

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs and City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton were present. Council member Mark Mays was absent.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members, last week, picked up meeting packets that included a copy of the April 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes and waived the reading. Barnett made motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the financial reports. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Present were Ethics Board Chairman Nancy Glisson and husband Jim.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PROPERTY TAX MORATORIUM: Howard spoke of his review of the County's Ordinance in regard to property owners of twenty-five-year-old residential and commercial buildings that undergo rehabilitation. He noted the freezing of the taxable value for five years to encourage owners to upgrade or improve their properties. Discussion was favorable to adopt a similar ordinance. Consensus was to have Attorney Deaton draft a first reading of the ordinance for their consideration at next month's meeting. She said she would bring a copy of the County's property owner application in regard to their ordinance.

UNPAID 2013 PROPERTY TAX: Considering that quite a few property owners were of the newly annexed territory Attorney Deaton recommended the Council to give them more time to notify their mortgage companies to have them paid from the owner's escrow. Thus, the Council consented to wait until next month to take action on 2013 unpaid taxes.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Hagan congratulated the Kentucky National Guard 5K run committee, lead by Jennifer Lyddane, for a successful May 10th event. She said even though it rained the event had over 200 participants, veterans who came to "sit and sip" and several promoters to raise money for the Memorial at the Boone Center in Frankfort Kentucky. Next, she spoke of landscaping being done by the Garden Club at the Bloomfield Memorial Park after consulting with Wren Smith of Bernheim Forest. She also announced the Bloomfield Farmers Market opened May 10th and it did well even though it rained. She said one different food vendor at each Saturday Market will have available food for sale to make the event more comfortable for all to have something to eat or drink.

STAFF REPORT:

PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Jewell relayed Perkins Electric has completed the park electricity upgrade and it has been inspected. He also said that two solar lights have been ordered to be installed on the newly installed city clock on Springfield Road. He told the Council that any water leaks that happen in the City are now being relayed on the City's "Facebook" page to alert residents of boil water advisories. This is in addition to relaying this on WBRT radio station.

POLICE: Chief Downs reported on recent law enforcement activity within the city. He relayed that they gave seven citations, four warnings, two domestics, alarms investigated at the schools. Bloomfield Police Department provided security for the NG5K run. He also credits the department for a drug bust in a nearby county. He stated the problem was started by a resident living in Bloomfield.

SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP: Mayor Hagan reminded the Council of the special meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., for a budget workshop and the first reading of the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance. A quorum must be present for a first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

PAVING CITY STREETS: Mayor Hagan said she and Jewell will be reviewing city streets to be paved using the municipal aid provided by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE: Mayor Hagan noted that the newsletter sent out last month by a local group reminded citizens that anyone working in the City should apply for a business licenses. She acknowledged the Public Works Department for doing a good job enforcing this ordinance recently.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cheek informed all that the fabrication has been done for the railing at the newly installed clock on Taylorsville Road and is being sent to the powder coater. She noted that the clock looks great.

Pozgay asked for clarification of a bulky item pickup should a resident have one. He also noted his observation of patrons using wireless internet afterhours outside the Bloomfield Branch Library.

Wimpsett asked of the timeline for fixing the Taylorsville Road sidewalk that she reported last month.

ADJOURNMENT

Pozgay made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk