

## Special Called Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2024

6:30 p.m.

A Special Called meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held Monday, May 27, 2024, at the Bloomfield City Park 168 Fairfield Hill Rd. 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:	Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor
Council Members:	Todd Sweazy John Hammond Tina Long Judy Wilson Scott Stevenson
City Clerk:	Toni Burton
Maintenance Supervisor:	Derrick Hagan

The record reflects council member Laura Barnett was not present.

### **Approval of the May 20, 2024 meeting minutes:**

Tina Long made the motion to approve the May 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Second by Scott Stevenson. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

### **Discussion of the Bloomfield Park Updates, and the LWCF grant process:**

Mayor Dudgeon shared that council member John Hammond approached him last year about putting in pickle ball courts in the park. There is no other park in the county that has them and John thought this would be a good idea. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say this opened door for discussion about other needs within the park. Toni started in November and at the first year she shared information about this grant. Mayor Dudgeon continued to say that he along with Toni Burton, Derrick Hagan and John Hammond have been working on this grant proposal. Mayor Dudgeon explained how the current playground is non-compliant with ADA standards, and shared examples of how a child and/or adult could be injured because of it. Moving the playground up to where the current basketball court is

would provide a much flatter and larger space. This would allow the playground equipment to be in a centralized location and will help with becoming ADA compliant.

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### **Discussion of the Bloomfield Park Updates, and the LWCF grant process- Continued:**

Mayor Dudgeon said we contacted Miracle Playground and got in touch with Josh Wagner. Josh took our vision and put it on paper (Mayor provided copies of the drawings). Mayor Dudgeon provided details about kids who are autistic and how the sensory items could help stimulate them; and slides that have ramps for children in wheelchairs could access the slide. Mayor Dudgeon said the reason we are having a meeting tonight is to get public comments. The mayor explained part of the grant process is to hear from the public; provided information about the concurrence notices and to give the opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions. Mayor Dudgeon said he wanted to have the meeting at the park so citizens could get a visual.

### **Council Member Questions:**

Council member, John Hammond asked the mayor to speak about the timeline of the grant process. Mayor Dudgeon shared the grant must be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Then somewhere around November there is a zoom meeting with the funding agency and the applicants. Usually around the following spring the city could hear if they were awarded the grant or not. If so, how much was awarded. The city would not get the distribution of the funds until fall.

Mayor Dudgeon continued to say as far as the pickleball project that has already been approved by the council and as soon as the geo testing stuff gets done, we will begin the process. John Hammond said he thinks by the next regular council meeting the council should be approving a bid package to go out.

Scott Stevenson asked what type of surface is going on the ground. Mayor Dudgeon said, there are three different types to choose from. The first one is like wood chips and that's the cheapest option. Then they got rubber chips. It's just like wood chips but made with rubber. Mayor Dudgeon said that stuff makes a mess. It sticks to people's feet, and they tend to drag it out everywhere. It's hard to clean up. The third option is a rubber surface and that is the one the city is looking at.

### **Public Comments:**

Betty Elliott said that she has an autistic grand child and they come to the park several times a week. She wanted to know what the city is going to do with old playground

equipment. Mayor Dudgeon explained the council has not made any decisions on which pieces of the equipment they are going to get rid of. He said, usually they do a seal bid

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### **Public Comments- Continued:**

process. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say the council may also look at donating it to a local church or school. However, we are still early in this process, and we don't know if or how much we will get with this grant.

Donna Johnson shared that she and her grandchildren also frequent the park. Donna asked the mayor about opening the restrooms during the day. Mayor Dudgeon shared the city is looking at these locks that can be accessed from a phone. This will allow city employees to access them from anywhere. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say we are looking to installing commercial grade toilets. The current ones are residential, and people are vandalizing them. We are planning to remove paper towel dispensers and put in hand driers. Hoping this will help eliminate vandalism. Mayor Dudgeon said the council has had discussions about this and the council agreed to open them for special events and when people rent out the pavilion.

### **Approval of the 2024-2 Resolution – Approving the 2024 LWCF Grant Application:**

Mayor Dudgeon read the 2024-2 Resolution, approving the 2024 LWCF grant application. Judy Wilson made the motion to approve the resolution. Second by Tina Long. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn:**

Tina Long made the motion to adjourn. Second by Todd Sweazy. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting minutes approved on

June 3, 2024

  
Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor

  
Toni Burton City Clerk