

Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

6:30 p.m.

A regular schedule City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday April 15, 2024 at the Northeast Nelson County Fire Department, 130 Perry St. Bloomfield, Kentucky.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dudgeon invited those who wanted to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Presiding Officer:	Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor
Council Members:	Todd Sweazy
	John Hammond
	Tina Long
	Judy Wilson
	Scott Stevenson
	Laura Barnett
City Clerk:	Toni Burton

Public Comments:

Joe Goodlett provided each of the council members a copy of a police budget. Joe asked the council to consider it for the upcoming fiscal year.

Angie Keeling said she is a big believer in actions speak louder than words. She accused Mayor Dudgeon being like a hypocrite for firing Karen Biederman for speaking out at council meetings. However, last month when Joe Goodlett spoke he was treated very condescending and rude. Angie said she finds it ironic the mayor would allow this behavior when people get up to speak their opinion. Especially after somebody has been fired for speaking out. Angie claimed there are a lot of people who live in the city limits of Bloomfield that do not pay city property taxes. She has renters that do not pay, there are elected officials that

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Public Comments Continues:

do not pay. Angie told the council she feels like everybody should have the right to speak. Mayor Dudgeon replied, okay.

Leslie Calvert said she wanted to add that there are council members that are not citizens and Toni is not a citizen. She lives in E-town. Not being a citizen, not paying taxes is getting old. Were here because we care. Leslie went on to say at last month's meeting and the council went into executive session. We were out there talking including Ramon. Just having general conversation and Ken mentioned that he lost a good friend while on the council due to talking to members of the BARK group. Leslie said she wants to understand; is there a problem with council members speaking to bark group. Mayor Dudgeon said, Ken is not here and that he cannot speak on his behalf. Leslie replied with any issues. Mayor Dudgeon said we have talked about a lot of issues. I don't understand what you are asking. Leslie said a council member started the BARK group. Jamie is the one who started the BARK group. It's about accountability and reform. Everybody needs accountability and reform. Leslie said she continues to hear rumors about there being problems with council members talking to the BARK group. I don't understand; is there a problem with that. Mayor Dudgeon said he does not have a problem with it. Angie said that Joe and herself met with Ken at the library; while he was still on the council. They met to discuss what Mayor Dudgeon had discussed with Laura Judy, and Leslie. While at the library somebody took a picture. Leslie asked Mayor Dudgeon if he had an issue with that. Mayor Dudgeon replied, that's his right to do so. Leslie said, good I'm glad to hear that. Laura Barnett said that the council is here to represent everybody. It is normal and expected for the council to enter act with people. That's how their complaints are heard.

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Approval of the March 25, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes:

Judy Wilson made the motion to approve the March 25, 2024 Special Called meeting minutes. Second by Tina Long. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Approval of the March 2024 Financial Statements:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the March 2024 financial statements. Second by John Hammond. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Water Department Update:

Mayor Dudgeon shared that Derrick is out sick tonight and the only thing to report was Cornish Lane water line is completely in. They are going to contact state and take samples. If that all goes well; then they hope to start connecting people up in about 2 weeks.

Christmas Parade Account:

Mayor Dudgeon shared that back in January he had told council the Christmas Parade Committee was going out on their own. They are now ready to do that. Mayor Dudgeon said we need a motion to disband the Christmas Parade Committee.

Tina Long made the motion to disband the Christmas Parade Committee. Second by Scott Stevenson. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Mayor Dudgeon went on to say there is \$12,041.48 in the Christmas Parade bank account that was donated to them. I believe the city transfer those funds to them. Judy Wilson made the motion to give the \$12041.48 to the Christmas Parade Committee. Second by Tina Long. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

John Hammond asked all those funds were donations; none of it is city funds. Mayor Dudgeon said all of it is donations. The city did not provide any funds to them.

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Scott Stevenson asked Mayor Dudgeon if we were going to hold the funds until they open their account. Mayor Dudgeon said yes.

Ethics Committee:

Mayor Dudgeon said he was planning to give an update on the ethics committee. Thomas the city attorney does not have the new ordinance completed yet.

Park Update:

Council member John Hammond shared that he and Derrick met with Paul. An engineer from Strand Engineering about things they are wanting to do at the park. Paul is willing to work with the city. Paul sent me the steps the city needs to take to go through this process. One of the things Paul recommended we do a GEO Tech testing. John explained what GEO Tech testing is. Paul gave John 3 names of organizations that do Geo testing. John is working on getting quotes from them.

Mayor Dudgeon shared that him and John along with Toni met with some people from Lincoln Trail Area Development District. Toni is working on a grant for the park.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dudgeon shared information about upcoming KLC training for the council. Mayor Dudgeon asked Toni to e-mail the council the information about it.

Mayor Dudgeon share information about Pancake Breakfast, Car Show, and JD Shelburne concert events.

Council Member's Report:

Laura Barnett said she is still going through the new employee handbook and asked if we could add it to the agenda for next month's meeting. Mayor Dudgeon said that if you have any questions about it get with Toni. That way Toni can get in contact with Chris Johnson and have him come down.

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Council Member's Report Continues:


Judy Wilson shared the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. She thanked everybody that came out.

Scott, Tina, John, and Todd had nothing to share.


Adjourn:

Judy Wilson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Tina Long. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting minutes approved on May 20, 2024



Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor



Toni Burton, City Clerk