

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD

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VOLUME IV

Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Nelson Fire House and lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Janet Graves, Denny Howard and Suzanne Marks. Members Jim Glisson and Ann Martin were absent. City Attorney Amanda Deaton, Public Works Superintendent Rick Jewell, Police Chief Scott Dennis, and City Clerk Jean Jury were also present. Also present was *Ky Standard* reporter Dennis George.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were emailed the meeting packets that included tonight's agenda and the September 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Reading of the minutes was waived. Marks made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to approve the regular meeting minutes. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.*** Next, Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the financial reports as presented. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

FROM THE PUBLIC

Chief Dennis introduced Bardstown Officer Timmy Simpson who presented a proposal, on behalf of the Bloomfield Police Department, to equip the two police cruisers with the latest computer and electronic equipment which would enable the Bloomfield Police Department to become more efficient in law enforcement. After a lengthy review of cost estimates the Council was in consensus with Barnett who suggested the Chief get more concrete figures before the Council would consider the investment and present these at the November meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUIR ALLEY AND EAST SIDE DOCTOR'S ALLEY CLOSURE: Attorney Deaton informed the Council that the City is still waiting on the surveyor for the Wooten Alley survey so that she may draft the closure with the proper meets and bounds of the adjoining property owners. Once she gets approval from the adjoining owners she will be able to begin the process to close the alley.

BARDSTOWN-NELSON COUNTY TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION: No report was sent from Martin in regard to the selection of banners using the \$1,100 Bardstown/Nelson County Tourism Commission Grant.

FARMERS MARKET: Barnett announces that the market season seems to be done. She said she is going to ask the Coulters to bring pumpkins and mums to Saturday's market this week. She was certain the market made some progress this year as it comes to a close on October 21st.

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS:

- 2017 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Jewell announced the project has been advertised for bids and the bids would be opened October 17th at Bloomfield City Hall.
- US 62/HWY 48 Bridges Utilities Relocation Project: Jewell insinuated that the work is slated to begin summer of 2018.
- US 62/HWY 55 Utility Relocation KYTC Project: No report.
- Hagan Road Project: No report.

LITTER ABATEMENT FALL CAMPAIGN: Clerk Jury noted that the Cub Scout Troop 99 and Bloomfield Church of God have both signed up for the campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER GLISSON RESIGNS: Mayor Hagan, to her regret, read the letter of resignation from Jim Glisson effective September 14, 2017. It stated he was making room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the job. Howard noted Glisson has been a great asset to the Council giving much time and effort to make Bloomfield a great place to live. He would be missed.

COUNCIL FILLS THE VACANCY: Glisson sought out a candidate to fill his position before submitting his resignation letter. He sent his recommendation that resident Christopher M. Dudgeon would be a good candidate to fill the seat. Dudgeon was present to accept the position, effective the November 13th meeting, if it was the Council's decision. Marks made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to appoint Dudgeon to fill the vacant seat. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

HALLOWEEN: Graves asked the Council if they were going to contribute to the Bloomfield Baptist Church "Trick or Trunk" party as they did last year. Marks made a motion, duly seconded by Graves, to donate \$200 once again to help defray costs for this community event. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* All kids are invited. Chief Dennis has scheduled both officers to be on duty during the 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. event.

REPORTS

MAYOR: Mayor Hagan reported that Public Works Assistant Superintendent Scott Thompson is working on the upgrade to the City's Emergency Disaster Plan. She also noted he has a real concern about the fact that the Bloomfield Housing Authority Creekview Apartments has only one entrance and exit which is a potential for a disaster.

PATROL OFFICER REPORT: With Mayor Hagan's support Chief Dennis announced that the department is set up to work more hours over the 100 hour per month limit under the County Employment Retirement System (CERS). The city has complied with the process from SB 206 which allows retired officers to work beyond those hours and the city and officer not is liable for paying into CERS. Graves made a motion, duly seconded by Howard, to authorize the officers to put in more hours because of the new SB 206 legislation. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Dennis presented his report: 37 citations, 50 violations, 8 dispatches, 2 arrests, and 7 county runs.

ADJOURNMENT

~~Glisson~~ Howard made motion, duly seconded by Graves, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk
Date: _____

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

