

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
02/18/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a special-called meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Sarah Southard, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney, Utility Superintendent Rory Evans and Assistant Utility Superintendent Chris Bird.

Visitors-

Donnie Harris, Rae J. Beckham and Peyton Southard.

New Business-

The Council discussed options for repairing the sewer line at 104 E. Forgey. The property owner found the old sewer tap but when the City had the sewer line inspected, it was found to be approximately 18" under the water meter which is not legal per TCEQ requirements. The Utility Superintendent, Rory Evans came up with the following options:

Option 1 – lower the existing 4" sewer line and move it away from the water meter. The cost would be \$4,500.

Option 2 – tie into the manhole at Granger & Kerr and extend the line 200 feet south to the property. The cost would be \$5,160.

Council Member Hayley Ehly cited Chapter 13, Article 02, Section 010 in the City's Code of Ordinances which states: *"All private water lines and sewer lines shall be maintained by and at the expense of the owner. The responsibility of the owner for the maintenance of private water lines shall extend to the water meter. In addition, the responsibility of the owner for the maintenance of private sewer lines shall extend to the property line. Furthermore, the city shall be responsible for maintenance of all water and sewer lines that now exist, or are added, in city streets, rights-of-way, or easements obtained by the city."* (Ordinance 310, sec. 10, adopted 5/3/10)

Bill Carroll made a motion and Renee Watson seconded for the City to cover the cost of the sewer line repair and require the property owner to pay for a sewer tap. The motion died.

Hayley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded for the City to pay for option 2 and not require the property owner to pay for a new sewer tap. Motion carried.

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney presented a proposal from Municipal Impact to build and host a new website that is more user-friendly and easier to maintain. The start-up cost for the new website would be \$1,899.00 which includes a one-time set up fee of \$499, content transfer from our existing website of \$663 and the annual website hosting fee of \$737. We are currently paying \$950 for website hosting.

Renee Watson made a motion and Hayley Ehly seconded to approve Municipal Impact's proposal for a new website. Motion carried.

Sarah Southard made a motion and Hayley Ehly seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney