

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan first led the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* before she called to order the regular monthly Bloomfield City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Firehouse. Council members present were Ann Agee, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. Public Works Superintendent Craig Werner and City Attorney Amanda Blincoe were absent. Kentucky Standard Editor Kenny Fogle attended.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of June 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Agee made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the minutes as written. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Mays made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the financial reports as presented. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC: No remarks were made by the public that was in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STATE OF THE CITY: Mayor Hagan said it was imperative that the citizens of the City of Bloomfield know that she and the City Council are being pro-active in it's diligence to find new revenues to close the funding gap in it's shortfall of revenues in regard to the fiscal year 2012-2013 city budget. Recent spending for the Utility Relocation Project, Arnold Lane's Safe Routes to School and Entrance Signs has been funded by state grants and the recent Marianna Dennis Estate. She relayed that the Waste Water Improvement project for a force main construction to Bardstown brought about recent discovery that water and sewer rates have not been raised for almost 10 years. With the possibility of sewer rates going up 400% Mayor Hagan and staff, Lincoln Trail Area Development District, and Strand Engineers invested many hours to seek out funding for the project that would only increase rates by 128%. Howard agreed that this revenue shortfall has been a long time evolving to where the City is now and if the city is going to survive it's going to have to meet its expenses. Mays encouraged the mayor to hire a financial consultant to evaluate the city's operation before any decisions are made to liquidate any assets or implement any sudden changes. The Mayor was to ask Lincoln Trail Area Development District and the Kentucky League of Cities if they provide such a service before she hires an outside source.

ORDINANCE 2012-83, UNDEVELOPED ROAD CLOSURE: Pozgay read the second reading of the ordinance to close undeveloped portion of Chestnut Avenue and Fairview Street. Mays made a motion to approve the ordinance. Duly second by Cheek *motion passed by the following 5-1 roll call vote: Agee-yes, Cheek-yes, Howard-yes, Mays-yes, Wimpsett-yes, Pozgay-no.*

STATE'S UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT: Howard reported that the project is in a holding pattern with the power company finished and waiting for the cable and phone company to finish their part of the project.

PROJECT REPORTS: Mayor Hagan said the Arnold Lane Sidewalk (Safe Routes to School Project) bid forms are being finalized. She received and is reviewing the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan. Music in the Park will begin in August. Mayor Hagan announced that Police Chief Mike Cotton has resigned due to the position going to part-time because of budget constraints. Hagan has advertised the part-time police officer position in several publications within a 30 mile radius of Bloomfield. She announced that the City has received a Tourism Grant for \$1,000 and she is working on a brochure printed to promote Bloomfield.

PAVING CITY STREETS: Mayor Hagan indicated that she and Public Works Superintendent Craig Werner have reviewed city street conditions and are ready to meet with Mago Construction Company in getting a bid for the asphalt laying that needs to be done. She will bring the estimate to next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENTS: City Attorney Amanda Blincoe will be asked to draft an ordinance to adopt changes to Section 3.1 (Administrative Official), Section 8.4 (Conservation Subdivisions) and Section 14.4 (Remedies) to the Nelson County Zoning Regulations. The joint City-County Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 12, 2012 and subsequently on June 26, 2012 and unanimously voted to recommend approval of the amendments. First reading may be held at next month's meeting.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Agee said the recent Picnic in the Park's July 7th fireworks event was great!

Cheek relayed that weeds and tree growth are encroaching city streets and asked if public works could do something about this.

Howard relayed that the creek is in bad shape across the street from his residence and warned that, in the past, debris blocked the culvert from a sudden deluge of rain and caused a great flood downtown.

Mays spoke of a home owner on McKay who wants permission to do away with concrete debris in the back of her lot that borders an alley that once belonged to the city.

Pozgay mentions that those property owners that border city streets have the responsibility to keep the weeds from growing in the cracks that join the blacktop.

Wimpsett thanked all those involved in the Picnic in the Park for their work and said it was successful once again.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk