

City of Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024
6:30 p.m.

A regular scheduled City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday, June 17, 2024 at the East Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry St. Bloomfield, Kentucky.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dudgeon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the June 3, 2024 Special Called meeting minutes:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the June 3, 2024 Special Called meeting minutes. Second by Judy Wilson. Laura Barnett voted no due to minutes are too long. In a 5 to 1 vote, motion carried.

Approval of the May 2024 Financial Statements:

John Hammond made the motion to approve the May 2024 financials. Second by Tina Long. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of City Attorney:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the appointment of Audrey Haydon-Blackman as city attorney. Second by Laura Barnett. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Executive Session:

John Hammond made the motion to move into executive session. Second By Laura Barnett. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Dudgeon shared KRS 61.810(1)(c) Bloomfield City council moves into executive session to discuss pending litigation against the city.

Judy Wilson made the motion to come out of executive session. Second by Scott Stevenson. Motion passed unanimously.

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Water Co. Updates – Derrick Hagan:

Public Works Superintendent, Derrick Hagan shared on the following topics:

- Cornish Lane water line is complete and the customers have begun hooking into it.
- Planning to do smoke testing later in the summer. Residents will be notified before we start.
- The cellular water meters we are looking to go ahead and change all city residents to the meter. Residents who want access to the app will have to pay the fee.

Medical Cannabis:

Mayor Dudgeon shared at the last months meeting we tabled the medical cannabis conversation. After conversation, Judy Wilson made the motion to table indefinitely. Second by Tina Long. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Second reading of 2024-1 Budget Ordinance for FY 25:

City Attorney Audrey Haydon- Blackman read the second reading of the 2024-1 Budget ordinance for FY 25. After much discussion Tina Long made the motion to approve the ordinance. Second by Judy Wilson. Mayor Dudgeon called for a roll call vote.

Laura Barnett	no
Scott Stevenson	no
Judy Wilson	yes
Tina Long	yes
John Hammond	yes
Todd Sweazy	yes

In a 4 to 2 vote, motion passed.

Public Comments:

Betty Elliott shared on the following items:

- an elderly man fell in the lake a few weeks ago and asked the council to look widening area for easier access. Mayor Dudgeon said we would look into it.
- The white house next to the stop sign is dilapidated. Is there anything the city can do to clean it up? Mayor Dudgeon shared there is several properties like that and we are looking into them.
- Would the city consider putting in a croquet or horse shoe area at the park. Mayor Dudgeon said we may look into it.

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Public Comments Continues:

Angie Keeling said she is aware the city is being sued and asked if a court date has been set.

Audrey replied the city does not comment on pending litigation.

Angie said last month Laura asked how the sheriff's department can find part-time officers and the city cannot? However, that question never got answered; would you answer it now?

Mayor Dudgeon explained how retired officer verses a non-retired officers affects the budget and the liability the city could face.

Leslie Calvert asked if the city has advertised for part-time officer? Mayor Dudgeon replied, yes. Leslie asked where the part-time ad? Mayor Dudgeon said, newspaper, Indeed, and other places. Leslie said the indeed ad is for \$25 dollars an hour; have we considered raising it? Mayor Dudgeon said the pay scale is set at \$25 dollars an hour and he does not have the authority to change it. Leslie asked if the county officer have an office here. Mayor Dudgeon said they can use the office at city hall. Leslie said there is no since in paying a county officer twice for the same service.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dudgeon shared on the following topics:

- City Hall and the Water Company will be closed Wednesday, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.
- Received a lot of good feed back on the JD Shelburne concert.
- First Responders Day is this Friday. It will be here at the fire department from 11 to 1.

Council's Report:

Todd asked Laura to provide the documents she is planning to present at the next meeting; prior to the meeting. That way he would have time to review.

John made the motion to advertise for a retired officer and a part-time non-retired officer on Indeed, and any other free advertising website for one month. Second by Laura Barnett. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott recommended for the city to put something out about no fireworks above 6 feet due to the dry weather. Mayor Dudgeon agreed to do it.

Laura said her neighbor saw people walking around with a petition trying to create a historic district. Tina and Judy had nothing to report.

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Adjourn:

Tina Long made the motion to adjourn. Second by Judy Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on July 15, 2024



Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor



Toni Burton, City Clerk