

City of Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026
6:30 p.m.

A Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Northeast Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry Street, Bloomfield Kentucky.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dudgeon led in 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
City Attorney:	Audrey Haydon-Blackmon
Public Works Super:	Derrick Hagan (arrived at 6:50pm)
City Clerk:	Toni Burton

Other Guest: see sign in sheet

Approval of the April 20, 2026 meeting minutes:

Laura Barnett made the motion to approve the April 20, 2026 meeting minutes.
Second by Todd Sweazy. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 2026 Financial Statements:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the April 2026 financial statements.
Second by Laura Barnett.

Ken Lemoine questioned the sewer payment to City of Bardstown (sewer error).

Mayor Dudgeon explained when installing the new building Bardstown had estimated a couple of months low and then when they recognized the issue, they had to correct the amount.

Ken Lemoine questioned the visa charge. Toni explained on the financial statements you see the bill amount. That amount is made up multiple transactions. For the water company, if the guys are out in the field working and they stop somewhere to get supplies. They may have to use the card to make those purchases.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Bloomfield Tobacco Festival:

Mayor Dudgeon said last month ladies from the Bloomfield Tobacco Festival came and talked about donating funds to the city. In your packet is the quote for the basketball goal, striping, and them installing it. The quote is \$5510 dollars the Bloomfield Tobacco festival wrote the city a check for \$3500 dollars. Laura Barnett questioned where the other \$2010 dollars would come from. Mayor Dudgeon said we can look at trying to get a donation or building it into next year's budget. Mayor Dudgeon said if nobody objected we would move forward with this. Nobody objected.

Garbage Services:

Mayor Dudgeon said a copy of the quotes for the rebidding the garbage service was in your council packets. There were total of (3) bids from Rumpke, Waste Management, and Nelson County. Chris Pierce with Rumpke is the only representative here tonight and the mayor open the floor for the council ask questions. John Hammond asked if somebody was to set several bulky items out would Rumpke pick them all out or will it just be (1) one this week and (1) one next week. Chris Pierce said depending on what the items are and how big they are. There have been times when there are multiple items out and Rumpke picks them all up. However, if they are very large items, it may take several trips to get everything picked up. John asked about totes. Mayor Dudgeon said he asked Chris if everybody had to get a tote or could some get them and others don't. Chris with Rumpke said if the city handles the billing than yes Rumpke can make that happened. John Hammond made the motion to move forward with the Rumpke quote and allow the city to do the billing. Second by Tina. Scott Stevenson said he does not agree with it and made a motion to go with the county. Audrey said we already have a motion the floor and would have to take action on that vote before proceeding ahead. After more discussion was finished, Mayor Dudgeon asked for a roll call vote.

Ken Lemoine	No
Scott Stevenson	No
Laura Barnett	No
Tina Long	yes
John Hammond	yes
Todd Sweazy	yes

Mayor Dudgeon said there are three (3) yeses and three (3) no's therefore he must vote to break the tie. Mayor Dudgeon voted yes and Rumpke was awarded the contract. Scott Stevenson said remember that come November.

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Police Department Report:

Mayor Dudgeon said that Chief Whitworth is not here tonight, and really didn't have anything to report.

Water Co. Report:

Derrick was not available.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dudgeon said our yearly budget workshop date needs to be set. Mayor Dudgeon asked if 6:30pm on June 1st work for everybody. John said it would not work for him. Todd was unsure. The rest of the council was fine with it. Ken Lemoine asked if we could order pizza. Mayor Dudgeon said we will meet June 1st at 6:30p.m.

Council Report:

Ken Lemoine wanted to talk about public safety issue. Ken said for over six months he has been involved in an ongoing issue with over grown vegetation and cannot get a clear answer if the property is in compliance. Ken went on to say this morning the property had a crew out there with chainsaw and made some progress. Ken said he has tried to get something done through Nelson County Code Enforcement and now trying to go through Bloomfield Nuisance Ordinance. Ken said he is trying to get answers if the property is in compliance and a timeline if not. Mayor Dudgeon asked Ken if he wanted him (the mayor) to address the council about this. Ken said he wants to make a motion to make Nelson County Code Enforcement to do a formal inspection of the property, issue written termination notice of compliance, if violation is found then enforce city code and report back to council with in fourteen (14) days. Mayor Dudgeon said the city council cannot make a motion enforcing another government entity to take action. Ken said this is Bloomfield nuisance ordinance. Audrey said you still cannot force another government agency to take action. Mayor Dudgeon shared this was Ken's neighbor and explained the situation. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say a letter has been mailed and he personally had spoken with the homeowner. Per the homeowner today (5/18/26) they were having vegetation cut down and a fence installed. Ken has already recognized people are out there working. Mayor Dudgeon also shared that Chief Whitworth had reached out to the property owner and Ken on Friday about some of Ken's property on the other property owners' property. Mayor Dudgeon explained the option of doing away with the city's nuisance ordinance and going with Nelson County Code Enforcement.

Scott Stevenson asked the status of Thomas. Mayor Dudgeon shared that he is still off on workers comp. Scott Stevenson asked about the status of the truck that was involved in the wreck. Mayor Dudgeon explained we are getting back a little more than \$17,000 dollars.

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Council Report Continues:

Scott asked how much longer are we using Ricky Jewell. He understood the situation is different with Thomas being at, but we may need to look at hire him or somebody else either full or part time. Mayor Dudgeon said, okay.

Council members Laura Barnett, Tina Long, John Hammond, and Todd Sweazy had nothing to share.

Public Comment:

Angie Keeling said we need to get rid of the nuisance ordinance. Then Angie accused Tina, John, and Todd not caring about the citizens of Bloomfield. Todd thanked Angie's comment, but disagreed with it. There was some discussion back and forth.

Quintin Byrd introduced himself and said he will be running for city council.

Leslie Snow asked who is suppose to empty the trash cans that set out in front of local businesses. Mayor Dudgeon said you just mentioned this is public comment not Q&A; and now you just asked a question. Leslie continued to question council members. Angie said it's not the business owner's responsibility.

Michelle Lawson introduced herself and said her and Quitin are teaming up to run for city council.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting minutes approved on June 1, 2026


Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor


Toni Burton, City Clerk