

**City of Bloomfield**  
**August 13, 2018**  
**Volume IV**

Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council @ 6:30pm at the Northeast Nelson firehouse and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Christopher Dudgeon, Denny Howard, Nathan Jones, Suzanne Marks and Janet Graves. Council member Laura Barnett was absent. City Attorney Amanda Deaton, Assistant Public works Superintendent Scott Thompson, Police Chief Scott Dennis, City Clerk Jean Jury and *Kentucky Standard* Reporter Dennis George were also present.

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Council members were emailed the meeting packets that included tonight's agenda and the July 9, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Reading of the minutes was waived. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dudgeon and duly seconded by Jones. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.* Howard, next, made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to accept the financial reports as presented. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**PROJECT STATUS:** Assistant Public Works Superintendent Scott Thompson reports the following:

- "S" curves KYTC project relocation of water mains: Bell Engineer Tony Harover's report states water main relocation is tentatively scheduled to begin on August 17, 2018. Thompson said that Hwy 62/Hwy55 will be shut down to one lane during the construction. He reports the project should conclude October or November. HICON Construction LLC was awarded the contract by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the preconstruction conference was held today at the 4<sup>th</sup> District Highway office.
- Hagan Road: Thompson also reports that County Engineer Brad Spalding has completed all the preliminary filing with the Division of Water and design in regard to this project. To expedite the project Thompson collaborated with Strand Engineers to draft a bid package, at no charge, since Spalding is covered up with County projects. Spalding agreed to send all the filings and designs to Strand Engineers.
- US62/KY48 Bridge Utility Relocation: Friday, August 10, Thompson met with HMB Engineer Kerry Odle and KYTC James Beauchamp to discuss specifications of the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2018-136; GERALD GILLIS RECOGNITION:** Howard read this resolution acknowledging former Mayor Gerald Gillis' faithful service to the city and the council's sympathy for his passing. Howard presented the resolution to Gillis' widow Nancy Gale. Jones made a motion, duly seconded by Marks, to approve the resolution. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*

**RESOLUTION 2018-137; CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION:** Howard read the resolution establishing a credit card account (issue limit of \$5,000 each) with Wilson & Muir & Trust of Bardstown for use by certain designated members of the Bloomfield Water & Sewer Company. Dudgeon made a motion, duly seconded by Marks, to authorize these users. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*

**ORDINANCE 2018-126; CITY ADOPTING COUNTY DRAINAGE ORDINANCE:** Dudgeon introduced and held the first reading of this ordinance to authorized the City to follow the County's drainage ordinance with the addition to the definition of *County Engineer* to include the phrase "and/or Bloomfield Public Works Superintendent".

**ORDINANCE 2018-127; AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-125:** Attorney Deaton, on behalf of the Council, introduced and held the first reading of this ordinance which adds Section 35.02(E) that states "as compensation for collecting taxes the Nelson County Sheriff shall be paid 4.25% of the amount collected on behalf of the City".

**SETTING THE 2018 TAX RATES:** After much discussion the following tax rates were approved:

- Real Property; Jones made a motion, duly seconded by Dudgeon, to adopt the 2018 real property compensating tax rate at 32.3 cents per \$100 assessment. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*
- Personal Property; Jones made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to adopt the 2018 personal property compensating rate at 30.87 cents per \$100 assessment. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*
- Motor vehicles; as in years prior to January 1, 1983 under House Bill 19 consensus was to allow the 27.5 cent maximum tax rate for 2019 tax year.

**ORDINANCE 2018-128; ADOPTING THE 2018 TAX RATE:** Jones introduced and conducted the first reading of the tax rate ordinance which adopts the compensating rate for both real and personal property.

**LITTER ABATEMENT FALL CAMPAIGN:** Clerk Jury informed the council that roadside pickup is offered again through the litter abatement program with Department of Waste Management. Two sections of the City are already spoken for by a Boy Scout troop. One more \$140 is available for the remaining section.

**PLANNING & ZONING LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2017-2018 CONTRIBUTION:** The City received a letter stating the City of Bloomfield's 2017-2018 obligation is \$3,687.88 which the city should expect a follow-up invoice from Fiscal Court this month.

**STREET PAVING:** Thompson, working from the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 annual budget for street paving, reports that he and Mayor Hagan have reviewed city streets. With quotes are coming in over \$20,000 it is realized that the job must be bid according to the Kentucky Procurement Law. Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Dudgeon to allow the mayor to advertise for bid certain city streets to be paved with the option that the city could choose, from the winning bid, the high priority streets to pave in order to stay within the FY 2018-2019 paving budget. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*

**CELL TOWER ANGST:** Howard emphatically expressed his disappointment of the lack of media coverage by the local *Ky Standard* in regard to the public being updated on the AT&T cell tower dilemma that resulted from the revoked Arnold Lane Cell Tower application by AT&T and public hearing cancelled due to a complaint from a member of the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC). AT&T noted the complaint stated that the cell tower location was detrimental to the historical character of the land adjacent to the planned area where it would have been constructed. Howard noted that the city, along with businesses, have participated in forming a consulting committee, partnering with the KHC, to be a voice for the need of the tower. No meetings have been scheduled and little contact has been had by anyone on the committee and AT&T. Mayor Hagan says KHC is waiting on AT&T, then AT&T says they are waiting on KHC, in regard to the actual talks about the Bloomfield area cell tower.

**NUISANCE VIOLATION PROCEDURE:** Mayor Hagan met with Attorney Deaton to lay out the process to address nuisance violations. Thompson requested to purchase a rotary cutter to address some of the unresolved nuisance properties. He read three quotes: Meade Equipment-\$6,332, Bradco \$6,900 and Whayne Supply Co. - \$7,200. After Mayor Hagan noted it is within the budget Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Dudgeon, to authorize the rotary mower purchase (JD RC78B) FOR \$6,332. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Dudgeon made a motion to go into executive session in accordance with KRS 61.810(1)d for a discussion which might lead to the appointment, dismissal or discipline of an individual employee. With Howard's second *motion carried by unanimous decision.* With no action being taken motion was made by Graves and seconded by Howard to come out of executive session. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:** Dudgeon made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to appoint Thompson as Public Works Superintendent. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Howard next made a motion, duly seconded by Marks, to authorize a \$3 raise to accompany the promotion. *Motion carried by a 4-1 decision* with Jones casting the negative vote. Jones indicated that the former Superintendent worked nearly 30 years to receive the almost the same pay and this pay rate leaves little room for future pay increases.

## **REPORTS**

**Mayor:** Mayor Hagan gave a report on the findings other area swimming pool administration and budgets. She ascertained that more evaluations need to be made.

**Police Chief Report:** Chief Dennis relayed 48 citations, 76 violations, 6 arrest, 3 warrant, 15 City dispatch calls and 10 county assists. He announced that Dwayne Reed has been released from sick leave and is back on the job.

**Public Works:** Thompson informed the Council that tomorrow is the first day of the Bardstown Water Company's first phase in regard to changing from chorine to disinfectant chloramines for water treatment. He said Bloomfield customers should not experience any water delays.

**Council Members:** Dudgeon announced he has filed for mayor for the upcoming non-partisan election in November. Jones announced a city-wide yard sale for September 21-22 and asked the city to order a banner for advertisement ahead of time. His hope is that this will become an annual event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Howard, and duly seconded by Graves, to adjourn the meeting @ 8:36 pm. *Motion was carried by unanimous decision.*

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Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

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Mayor Rhonda Hagan