

City of Bloomfield Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2025

6:30 p.m.

A Special Called City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the East Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry Street Bloomfield, Kentucky.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dudgeon 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: Ken Lemoine

Laura Barnett

Tina Long

John Hammond

Todd Sweazy

Police Chief: Eddie Whitworth

Maintenance Super: Derrick Hagan

City Clerk: Toni Burton

Record reflects council member Scott Stevenson was not present.

Approval of the June 16, 2025 meeting minutes:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the June 16, 2025 meeting minutes.

Second by Laura Barnett.

Approval of the June 2025 Financial Statements:

John Hammond made the motion to approve the June 2025 Financial Statements.

Second by Tina Long. Laura Barnett questioned why the police departments fuel bill was high.

By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Water Co. Update- Derrick Hagan:

Water Superintendent Derrick Hagan provided an update on the following topics:

- Waiting on a quote for the concrete work at the park.
- Guys are busy flushing
- Working on getting quotes for a propane tank for the generator at the maintenance shop.
- State is going to put up a "No U Turn" sign on Taylorsville Rd. near the post office.

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Police Department Update – Chief Whitworth:

Police Chief Whitworth provided an update on the following topics:

- In the past month thirty-seven tickets have been written.
- Six arrests plus four DUI arrest
- Responded to twelve complaints
- All the items from the grants the Bloomfield PD have been awarded are in. Still waiting to hear back on a couple of grants they applied for.

Park Update – Mayor Dudgeon:

Mayor Dudgeon said the playground company has began putting down the gravel and going to start the rubber curving work tomorrow.

Derrick Hagan said he is still looking into ordering the petitions for the bathrooms and need to order a refrigerator for the concession stand.

Appointment of Presiding Council Member:

Mayor Dudgeon said there is a statue that allows for a council member to serve as the presiding officer at meetings when the mayor is unable to attend. Mayor asked council members if they wanted to vote on somebody or just keep things as they are. After some discussion ken Lemoine made the motion to appoint John Hammond. Second by Laura Barnett.

Council members Todd Sweazy, Tina Long, Laura Barnett, and ken Lemoine voted yes. John Hammond did not vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

Signage for Cherokee Lane in Blazer Heights Subdivision:

Mayor Dudgeon said prior to the meeting Ken Lemoine reached out to Toni about adding "No Parking" signs on Cherokee Lane. Mayor Dudgeon turned the floor over to Ken to talk about it. Ken said, there is a small turn around space next to Cherokee Lane and people are parking large trucks their and leaving them for extended periods of time. After much discussion, Mayor Dudgeon asked Eddie what the rule is about this. Eddie said he had reached out to the County Attorney and he would not be enforcing parking issues. Ken asked Eddie if it was illegal for people to park there. Eddie said no it is not illegal; however, if HOA had rules they could handle it that way. Ken and Laura both said there is no HOA. After much discussion, Mayor Dudgeon said we would look into posting a sign.

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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dudgeon said the agendas for regular meetings have mayor's report, council report, and public comments. This meeting is a Special Called meeting and normally we do not put these items on the agenda; due to the statutory requirements. However, they are listed on this agenda. Mayor Dudgeon said since this is a Special Called meeting and if questions get asked under public comments, he would not be answering them because he did not want to break the statute.

Laura Barnett asked why public comment is on the agenda. Mayor Dudgeon said because somebody from the public made a Facebook post asking for public comment to be on there. Laura then said under council member report are you requesting the council not to give a report. Mayor Dudgeon said he is not telling what you can or can not do. Mayor Dudgeon said like Ken had somebody from the public reach out to him about signs at Blazer Heights. Ken then reached out to Toni and asked to have it added to the agenda. It was on the agenda we discussed it and come to a resolution and we move on. That is how it is supposed to work. Mayor's report, council report are for things that come up last minute. Mayor Dudgeon said he would rather move toward putting things on the agenda that need to be talked about.

Council Members Report:

Todd Sweazy thanked the guys for knocking down the over growth.

Laura Barnett asked to have Riverside Drive added to next month's agenda.

Ken Lemoine asked if Dr. Hendron's office closed.

John and Tina had nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Angie Keeling said she had issues with bulk pick-up. When calling to set it up they want a customer number, since we are billed through the city, we do not have a customer number so they had to use my address. Angie said she got it scheduled then they did not pick it up. She reached out to Chris never heard anything back. Couple of days later they did come back and pick it up. Angie went on to say that when this contract is up, she is going to advocate to change providers.

Angie asked if it is normal to have inmates out without a correctional officer. She said that it is concerning to have criminals out working without a CO; and their needs to be more supervision.

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Public Comment Continues:

Leslie Snow said she spoke with the Attorney General's office about public knowledge regarding open records. Basically, everything in an employees file is subject to open records except items that have personal information. Leslie told the mayor he has to tell people what Ricky Jewell is doing and when. Leslie said if you do not want to discuss it here, cool but just know were not going anywhere. Were going to keep showing up because you need it.

Leslie then said Tony Calvert said you had another JD Shelburne concert and did not discuss with him again. She said last time you all put flyers out prior to discussing it with him; please don't do it again. Next Leslie said she asked a couple of meetings ago if the water company is a profit or not for profit entity. If you can find that out before next meeting that would be great.

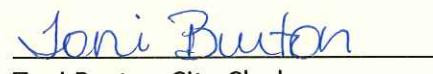
Adjourn:

Tina Long made the motion to adjourn. Second by Todd Sweazy.

Motion carried, unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on August 18, 2025


Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor


Toni Burton City Clerk