

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan bowed her head at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for the passing of its own Bloomfield City Councilman Donnie D. Holt who died early that morning. Arrangements were discussed that his funeral would be held at 2:00 p.m., July 10, 2013, at the Willisburg Church of God of Prophecy.

Hagan then lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag* and called to order the regular monthly Bloomfield City Council meeting at the Bloomfield Fire House. Five council members present were Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. City Attorney Amanda Blincoe and Kentucky Standard Reporter Jennifer Corbett were also present. Councilman Holt, obviously, was deceased.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of the June 10th regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay made the following correction omitted from the minutes: ***SALARY REVIEW:*** *Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Holt, to grant a \$1 per hour wage increase for all employees that are not on the "new hire" wage increase schedule. Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Pozgay then made motion, duly seconded by Mays, to approve the meeting minutes as corrected. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.*** Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve the financial reports as presented. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Greg Martin, owner of Blazer Foot Mart on Chaplin Road spoke of recent robberies and asked the city to schedule more nighttime patrol of the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WATER/WASTEWATER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Pozgay and Howard will be reviewing the ordinance process of setting rates and fees for the City's Water and Sewer Systems. Legal advise would be requested as how to legislate increases without incurring additional costs for publication of ordinance amendments. Mayor Hagan announced that an increase is soon to be discussed as the City of Bardstown has adopted an ordinance that increases water rates for it's users.

WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Mayor Hagan relayed that the force main from Bardstown construction may be reaching Depot Street within the next few days.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT: Mayor Hagan reported that plans are being submitted for approval by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to add the sidewalk on Arnold Lane to extend to Chaplin Road, running along the Bloomfield Branch Library driveway. Costs will be covered by remaining contingencies.

CLOSING DATE: Mayor Hagan announced that July 15, 2013 is the closing date for the sale of the Civic Center to Mark Ball.

NEW BUSINESS

GARDEN CLUB: Mayor Hagan informed the Council that the Bloomfield Branch Library may be looking into creating a community garden and forming a Garden Club. The first project may be "edible landscaping" around the Depot Building.

PICNIC IN THE PARK: This Saturday, July 13, 2013, is the date for the Picnic in the Park. Chief of Police Kenny Downs was on hand to say he would check with the Nelson County Sheriff Office for additional help with the dispersal of the crowd and cars at the end of the fireworks event.

TEMPORARY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: To address the Kentucky Revised Statute requirement to fill a vacancy within 30 days of a Council vacancy and realizing the next regular meeting is scheduled 35 days away Pozgay nominated Suzie Pozgay to fill, temporarily, the vacant position on the Bloomfield City Council as the result today's death of Donnie Holt. Nomination ceased and Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Cheek, to approve the temporary appointment. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

POLICE CHIEF KENNY DOWNS: Chief Downs spoke of 10 citations, 7 warnings and two to jail as current police activities within the city. He relayed that Officer Scott Dennis and he were asked to be pallbearers for Holt's service. He relayed that Officer Dennis has acquired a used, completely equipped, police cruiser that could possibly be sponsored for the City of Bloomfield.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Cheek asked about the sewer man hole cover that left a big hole in the street after paving. She also reported that the Utility Relocation Project downtown railing is presently at the powder coater and is soon to be installed on the Taylorsville Road downtown district sidewalks.

Howard expressed gratitude for the cleaning of Hinkle Creek in front of his property as this will defray possible blocking of the drain at the entrance of McKay Avenue. He also was grateful for the 35 MPH speed sign installed on Chaplin Road all the way to Pitstop Tire Shop.

Mays asked about the damaged concrete curbing around the "Welcome to Bloomfield" sign on Hill Street. He spoke of putting this on a "work order" to be fixed.

Pozgay wondered if installing traffic cameras at the traffic light to monitor traffic coming through town would defray break-ins during early hours of the morning.

Wimpsett relayed that Betty of Betty's Beauty Salon's expressed concern that dogs are allow to defecate on the grassy strip in front of her business and that her customers have stepped in it. She wanted to know what could be done to eliminate this problem. She also spoke of the East Fork Simpson Creek is causing erosion on her property and wants to know if there is anything that can be done.

Howard made motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk