

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
02/03/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Ashley Mahone.

Members present were Mayor Ashley Mahone, Council Members Bill Carroll, Renee Watson, James Jones, Haley Ehly, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney, Police Chief T.C. Lawhon and Utility Superintendent Rory Evans and Assistant Utility Superintendent Chris Bird.

Minutes-

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors-

Randy Bugher, Marlene Ferrell, Michael Ferrell, Ashley Ferrell and Yialetza Baltazar.

Open Forum-

There were no speakers during the Open Forum.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney said that Police Chief T.C. Lawhon may have fixed the issue with printing the bills. The bills will be printed tomorrow, so hopefully everything will go well.

The election packets are ready for candidates to pick up and the deadline to file for a place on the ballot is February 14th by 5:00 p.m.

Deena spoke with Judge Hickman about the funds that were moved from the Security, Technology & Court funds into a CD will need to be moved back into the original accounts. Her approval is needed before any changes can be made to these funds.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that he has completed the racial profiling report. The Family Dollar had been broken into again. Other than that, it has been an uneventful month.

Public Works-

Water Superintendent Rory Evans was late due to repairing a water leak on FM 55 and had nothing to report.

Volunteer Reports-

Fire Chief Chad Marshall gave the Blooming Grove VFD 2024 Stats as follows: 214 calls for service, 110 fires, 104 Medical calls, 117 incidents within the city limits. The VFD provided aid to other VFDs 29 times and received aid four times. The average turnout time was 6 minutes and 25 seconds. The average response time in town was 9 minutes and 23 seconds and 11 minutes, 28 seconds in the county. Volunteer Fireman Ricki Crenshaw has served 50 years on the VFD.

New Business-

Hayley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve the Joint Contract for Election Services between Navarro County and the City of Blooming Grove. Motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Bill Carroll seconded to approve the Election Order for the May 3, 2025 General Election. Motion carried.

No action was taken on changes to the Employee Handbook and will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Hayley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve leasing a 20' x 40' plot to Rocking RD Cattle Co Café for the purpose of a patio for outside dining, provided that the owner gives the City a copy of his current lease agreement with the Volunteer Fire Department so that the City Attorney can draw up a lease agreement that is in line with the lease agreement between the café and the VFD. A special-use permit will also be required. Motion carried.

Discussion Items-

Mayor Ashley Mahone informed the council of a payment agreement that was made for a customer that had a bad leak.

The Advertisement for bids for the TxCDBG Project No. CDV23-0115 – Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation was published in the Corsicana Daily Sun on February 1st and February 8th. Bids will be opened on February 24th and hopefully awarded at the March 3rd council meeting.

The City will advertise for bids for the HMGP-4485 Generator project once the Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation project has been awarded.

Executive Session-

The Council did not go into executive session due to the attorney not being present. Mayor Ashley Mahone will contact him to see if he can attend the March meeting.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Bubba Jones seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney