

City of Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026
6:30 p.m. EDT

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dudgeon by led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Mayor Dudgeon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Presiding Officer Mayor Dudgeon

Council Members: Todd Sweazy
 John Hammond
 Tina Long
 Laura Barnett
 Scott Stevenson
 Ken Lemoine

Public Works Super: Derrick Hagan

Police Chief: Eddie Whitworth (arrived approximately at 7:15 pm)

City Clerk: Toni Burton

Approval of the June 1, 2026 Special Called meeting minutes

Tina Long made the motion to approve the June 1, 2026 meeting minutes.

Second by Laura Barnett. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the May 2026 Financial Statements:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Statements.

Second by Todd Sweazy. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department Report:

Mayor Dudgeon shared that Eddie was in the process of taking two (2) people to jail and he will be late getting here.

Chief Whitworth arrived approximately at 7:15 p.m. and had nothing to report.

Water Co. Report:

Water Superintendent Derrick Hagan reported on the following topics:

- Still working on pricing for chemicals for sewage.
- Finally found somebody to do the railing by the clock.

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Water Co. Report Continued:

Todd Sweazy asked if we are still waiting on the pumps. Derrick said yes, they have given us a tentative date of the second week of July.

Second reading of the 2026-02 Ordinance Amending FY 2026 Budget Ordinance:

Mayor Dudgeon read the second reading of the 2026-02 Ordinance Amending FY 2026 Budget Ordinance. Todd Sweazy made the motion to approve the ordinance. Second by Tina Long. Mayor Dudgeon asked for a roll call vote.

Todd Sweazy	yes
John Hammond	yes
Tina Long	yes
Laura Barnett	yes
Scott Stevenson	yes
Ken Lemoine	yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of the 2026-03 Budget Ordinance for FY 2027:

Mayor Dudgeon read the second reading of the 2026-03 Budget Ordinance for FY 2027. Tina Long made the motion to approve the ordinance. Second by John Hammond. Mayor Dudgeon asked for a roll call vote.

Todd Sweazy	yes
John Hammond	yes
Tina Long	yes
Laura Barnett	yes
Scott Stevenson	yes
Ken Lemoine	yes

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dudgeon reported on the following topics:

- The VFW Flag dedication at the cemetery is this Saturday. An exact time has not been set yet.
- Mayor Dudgeon said people have reached out to him asking about the property tax rate that was set last September. There is some misinformation going around and a couple of the council members suggested we talk about this in a meeting with the public here. As many of you know when we set the property tax rate, we had three (3) meetings. At the first meeting, we set the rate and had the first reading of the ordinance. There was no vote taken. Then at the second meeting, rate was already established, and we did the second reading of the ordinance. A vote was taken and it was a tie. Mayor Dudgeon said he voted yes to break the tie. However, because there was an error with the motion; we had to have a third meeting. At the third meeting, the vote was passed in a 3 to 2 vote. Mayor Dudgeon did not have to vote at the third meeting.
- Last, Mayor Dudgeon shared Dan Sutherland with Blendpac is donating the remaining balance for the basketball project. The money from Bloomfield Tobacco festival and the money from Blendpac will pay for the striping and basketball goal.

Council Report:

John asked if there have been any issues since opening the bathrooms at the park. Derrick said, no. Mayor Dudgeon shared that somebody had called the police on Derrick; because they thought he was breaking into one of the buildings at the park.

Scott asked Mayor Dudgeon to post on the city's Facebook page with 4th of July approaching aerial fireworks are not allowed within city limits.

Ken asked the public to raise their hands if they like the flock cameras. Next Ken asked the public to raise their hands if they want the flock cameras to go away. Ken said he is going to draft something to get rid of the flock cameras. Laura Barnett said the flock cameras cost \$10,000 dollars each.

Council members Todd, Tina, and Laura had nothing to report on.

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Public Comment:

Karen Beiderman introduced herself and read a letter she wrote. The letter accuses Mayor Dudgeon allowing checks written and cashed to family members and a close friend. Karen said the checks was written off city bank accounts and did not have receipts for the checks. Karen continued to claim another city worker would make racial slurs to other city workers and customers. Karen then said she had a 200 page legal document where Chris repeatedly said he didn't know or would plea the 5th to questions he was asked by Karen's attorney.

Tim Hutchins (Nelson County Judge Executive) passed out handouts to each council member, city attorney, mayor and city clerk. Tim read the handout (talking about things the Nelson County does for the citizens of Bloomfield). Tim then shared his dissatisfaction for the City of Bloomfield not allowing Nelson County provide trash services for them. Tim asked the council to rescind their vote and let Nelson County provide trash services.

Brad Spalding said Nelson County cares about Bloomfield and would like to work with the city.

John Greenwell shared his dissatisfaction that the City of Bloomfield did not go with Nelson County for trash services.

Leslie Snow said the final reason the city went with Rumpke because Rumpke decided on a \$1.50 fee per house to go to the city for the phone calls being handled at city hall. Leslie then read a letter she wrote about Jenkins family whose house caught on fire back in 2021. Leslie claimed the mayor took up donation to give the family and took over 2 years to give it to them. Leslie asked the mayor why it took so long. Mayor Dudgeon asked if the family is here to comment. Leslie said no. Leslie then continued to read her letter quoting things these family members allegedly said. Leslie then said that Audrey (city attorney) is the attorney for all of the city; not just Chris. Leslie claimed to live in Bloomfield for over 18 years and said people hate her because she questions Chris.

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Adjourn:

Tina Long made the motion to adjourn. Second by Ken Lemoine.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on July 20, 2026



Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor



Toni Burton, City Clerk