

City of Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024

6:30 p.m.

A regular scheduled City of Bloomfield City Council meeting was held Monday, September 16, 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

Mayor Dudgeon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the August 29, 2024 meeting minutes:

Judy Wilson made the motion to approve the August 29, 2024 meeting minutes.

Second by John Hammond.

John Hammond, Todd Sweazy, Tina Long, and Judy Wilson voted yes to approve the minutes.

Scott Stevenson and Laura Barnett voted no. In a 4 to 2 vote motion carried.

Approval of the August 2024 Financial Statements:

Tina Long made the motion to approve the August 2024 financial statements. Second by Judy Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of New Police Officer:

Mayor Dudgeon introduced Eddie Whitworth as the new city police officer. Eddie shared information about himself and answered questions from city council.

Equipment Purchase

Mayor Dudgeon reminded the council of the funds allocated for a new police cruiser and equipment. Mayor Dudgeon said the city is looking to purchase a new Dodge Durango and the cost for the vehicle is state contract price of \$43,650 dollars. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say this cost is for the vehicle only and there will be additional cost to equip it. Scott Stevenson asked what will the city do with the old vehicles. Mayor Dudgeon said at this time council has not made a decision.

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Water Co. Update – Derrick Hagan

Public Works Superintendent Derrick Hagan shared the water company is moving forward with the water meter project. Derrick said the meters will not ship all at one time. Scott Stevenson asked how things are going with the lead and copper study. Derrick said the study is going well. Out of 1700 customers we have been able to dwindle it down to approximately 200.

Nominees for Joint Ethics Board

Mayor Dudgeon said that Darrell Parks has expressed interest in serving on the Ethics Board. Mayor Dudgeon asked council if they knew of anybody else interested. None of the council knew of anybody. Todd Sweazy made the motion to allow Darrell Parks serve as City of Bloomfield's representative on the Ethics Board. Second by Scott Stevenson. John Hammond, Todd Sweazy, Judy Wilson, and Scott Stevenson all voted yes. Laura Barnett voted no, and Tina Long abstained. In a 5 to 1 vote the motion carried.

Halloween Date & Time

Mayor Dudgeon said in years past we kept the Halloween festivities on Halloween Day, October 31st and had it from 5:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Council agreed to keep the date and times. Mayor Dudgeon said usually the city would donate \$250 dollars to the Baptist Church to purchase candy. This year the pastor of the church said they have more than enough and asked we donate to another church or organization that could use it. Mayor Dudgeon said the only other organizations he knew of was the East Nelson Fire Department (ENFD) and The Church of God. Tina Long made the motion to allow the city give 125 dollars each to ENFD and The Church of God. John Hammond second the motion. John Hammond, Todd Sweazy, Tina Long, Scott Stevenson, and Laura Barnett all voted yes. Judy Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

Waste Management Services

Mayor Dudgeon shared Waste Management started only picking up trash that was in their totes. Any bags or trash that was in a different can was being left behind. Mayor reached out to Waste Management and they are going to send out a mass mailing talking about the changes. Mayor Dudgeon went on to say he has reached out to Judge Executive Tim Hutchins to see if the county was still interested in servicing Bloomfield and they are. No action was taken.

Public Comment

Angie Keeling said last month John Hammond mentioned the city would need to look at increasing revenues in the future to offer services to the community. Angie asked what services he was referring to. Mayor Dudgeon and John Hammond explained that when the city kept compensating rate on property taxes that revenue stayed the same. However, with inflation the city's cost continues to increase. John Hammond said at one time the city was considering putting a splash pad at the park; if the city is going to do that, we would need the funds to keep the up-keep on it. Salaries for employees is an expense.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Dudgeon shared the city placed an ad in Sunday's paper. We are accepting bids for the work to be done at the park for the courts. They have until noon on Sunday, September 22, 2024 to turn in their sealed bids. There will be a Special Called meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to decide which bid to approve.

Council Members Report

Judy Wilson invited everyone to come out to The Church of God's Trunk on Halloween. It will be at Bloomfield Park from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

John Hammond, Todd Sweazy, Tina Long, Scott Stevenson, and Laura Barnett had nothing to report.

Discussion of Streets & Roads

Maor Dudgeon said Pursuant to KRS 61.823 this portion of the meeting is considered a Special Called meeting and nothing other than street and roads can be discussed. Mayor Dudgeon reminded council last year they decided to fix Riverside Drive; so that is one street that will be black topped. Mayor Dudgeon asked council if they knew of any other roads that needed to be fixed. Judy Wilson mentioned Comanche Court still has a dip in the road that needs repairs. Mayor Dudgeon mentioned Doctor's Alley also needs paving. Council agreed to have work done on Riverside Dr., Comanche Court, and Doctor's Alley.

Adjourn

Tina Long made the motion to adjourn. Second by Laura Barnett. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes approved on October 21, 2024


Christopher Dudgeon, Mayor


Toni Burton
Toni Burton City Clerk