

City of Bloomfield City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025
6:30 p.m.

A Special Called City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Wednesday September 10, 2025 at the East Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry Street 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: Mayor Dudgeon

Council Members: Ken Lemoine
Scott Stevenson
Laura Barnett
Tina Long
John Hammond
Todd Sweazy

Police Chief: Eddie Whitworth

City Clerk: Toni Burton

Approval of the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

Second by Laura Barnett. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Property Taxes for FY 2026:

Prior to the meeting each council member had four (4) pages of tax rate calculations in their packet.

Mayor Dudgeon said you take last years tax rate of .275 plus the real and personal property assessments you get from the PVA; plug those numbers in the cells all the other numbers are put in by the state. Once you enter your numbers then the excel worksheet automatically calculates the rates. Based off our numbers this year's compensating rate would be .264 and that would bring a revenue of \$185,601 for property. If we did a 3% increase that rate would be .27192 and that would bring a revenue of \$191,169 dollars. If we did the 4% increase that rate would be .274% which is still lower than the compensating rate we took last year. Mayor Dudgeon continued to say when looking back what we have done in the past; since 2019 we have taken the compensating rate 4 years and the other 2 years we have taken a 2% increase. The rate in 2019 was .32 which is 32 cents per 100 and now we are looking at a rate that is 26.4 cents per 100. Our rates have dropped and saved the citizens of Bloomfield money. Last year when setting the rate there was discussion about how to sustain and what we will need to do for the future.

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Discussion of Property Taxes for FY 2026 Continued:

Mayor Dudgeon asked council with this information what do you want to do? After much discussion Tina Long made the motion to take the 4% rate. Second by Todd Sweazy. Laura Barnett said she is ignorant to how this works and asked more questions. There was no more discussion. In a 4 to 2 vote the motion carried. Ken Lemoine and Laura Barnett were the only 2 voting no.

First reading of the 2025-06 Property Tax Ordinance:

Mayor Dudgeon read the first reading of the 2025-06 Property Tax Ordinance.

In midst of the reading of the ordinance Mayor Dudgeon needed to look up the motor vehicle/watercraft rate. Todd Sweazy made the motion to take 5-minute recess. Second by Tina. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Barnett made the motion to resume to our meeting. Second by Tina Long. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting minutes approved on September 15, 2025



Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor



Toni Burton, City Clerk

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A regular scheduled City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday, September 15, 2025 at the East Nelson Fire Department 130 Perry Street 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: Mayor Dudgeon

Council Members: Todd Sweazy
John Hammond
Tina Long
Laura Barnett
Scott Stevenson
Ken Lemoine

City Attorney: Audrey Haydon-Blackmon

Police Chief: Eddie Whitworth

City Clerk: Toni Burton

Approval of the September 10, 2025 Special Called Meeting minutes:

Laura Barnett made the motion to approve the September 10, 2025 Special Called meeting minutes. Second by Tina Long. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the August 2025 Financial Statements:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the August 2025 Financial Statements. Second by Laura Barnett. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department Report:

Police Chief Whitworth reported on the following topics:

- Activity in volving accidents continue to go down; however, there has been an increase of activity involving alcohol.
- Sieges online training is completed. This keeps us in compliant with the Federal Government and allows us access to the NCIC system.
- County is still working on the Cad System. They working on trying to get our body camera system integrated.

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Water Co. Report:

Mayor Dudgeon shared that Derrick was out sick today and that there was nothing to report.

Second reading of the 2025-06 Property Tax Ordinance:

Audrey read the second reading of the 2025-06 Property Tax Ordinance.

