids were opened for the 2005 2WD Chevy Pickup: Terry Broaddus - \$2,250, Wayne Rogers - \$1,500, and Fairfield Auto Mart - \$1,865. Barnett made a motion to accept Jewell's bid for the 4WD and Broaddus' bid for the 2WD. Duly seconded by Howard, *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

AUDITOR SELECTION: Clerk Jury validated that one sealed bid was opened at 12:30 p.m. from Jones & Hurley CPAs, PLLC, of Elizabethtown \$5,975 for the 2015-2016 audit. Jones & Hurley CPAs are in the process of finishing the 2014-2015 audit for a price of \$3,200. After having discussion about having no bids to compare Glisson made a motion, duly seconded by Case, to have the City Clerk contact other cities in the area to ask for names of their auditors and then send the firms invitations to submit a price. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

2015 UNPAID TAX REPORT: City Attorney Deaton relayed that letters have just been sent to delinquent property tax payers and she expects some of these to pay. She advised the council not to take action until June's meeting.

HILL STREET MARSHALL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE: Attorney Deaton informed the Council that she received word from the Nelson County Master Commissioner that the Marshall estate needs to be reopened as a matter of procedure before an order of sale be authorized.

MASS FORECLOSURE: Attorney Deaton indicated that the mass foreclosure process will follow the same estate opening process as the Marshall Property foreclosure in regard to one of the delinquent properties. The foreclosure is still ongoing.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATION PROJECT: Howard updated the council on the progress of the construction. He relayed that Jewell has ran most of the electric conduit for the electricity and the roof is ready for shingles. Jewell said Dave Cook Construction is making good progress. Concern was shared that the north end of Snyder Alley leading to the EMS building is too steep and recommends a guard rail on the west side. Jewell said the road should improve after it's paved, however he would price installing a guard rail.

NUISANCE VIOLATIONS: Glisson reports of the seven active violations two 2015 and one 2016 that are being resolved.

MEMORIAL PROJECT: Council member Wimpsett reported that after current correspondence with those involved in the Chaplin Road project it would be in the city's best interest, under recent developments, that the City withdraw interest at this time. Consensus was that this property now falls under the nuisance ordinance as it is unsightly as it is proven to be a mosquito harbor.

2015 RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT (\$11,400/\$11,400 CITY MATCH) PROJECT: Mayor Hagan announced that she has realized this grant has become more involved than she expected. It has

now become a complicated process with mounds of paperwork with requirements that are costly, time consuming and not reasonable for vision she once had for the trail. Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Glisson to reject the grant and build a simple trail within stages and a timeframe of its own. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

CRUMB RUBBER GRANT: Graves, in charge of the city's possible application, indicated she was in contact with Frankfort but was not successful in getting answers.

AUDIT STATUS: Once again Clerk Jury relayed that Jones & Hurley gave June as their goal to finish the 2014-2015 City Audit.

POLICE OFFICER HIRED: Chief Scott Dennis introduced Dwayne Reed, retired from Louisville Metro, as the new City of Bloomfield Law Enforcement Officer.

FARMERS MARKET: Barnett told everyone that the market has begun and new banners are ordered to hang at the 181 Chaplin Road farmers market. She said the market is going well and is encouraging more participation for marketers.

NEW BUSINESS

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET: Consensus was to call a special meeting Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget workshop. A first reading of the budget ordinance may be read.

NELSON COUNTY'S 911 SERVICE REVENUE: Mayor Hagan read a letter from Judge Executive Dean Watts requesting the Council agree to add a \$2.00 monthly fee to all garbage bills to fund the county E911 service. Consensus was that if Fairfield and Bardstown agree to it, the City of Bloomfield would agree.

NELSON COUNTY JOINT CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: Mayor Hagan informed the Council that Keith Stenger has stepped down as Bloomfield's Commissioner and a vacancy exists. She asked for the Council to seek someone to fill the position.

ORDINANCE SETTING WATER AND SEWER RATES: Howard informed the Council that they need to know the rates set by the 2013 ordinance will be outdated and need to be reviewed before year-end.

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Jewell informed the Council that smoke testing bid opening will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Bloomfield City Hall. He spoke of the recent certification in both Water and Sewer for Maintenance Technician Scott Thompson and recommended he receive a promotion to Assistant Public Works Superintendent. and a \$3 raise effective July 1, 2016. After discussion Howard made the motion to promote him to the position and be given a \$2 per hour raise effective July 1, 2016. Duly seconded by Wimpsett, ***motion carried by unanimous decision.***

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Dennis reported that citations are down and people have slowed down. With him serving a week's worth of training it took him off the beat. He says Officer Reed is doing well learning the County and City in regard to general law enforcement and court processes.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Glisson, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor