

Approved 4/1/2021

March 25, 2021

The Bloomfield City Council met in a special session at 7:00 pm at the Bloomfield Public Library. The meeting was also offered electronically for those residents who do not want to attend in person.

Mayor: Absent

Council: Jake Bohi, Matt Cronin, Darin Garrett, Earl Howard, Scott Moore

City Attorney: Absent

City Clerk: Absent

Interim City Administrator: Tomi Jo Day

CEDD: Tammy Roberts

DPW: Absent

Police Chief: Shawn Armstrong

Fire Chief: Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Darin Garrett called the meeting to order and welcomed residents. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Howard, second by Moore to approve the agenda. Ayes: all Nays: None Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

1. Martha Hudson: Would like the Council to reconsider cutting the Library Budget. The Library has good hours and is great for kids and families. It's ironic that we're meeting in the Public Library, yet cutting them. One of the reasons they moved to Bloomfield was after looking at the Library and all it had to offer. They asked for clarification on why the Library was chosen to be cut. Ms. Hudson also talked through the issue of cutting wifi or hours, as the cut has to happen somewhere.
  - i. Councilmember Cronin confirmed that the City provides 3x as much budget funds than the County. He asked Ms. Hudson if she had been to meet with the County Supervisors to talk through the budget with them. He asked her if she realized that 60% of the county utilizes the Library and around 40% of the city residents. Cronin also suggested that they come to a Council Meeting, as they are open to the public, instead of relying on the Bloomfield Democrat to gather the facts. He asked the Hudsons where they received their documentation that the wifi and hours were getting cut – then confirmed that they were not. Then

encouraged them to attend the meetings in person to get firsthand information versus relying on the newspaper.

2. Sheila Westegard: Expressed that she is also nervous about the library being cut by \$20,000.00. i. Councilmember Cronin restated the facts of the budget and the utilization rates again, comparing City and County. He encouraged her to meet with the County to discuss their budget and the amount they are giving to the Library. That the City Residents should not have to assume the cost of the County Residents utilizing the Library the most.

Motion by Bohi, second by Moore to approve the consent agenda. Meeting minutes 3/18/21 attached.

Ayes: Moore, Bohi, Garrett, Cronin, Howard Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Cronin to open the Public Hearing to Approve and Adopt the FY2022 Budget, second by Howard.

Ayes: Howard, Cronin, Bohi, Moore, Garrett Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if we have had any public comments. Interim City Admin, Tomi Jo Day, stated none were received at City Hall. Councilman Cronin asked if anybody had checked the City Clerk's email. Day responded with no. Cronin asked Day if the Clerk had access to her email from home. Day confirmed she does have a laptop and believes her email may be on her phone. He then asked if his email was the only one the Clerk hadn't responded to. Then Day called the Clerk to see if she had received any comments. She stated she had not.

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

Ayes: Moore, Bohi, Garrett, Cronin, Howard Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Howard, second by Cronin to Approve Resolution No.:2021-13, Approving the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 City Budget and Related Tax Levy Rates.

Ayes: Cronin, Howard, Bohi, Moore, Garrett Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Cronin, second by Howard to Approve Resolution No.: 2021-14, Authorizing the City Administrator to Make the Appropriate Interfund Transfers of Sums and Record the Same in the Appropriate Manner for FY 2022 for the City of Bloomfield Iowa, second by Howard.

Ayes: Cronin, Howard, Bohi, Moore, Garrett Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Howard, second by Moore to Approve Resolution No.: 2021-15, Appointing Tomi Jo Day as Deputy Clerk.

Ayes: Moore, Bohi, Garrett, Cronin, Howard Nays: None Motion carried.

Interim City Administrator, Day, walked the Council through the possibility of creating an Amendment for the Urban Renewal plan. Within this plan, the City would list potential future projects, which could potentially create revenue in future years by certifying the debt through TIF. Some of the possible

projects listed were: FY22 Streets Project, Misc Storm Sewer Basins, Sidewalks/Curbs/Gutters around the square, potential Development Agreements.

Day was looking for guidance from the Council on whether they wanted to create the Amendment, stretch the lock date out for the Bonds funding, in turn TIF debt certifying some of those expenses that lie in an Urban Renewal Area that are qualified because of Commercial use or blight areas.

Council gave Day direction on following up with Ahlers & Cooney to see how quick the Amendment could be created. Council was hoping to approve it at the 4/1/21 council meeting if possible. Day will follow back up with Council to get direction if they're unable to meet those deadlines. Another possibility is to remove the FY22 streets project from the plan, lock the rate on 4/1/21, and complete the Amendment with the remaining projects.

Council gave Day direction to schedule a meeting with Main Street on 4/15/21 at 6:00 pm before the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00. Day will follow up with the council to confirm after speaking with Bloomfield Main Street and Main Street Iowa.

Motion by Cronin, second by Moore to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Motion Carried.

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Daniel Wiegand, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tomi Jo Day, Interim City Administrator