Mayor Dudgeon asked for a roll call vote

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| Todd Sweazy | yes |
| John Hammond | yes |
| Tina Long | yes |
| Laura Barnett | no |
| Scott Stevenson | no |
| Ken Lemoine | no |

Mayor Dudgeon said the tie vote comes to him. He voted yes and it passes.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dudgeon reported on the following topics:

- We have received the appraisal information back. It is not on the market yet; when it gets closer to time to do that, we will have a meeting and go into executive session to discuss it.
- We have partnered with the Nelson Co. Chamber of Commerce for the park's grand re-opening. It's Friday, September 19, 2025 at 5 o'clock. The asphalt work is starting tomorrow, so the park will be closed until Friday.

Council Report:

Todd Sweazy said currently to rent the park is \$75 dollars. If they clean up after themselves; they receive \$25 dollars back. Todd said he would like to propose a flat \$75 dollar fee. This will help maintain the park plus help cover the cost of employees going out on the weekends. Todd asked the council to consider it for the future.

Laura Barnett said she noticed there were several street lights out, and asked what the process was to getting them fixed. Todd Sweazy said last year he rode around the city and put a ribbon each pole light that was out made a list of addresses brought the list to Karen and she contacted KU.

Laura then reminded council the contract with Waste Management will be expiring soon and encouraged them to explore other options.

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Council Report Continues:

Ken Lemoine addressed people in the audience about roads needing paved and asked how bad the roads are. Lonnie said they are not bad and discussed the amount of traffic they are seeing from the schools.

Ken then said we have been working on a website about a year. Once it gets up and going you will be able to find that information

Public Comment:

Donna Johnson requested the bathrooms at the park be open daily.

Angie Keeling said she was looking at her notes and she wrote down that back in April the bathrooms were 100% completed, they would be open 8am to 4pm, and there are cameras on the outside to monitor. We are now in September so why are they not open? Then Angie said at the same meeting in April it was said the website would be up and running in a week. Do we have an update on the website. If you could answer both of those. Angie continues to say can I ask a question now. Mayor Dudgeon said you can ask a question; but he does not have to respond. Angie said so you are not going to answer me. Mayor Dudgeon replied no. Angie accused the mayor of discrimination. Mayor Dudgeon said he is not discriminating against Angie. Mayor Dudgeon continued to say you come to every council meeting cause trouble. You refuse to reach out to discuss things outside this meeting. Angie denied the accusation and called Mayor Dudgeon a liar, a manipulator, and said he was discriminating against her. Mayor Dudgeon said what you fell to say in front of all these people; is when you sent that message on was on a cruise ship in the middle of the ocean. Mayor Dudgeon said when he got cell service, he sent the message to Toni and two days later it got picked up. Angie replied whatever.

Moe said he would like to ask a question about the trash. Audrey said he could not because he did not sign up. Ken and Scott argued to let people talk. Audrey said the mayor has the discretion on how the meeting is to run. Mayor Dudgeon, we have always said if they are signed up, they can speak; if they have not signed up then they do not speak.

Leslie Snow asked what is the Public Improvement budget? Is it \$30 thousand or lower? Mayor Dudgeon, we closed that account. Leslie asked when did that happened. Mayor Dudgeon said last fiscal year. Leslie asked where did that money go. Mayor Dudgeon said it was rolled into the city's budget. Leslie asked what the road budget was. Mayor Dudgeon said currently it is \$18 thousand. Leslie said we also get money on top of that. Mayor Dudgeon said no. Leslie said so we do not have the actual money it's just budgeted. Mayor Dudgeon said we must do the budget in June so it is ready to go in July. The budgeted amount is based off what we received

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the previous year. Leslie then said the website was up in April it just was not updated and probably will not be updated. Leslie asked when was it decided to have the public hearing. Mayor Dudgeon said Wednesday of last week. Leslie said yes so why did you post it yesterday. Mayor Dudgeon said we did not have the agenda last week and he posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. Leslie then said I came to you in September of 2023 and met with you. Leslie accused the mayor of lying to her multiple times. Leslie said that is why nobody wants to meet with you mayor.


Adjourn:

Tina made the motion to adjourn. Second by Ken. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on September 22, 2025



Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor



Toni Burton City Clerk