

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD**  
**August 12, 2013**  
**VOLUME IV**

Mayor Rhonda Hagan lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag* before calling to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. Four council members present were Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. City Attorney Amanda Blincoe and Kentucky Standard Reporter Jennifer Corbett were also present. Council members Mark Mays and Susie Pozgay were absent.

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Council members were hand delivered a copy of the July 8th regular meeting minutes whereby the reading was waived. Pozgay then made motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the meeting minutes. *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**

Laura Barnett, Bloomfield citizen, introduced herself and explained her love of Bloomfield and that she has lived here for approximately 15 years. She expressed interest in filling the council position that is temporarily held by Citizen Susie Pozgay. Motion was made by Wimpsett, duly seconded by Walter Pozgay, to appoint Barnett to fill the temporary council position. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Terry Keith Broaddus was on hand to discuss the cleanup after the Wastewater Treatment Project which is the construction of the force main to Bardstown that is currently in progress.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2013-105, DEDICATED SERVICE OF DONNIE HOLT:** Pozgay read a resolution that expressed the City Council appreciation for recently deceased Donnie Holt's service to the City of Bloomfield and presented it to Donnie's wife, Francy. Pozgay then made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the resolution. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM K. DOWNS, JR. REPORT:** He made the announcement that Heaven Hill Distillery donated the funds to purchase a fully equipped 2004 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser. He also talked of 2 hour parking signs and speed study on Taylorsville Road and asked permission from the City, on behalf of the Betty's Hair Salon building owner, that the owner fill in the grassy strip with concrete as it is a commonly used area for dog defecation. Council gave their consensus. He also requested that the police department be equipped with digital hand held radios and mobile for the cruiser. Council agreed once again.

**RESOLUTION 2013-106, HEAVEN HILL DISTRILLERY DONATION:** Howard read the resolution that expressed appreciation of the Bloomfield City Council for Heaven Hill Distillery's \$3,750 donation to fund the fully equipped 2004 Ford Crown Victoria to provide for the protection, safety and welfare of the Citizens of Bloomfield. Motion was made by Cheek to approve the resolution. Duly seconded by Wimpsett, *motion carried by unanimous decision.* Pozgay publically thanked Chief Downs for his role in this beneficiary work on behalf of the City.

**2003 CHEVY IMPALA AND UPFIT DECLARED SURPLUS:** Motion was made by Pozgay, duly seconded by Howard, to declare this equipment surplus and to advertise these, separately, for sealed bid until 12:00 noon, Monday, September 9th, at which time bids will be opened. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**RESOLUTION 2013-107, TE-21, BLOOMFIELD BEAUTIFICATION GRANT:** Cheek read this resolution that validated a final budget and scope of work change for this 2004 Grant to expend approximately \$4,495 for a clock to be placed just beyond the city's right-of-way between Bart's Mart and the Bloomfield Baptist Church. Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to approve the resolution. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Wimpsett publically wished to thank Cheek for her many hours of work on this project and the downtown railing project.

**WATER/WASTEWATER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Howard emphasized that water and sewer rates historically were raised each time the City borrowed money from Rural Development and that RD would remain in the rate ordinance. Howard and Pozgay are still in review of the process to systematically raise rates and apply fees in regard to the city's enterprise water and sewer fund.

**WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** Mayor Hagan relayed that the force main from Bardstown construction is now working on Depot Street. Howard commended the staff and contractor for negotiations that allowed the contract to drill under Depot Street and not tear up the actual street thereby not having to shut down businesses along the construction route for a period of time. Mayor Hagan mentioned that October 2013 is the target month for completion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**SETTING THE 2013 TAX RATES:** After review the tax rate calculation spreadsheet Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to set the 2013 real property tax rate at the maximum allowable "up to" 4% rate of \$.256 per each \$100 value of real property. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Hence Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Cheek, to set the 2013 personal property tax rate at the \$.530 per each \$100 value of personal property (tangible). *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Council consensus was to accept the 1981 prearranged \$.275 per \$100 value for the 2014 motor vehicle tax rate.

**ORDINANCE 2013-91, SETTING THE TAX RATE:** Wimpsett read the first reading of the 2013 tax rate ordinance. Next, to hear comments on the proposed 2013 "up to" 4% real property tax rate, a public hearing was planned for Monday, September 9, at 6:20 p.m. before the regular Council meeting.

**ADDENDUM TO WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BARDSTOWN:** Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to authorize Mayor to sign and execute the Addendum between the City of Bardstown and the City of Bloomfield that accepts the rise in water rates from \$1.70 to \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons for all water in excess of 6,000,000 gallons but less than 12,000,000 gallons per month. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**PAVING OF SIMPSON CREEK ROAD:** Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Cheek, to authorize Mayor Hagan to sign and execute the Agreement between the City of Bloomfield and Nelson County for the County's resurfacing of Simpson Creek Road. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Hagan announced October 5, 2013 as the date for the upcoming event called "Bloomfield Barkfest". It will include dog contests, demonstrations, agility courses, etc. and will occur between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to various animal charities. Also, she announced that the Garden Club is planning a committee meeting for Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., at the Bloomfield Branch Library to begin plans for their first project; raised beds around the Depot Building (City Hall). Hagan presented a request from Mark Ball for the approval of the use of an existing "grease trap" structure in the 155 Arnold Lane building where he owns and plans to open a restaurant. Wimpsett made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the use of the existing grease trap structure contingent on the owner properly maintaining it each year. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

#### CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

*Pozgay* passed along complaints that parked cars are not staying inside the parking guide lines in the downtown business district. He says he's researching traffic cameras at the traffic light downtown.

#### ADJOURNE

Cheek made motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

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Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

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Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

