

September 17, 2020

The Bloomfield City Council met in regular session at 7:00pm using electronic means due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor: Daniel Wiegand - present by phone
Mayor Pro Tem: Darin Garrett
Council: Jake Bohi, Matt Cronin, Earl Howard, Scott Moore
Attorney: Gayla Harrison
City Clerk: Sandy Jones
Finance Mgr: Tomi Jo Day
DPW: Richard Wilcox
Asst Police Chief: Zach Dunlavy
Fire Chief: Jeff McClure

Due to the fact that the Mayor was present by phone, he directed Mayor Pro Tem Garrett to officiate the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor noted that two items needed to be removed from the agenda.

1. Public Hearing for the ATV ordinance
2. Discussion and approval of a dashboard for the website

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to approve the agenda after removing the above mentioned two items.

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett announced this is the time and place fixed for a Public Hearing for the purpose of approving the Annual Financial Report for the City of Bloomfield, Iowa for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Motion by Howard, second by Moore to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Garrett, Howard, Cronin
Nays: None

The Mayor Pro Tem called for any public comments. No oral objections or comments were offered and the Clerk reported that no written objections or comments thereto had been filed.

Motion by Bohi, second by Moore to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Moore, Cronin, Garrett, Bohi, Howard
Nays: None

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to approve Resolution No. 2020-40 "A Resolution Approving and Accepting the City of Bloomfield Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020".

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Cronin, Howard, Garrett
Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett announced this is the time and place fixed for a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending Chapter 165 of the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances in regard to Zoning Regulations - Swimming Pools.

Motion by Bohi, second by Howard to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Garrett, Howard, Cronin

Nays: None

The Mayor Pro Tem called for any public comments. No oral objections or comments were offered and the Clerk reported that no written objections or comments thereto had been filed.

This item was tabled until the next meeting so specified changes could be made.

Motion by Howard, second by Moore to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Moore, Cronin, Garrett, Bohi, Howard

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett announced this is the time and place fixed for a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 62.11(3), Engine/Compression Brakes “Jake Brakes” to include revised penalties.

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to open the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Garrett, Howard, Cronin

Nays: None

The Mayor Pro Tem called for any public comments. No oral objections or comments were offered and the Clerk reported that no written objections or comments thereto had been filed.

Motion by Bohi, second by Moore to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Moore, Cronin, Garrett, Bohi, Howard

Nays: None

Motion by Bohi, second by Moore to approve the 1st Reading of an Ordinance amending the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 62.11(3) to include revised penalties.

Ayes: Howard, Cronin, Moore, Bohi, Garrett

Nays: None

Motion by Bohi, second by Moore to approve waiving the 2nd and 3rd Readings of an Ordinance amending the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 62.11(3) to include revised penalties.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore

Nays: Cronin, Howard, Garrett

Motion failed.

Updates

- Police
 - Advertising for a new officer has been completed. Good quality candidates.
 - Homecoming is scheduled for October 9th. Councilman Cronin reminded the police department that ordinances should be enforced as they are written. Council will back the police department if things are done as the ordinance is written. He also said that if they need anything they should let Council know.

- Fire
 - Working on procedures for rental inspections.

- Main Street
 - Antique Fest is next weekend at the fairgrounds.
 - Making arrangements for the Lighted Christmas Parade.

Motion by Howard, second by Cronin to approve Resolution No. 2020-41 “A Resolution Approving the Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020”.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Howard, Cronin, Garrett

Nays: None

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to approve Resolution No. 2020-42 “A Resolution Re-Appointing Russ Mikels and Roger Wuthrich to the Library Board of Trustees”.

Ayes: Howard, Moore, Cronin, Bohi, Garrett

Nays: None

Motion by Howard, second by Moore to approve Resolution No. 2020-43 “A Resolution Approving Employment of Tomi Jo Day as Interim City Administrator”.

Ayes: Moore, Bohi, Cronin, Howard, Garrett

Nays: None

Motion by Garrett, second by Moore to approve “A Resolution Designating Signatory Authorities” by adding Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk or City Administrator and also giving direction to change the appropriate ordinance.

Ayes: Moore, Garrett

Nays: Bohi, Howard, Cronin

Motion failed.

Motion by Cronin, second by Howard to approve Resolution No. 2020-44 “A Resolution Designating Signatory Authorities” as presented.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Cronin, Howard

Nays: Garrett

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to allow DPW Wilcox to pursue the following projects slated for this fall:

1. Replace 25 Electric Utility Poles
2. Gas Pipes Under Hwy 63
3. Catch Basin Repair
4. Seal Coat Approximately 20 Blocks

Motion approved.

Councilman Moore informed Council the Parks Board is ready to pour the concrete for the basketball courts. Council agreed they should request proposals as long as it did not interfere with the Wellmark grant they have been awarded.

Motion by Garrett, second by Bohi to approve payment of HR Green invoices as presented.

Motion carried.

Wilcox presented Council with the current snow removal policy. He asked them to review the policy and get back to him with questions or concerns.

Motion by Bohi, second by Moore to approve the police department's Take Home Car Policy.
Motion carried.

Council set Trick-or-Treat night for October 30th from 5:30 - 7:00pm on the square and 7:00 - 8:00pm in the residential neighborhoods.

Motion by Garrett, second by Bohi to approve a liquor license renewal for Brothers Market.
Motion carried with Howard voting no.

