

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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VOLUME IV

Councilman Denny Howard presided over the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. He opened with the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag* before calling the meeting to order. Additional council members present were Laura Barnett, Tracye Cheek, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. City Attorney Amanda Rogers (Blincoe) Deaten, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell, Police Chief Kenny Downs and Kentucky Standard Reporter Jennifer Corbett were also present. Mayor Rhonda Hagan and councilman Mark Mays were absent.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered a copy of the September 9, 2013 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, Pozgay made a motion, duly seconded by Barnett, to approve the financial reports as presented. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CITY RECYCLING: Howard relayed on behalf of Mayor Hagan that the recycling program by the Nelson County Landfill has met with discord as undesirable items are being left at the bin at the police garage in front of City Hall. The Landfill informed the city that they intend to charge the city \$7.00 for each trip with these bins to the Landfill. Howard informed the Council that Mayor Hagan discontinued the service temporarily as paying to empty at the Landfill was not acceptable and contrary to the recycling program.

LITTER ABATEMENT FALL CAMPAIGN: Clerk Jury announced that three organizations have been assigned to the campaign. Two of those were Cub Scout Troop #99 lead by Kim Goff and a fund raiser for a ministry mission trip to Haiti for the son of Carol Thompson.

WATER & SEWER:

- Howard asked Pozgay to read, for the first time, a *Water & Sewer Rate Amendment Ordinance 2013-92* that included scheduled increases for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Howard drafted this ordinance as a result of the recent increase in the water purchase by Bardstown, effective October 2013. Additionally he cited the Waste Water Improvement Project (force main to Bardstown) is almost complete and with the activation (possibly December 1, 2013) of the new system Bloomfield will begin paying for sewer treatment by the Bardstown Sewer Plant.
- Jewell spoke to the Council about the City's policy in regard to giving the customer an adjustment (sewer credit) for the fill of swimming pools and how unfair it is that people who water lawns and gardens do not get the same treatment. After much discussion about the loss of revenues due to this policy and based on fairness Barnett made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to change the policy to read that there would be no adjustment for the fill of swimming pools. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision.***
- Jewell next talked about a letter Clerk Jury sent out in the property tax bills that addressed the sump pump issue and the disconnection of all pumps that collect ground water be disconnected from the sewer lines as every gallon sent to Bardstown will be paid for by Bloomfield. He said he's got a good response from the letters and has offered to help with a resolution to customer's concerns in regard to this issue.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM K. DOWNS, JR. REPORT: The chief relayed that the department has issued 10 citations - 3 of which were expired tags. He noted that the Dollar Store has asked for extra patrol as they are experiencing higher volumes of shop lifting. He reported that the Crown Victoria's digital radio has been received and that Joe Prewitt will install it at no cost to the city. He still has not heard from the Taylorsville Road speed study. He hopes the Taylorsville Road parking spaces are restriped soon as it will eliminate confusion. He spoke of Officer Dennis' initiative to display the Crown Victoria with it's bumper message "Heaven Hill reminds you to... think wisely, drink wisely" at the recent Bourbon Festival held this past September 17-22, 2013.

BARKFEST: Clerk Jury reported that this event, organized by a local group, was a success. Over 300 people attended. She said comments received was that it was well organized. Murdered Bardstown Canine Officer Jason Ellis' dog "Figo" was celebrity of the event and the Nelson County Sheriff Deputy Canine Officer Jerry Hardin and Bardstown Police Canine Officer Kyler Wright brought their canine units and canines. They demonstrated law enforcement practices using the three canines they brought.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2013-109, Dedicated Service of Henry Cobble: Acknowledging former City Councilman Henry Cobble's passing on September 23, 2013, Howard asked Jury to read the resolution that noted his 22 year reign on the Bloomfield City Council, long-time member of the old Tobacco Festival Committee, and organizer of the street numbering system in 1989 for the City of Bloomfield. Clerk Jury, upon the consensus of the City Council, presented his widow, Sandra Cobble, with a plaque to express the Council's sympathy for Henry's passing. Son, Robbie Cobble, was on hand for the presentation.

HALLOWEEN "TRICK OR TREAT": Cheek made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay, to set 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013 as the scheduled time for "Trick or Treat". *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Barnett asked that the city warn guardians of "Trick or Treaters" from stopping their vehicles on Fairfield Hill Road from house to house as it causes flow-through traffic problems. She suggests they park at the Bloomfield Memorial Park and then walk their children up and down Fairfield Hill Road.

Cheek spoke of the railing being constructed on downtown sidewalks and commented on the yellow ballards mounted at the barriers around the utility boxes at the Olde Bloomfield Meeting Hall parking lot.

Howard commended Jewell for the job he has done in regard to the waste water improvement project and felt the public should know of his dedication to the City and their customers.

Pozgay asked to have both officers on duty to patrol the City of Bloomfield streets during the 5 to 8 p.m. "Trick or Treat" period on October 31, 2013.

ADJOURNE

Pozgay made motion, duly seconded by Cheek, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

Marlin D. Howard, Councilman President

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor