

City of Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

A regular scheduled City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday, July 15, 2024 at the East Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry St. Bloomfield, Kentucky.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Dudgeon lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

Presiding Officer:	Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor
Council Members:	John Hammond Todd Sweazy Tina Long Judy Wilson Scott Stevenson Laura Barnett
City Attorney:	Audrey Haydon-Blackmon
Public Works Sup:	Derrick Hagan
City Clerk:	Toni Burton

**Approval of the June 17, 2024 meeting minutes:**

Tina Long made the motion to approve the June 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Laura Barnett second the motion. Laura Barnett asked for a description being added to the minutes pertaining to the roll call vote on the budget ordinance. Laura went on to say the budget ordinance did not provide means to hire a non-retired officer. Mayor Dudgeon said that Toni went back and listened to the minutes and that statement was not made in that meeting, but would add it into this meeting minutes.  
By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Approval of the June 2024 Financial Statements:**

Judy Wilson made the motion to approve the June 2024 financial statements. Second by Tina Long. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Bridge Project- Eagle Scouts: Jacob Willett:**

Jacob Willett shared there is a small wooden bridge on the walking trail at the park. The bridge is very bad shape. Jacob went on to share that he wanted to replace that bridge as part of his Eagle Scout certification. After some discussion Jacob was given permission from Mayor Dudgeon to move forward with the project.

**Water Co. Update- Derrick Hagan:**

Public Works Superintendent Derrick Hagan shared the city is planning to do smoke testing August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Derrick went on to say individuals from KY Rural Water will be down here to assist in the process.

**First Reading of the 2024-2 Ethics Ordinance:**

Tina Long made the motion to introduce the 2024-2 Ethics Ordinance.  
Second by Judy Wilson. City Attorney read the first reading of the summary.

**Public Comments:**

Angie Keeling asked why the city is using Waste Management for garbage services with all the complaints. Mayor Dudgeon said the city could look into changing providers if the council wanted to. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say the city has had a few complaints, but all of those have been resolved.

Angie Keeling asked what the process is going to be in choosing a person to serve on the Ethics Board and does that person have to live inside city limits. Mayor Dudgeon replied, yes that person does have to live within city limits and the council will have to elect a person.

Judy Wilson asked if people know of anybody willing to serve to please bring those names to the council members.

Lesley Calvert said last month there was a huge discussion about advertising at \$25 dollars and now we are advertising \$30 dollars an hour. Have we been able to do that the whole time? Mayor Dudgeon said a motion was made last month to advertise at that amount. It does not mean somebody will be hired at that amount. The council still needs to fix the Pay Classification Plan.

Leslie asked where the free advertisement posting is. Mayor Dudgeon replied KLC website. Leslie asked where are we going with the county? Do you have a time limit? Mayor Dudgeon said he does not have a time limit. The only way the city can join the county is if the council votes to do it.

Leslie said when other people are speaking we need to respect each other.

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**Public Comments Continues:**

Betty Elliott asked what the process is to getting sponsors for the park projects. Mayor Dudgeon shared that we are waiting to hear back from state on the grant. If the city is awarded the grant the city will then send out letters to local businesses. Betty asked when we get donations could we possibly put a sign or something up with there names on it? Mayor Dudgeon said the city could look into that.

Betty Elliott asked how she could get a garbage tote. Mayor Dudgeon told her to contact Karen at city hall.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Dudgeon reported on the following topics:

- New camera system for the park and city hall is up and going.
- New flooring has been installed at city hall.
- The auditors are working FY23 audit and once completed will begin FY 24 audit
- Mayor Dudgeon said we have had 68 applicants from Indeed (20 part time & 48 full time). Out of the 68 applicants 3 of them were certified officers. 2 of them were out of state and 1 of those resigned under administrative issues. The other officer is a retired officer from Lebanon Junction. Toni is sending some open records request.
- Mayor Dudgeon reported the railing on Fairfield Hill Road has been fixed

**Council Report:**

John Hammond shared he got an e-mail from Geo Tech Survey and there is work that needs to be done to make that area stable and with hold over time. John asked the engineer if he could provide an estimate. The engineer then reached out to another company about it. The estimate was between \$7500 dollars to \$10 thousand dollars. John said he also reached out to Tennis Technology to give us an updated quote on the entire project, but has not heard back from them yet. Mayor Dudgeon said the original motion was made to use ARPA funds for this project. The original estimate for the athletic courts was less than \$100,000 dollars; so there is money there to do this project.

Judy Wilson shared that she had been talking with a resident who drives over 50 miles to go play pickleball. Judy said when she told this person the city is looking to install courts at the park they were excited. Judy said this will be a big boost for the city.

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## Council Report Continues:

Scott Stevenson said he noticed the light pole on the bridge has been knocked down again and asked do we still have to continue to put it up? Mayor Dudgeon said those are considered historical. We are going to get it fixed this time, but we may need to have this conversation again.

Laura Barnett said to follow up from last month's meeting where we discussed her bringing a resolution to change the pay scale. Laura said she went back and looked and on the August 12, 2019 meeting the council established the maximum pay for each grade. Grade 1 includes city clerk, police chief, and the superintendent with a max pay of \$30 dollars an hour. Then grade 2 includes a max pay of \$13 to \$26 dollars. Then ordinance 119 talks about the mayor is has the authority to change an employee to a different job classification. Laura asked if a police officer could be changed to grade 1. Audrey said she interprets that the mayor has the authority to move the person from one position to another. Audrey said that she does not think that gives the mayor the authority to change the pay classification. Since we are a mayor-council form of government the council will have to amend their pay classification plan. Mayor Dudgeon said with the Indeed post, and the Sheriff's department going up to \$33 dollars an hour we were already going to amend the pay classification plan. Mayor Dudgeon invited Laura to work with Toni and himself; so, at next month's meeting we can present a new pay scale and pay classification plan to the council.

## Adjourn:

Judy Wilson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Stevenson. Motin carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on August 19, 2024

  
Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor

  
Toni Burton, City Clerk

City of Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

A regular scheduled City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday, August 19, 2024 at the East Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry St., 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: Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor

Council Members: John Hammond

Todd Sweazy

Tina Long

Judy Wilson

Scott Stevenson

Laura Barnett

City Attorney: Audrey Haydon-Blackmon

Public Works Sup. Derrick Hagan

City Clerk: Toni Burton

**Approval of the July 15, 2024 meeting minutes:**

Tina Long made the motion to approve the July 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Second by Todd Sweazy. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the July 2024 Financial Statements:**

Laura Barnett made the motion to approve the July 2024 financial statements. Second by John Hammond. Motion carried unanimously.

**Water Co. Update – Derrick Hagan:**

Derrick Hagan shared on the following topics:

- Started smoke testing last week. Got a little more to do. Once completed Derrick said he will create a list of items to be fixed.
- Reminded folks that he is working on the lead and copper survey. Anybody's house that was built in 1988 and older the maintenance guys will have to dig up the lines to check them.