

City of Bloomfield Public Hearing Minutes
September 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.

The City of Bloomfield held a Public Hearing on Monday, September 15, 2025 at the East Nelson Fire Department, 130 Perry Street Bloomfield, Kentucky.

Call to Order:

Mayor Dudgeon called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Presiding Officer: Mayor Dudgeon

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

City Attorney: Audrey Haydon-Blackmon

Police Chief: Eddie Whitworth

City Clerk: Toni Burton

Discussion of FY2026 Property Tax Rates:

Mayor Dudgeon shared the council met last week and voted on a .274 percent tax rate for fiscal year 2026 and had the first reading of the ordinance. Mayor Dudgeon also shared this year rate is lower than last years rate of .275 percent.

Angie Keeling said that at last week's meeting you all talked about the compensating rate and the four percent rate. She then asked Mayor Dudgeon is the four percent the highest you can take. Mayor Dudgeon replied correct. Angie then asked why nothing between the compensating rate and the four percent was negotiated. Mayor Dudgeon said he could not make a motion the council are the ones who voted. Angie said as a business owner the city could have voted between zero and four percent. You all went straight to four percent and to a vote. Angie accused the mayor of making this a very confusing scheme and trying to sell it as tax papers would not be paying more when they are; and that he is not fooling anybody by saying this is not my decision. Angie said that two in half years ago the city had over a million dollars in cd's. That's a surplus and you are not suppose to profit off tax payer dollars.

Donna Johnson decided not to speak.

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Mo Rashad shared the City of Bardstown's tax rate this year and asked why the city's is higher. Chris explained the process on figuring tax rates. Mo accused the council members of not making a fair assessment for the citizens of Bloomfield. Mo then shared rates of other cities. Mayor Dudgeon said PVA does the assessments. Laura Barnett explained both the city tax bill and the county tax bill is on one bill.


Lonnie Noel said there have been 40 new houses built on the backside of Blazer Heights subdivision which bring \$40 thousand dollars in tax revenue. I would like to know what the city is going to do with those tax dollars. Lonnie said he has no use for pickleball courts; so, what is the city going to do with the tax dollars that the older generation will benefit from.

Mayor Dudgeon clarified the calculations work with new property. Mayor Dudgeon said these tax dollars goes to doing street repairs, it helps pay the police departments salaries.

Adjourn:

Tina Long made the motion to adjourn. Second by John Hammond.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on September 22, 2025



Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor



Toni Burton, City Clerk