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to approve claims as presented.
Motion carried.

Airgas USA, LLC	Services	\$66.96
American Electric Power	Services	\$11,821.48
Archer Skid Loader SVC	Services	\$3,020.00
Area XV Regional Planning Comm	Services	\$6,250.00
Bailey Office Outfitters	Supplies	\$87.40
Belin McCormick PC	Professional Services	\$792.50
Blackboard Printing Co	Services	\$95.00
Bloomfield Auto Parts LLC	Parts	\$232.44
Bloomfield Communications	Services	\$917.51
Bloomfield Police Department	Services	\$250.00
Bloomfield Rent-All	Services	\$653.15
Bloomfield True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$375.21
Cam's Lawn & Landscape	Services	\$3,451.67
Center Point Publishing	Books	\$72.05
CINTAS Corp #762	Services	\$137.34
City of Bloomfield	Utilities	\$10,684.33
CMTEL	Services	\$257.13
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	Supplies	\$420.66
Curt's Yard'N Gard'N	Parts	\$72.21
DC Auditor	Services	\$48.96
DC Development Corp	Livability Promotion	\$5,000
DC Tire Inc.	Services	\$88.00
DC Treasurer	Fuel	\$159.06
Division of Labor	Services	\$175.00
Electric Pump	Parts	\$169.95
Emer Apparatus Maint Inc	Supplies	\$2,056.05
Galls, LLC	Services	\$50.00
Gingerich Logging & Supply	Services	\$49.50
Barbara Ann Gravett	Services	\$33.00
Hamilton Produce Co.	Miscellaneous	\$759.35
Hickenbottom Inc	Parts	\$426.93
Hotsy Cleaning Systems	Supplies	\$75.00
HR Green Inc.	Professional Services	\$37,258.75
IA Dept of Revenue & Finance	Sales Tax	\$9,835.64
Iowa Utilities Board	Services	\$2,927.00

Ingram Library Services	Supplies	\$450.31
Keystone Laboratories Inc	Services	\$419.00
Kirkwood Community College	Training	\$485.00
Marlow Services	Services	\$825.00
Mast Overhead Doors	Equipment	\$147.00
Menards - Ottumwa	Equipment	\$374.48
Mid American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$1,201.55
MidAmerica Books	Books	\$317.08
MPA Computers	Equipment	\$1,195.95
Norris Asphalt Paving Co.	Supplies	\$1,061.75
Northland Securities	Professional Services	\$4,000.00
Overdrive, Inc	Supplies	\$713.20
Postmaster	Postage	\$543.72
Pulaski Lumber	Supplies	\$8.70
Roto Rooter	Repairs	\$1,893.60
Route 63 Quik Shop	Fuel	\$259.76
RT Auto	Services	\$893.30
John Sample	Services	\$1,650.00
Rusty Sands	Services	\$3,600.00
SIEC	Services	\$322.70
Spillman Auto Parts Inc	Parts	\$150.00
Staples Advantage	Supplies	\$150.00
State Library of Iowa	Services	\$245.40
Success Bank	FICA Tax	\$13,190.27
Des Moines Register	Subscription	\$34.44
Traffic & Transportation	Equipment	\$700.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	W/H Tax	\$2,343.00
US Geological Survey	Services	\$2,160.00
VISA	Supplies	\$73.95
Jeremy Walker	Reimbursement	\$51.24
Wells Hometown Drug	Supplies	\$12.59
Wettstein Concrete LLC	Supplies	\$850.00
Richard Wilcox	Services	\$5,120.00
Winger Companies	Services	\$655.50
Janet Woolard	Services	\$33.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$146,112.98
Payroll Checks		
General		\$18,731.39
Road Use Tax		\$2,735.79
Water		\$4,919.45
Sewer		\$4,920.14
Electric		\$5,215.72
Energy Efficiency		\$1,008.54
Gas		\$4,631.20
Total Payroll Paid		\$42,162.23
Report Total		\$188,275.21
001 General		\$56,965.02
110 Road Use Tax		\$6,167.61
28 CDBG WA San SWR 2018		\$868.50
31 FY20 Street Improvements		\$33,720.25

600	Water	\$9,272.71
610	Sewer	\$21,120.67
611	Sewer Plant Upgrade	\$8,920.00
630	Electric	\$39,458.04
633	Energy Efficiency	\$1,350.80
640	Gas	\$10,431.61

Public Comments

- An unknown person commented that the system being used to hold the Council meeting is very bad. She cannot hear hardly anything that is being said. She asked when Council planned to hold open meetings again. Councilman Cronin commented that we need to be able to go back to the library. He asked, if the City funds their budget, why can't we use the facilities. He further stated that if we are not back in the library for the next meeting he is going to vote against funding the library for the next budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Garrett read a Proclamation proclaiming September 17 - 23 as Constitution Week.

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to enter closed session at 8:16pm pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(c): to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Ayes: Bohi, Moore, Howard, Garrett, Cronin

Nays: None

Motion by Howard, second by Bohi to return to open session at 8:45pm.

Ayes: Moore, Cronin, Howard, Garrett, Bohi

Nays: None

Motion by Bohi, second by Howard to adjourn at 8:47pm.

Motion carried.

Daniel Wiegand, Mayor

Attest:

Sandy Jones, City Clerk