

**City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
04-01-2024**

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bill Carroll.

Members present were Mayor Bill Carroll, Council Members Gary Patterson, Renee Watson, James Jones, Al Smith, Interim City Secretary/Court Clerk Deena Smith, City Secretary Sharon Settlemyer, Utility Superintendent Rory Evans and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

Gary Patterson handled the invocation after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes -

Gary Patterson made a motion and James Jones seconded to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors –

Aaron Scott, Angela Scott, Ashley Koscieiniak, Corbin Hall, Tim Campbell, Sherry Lynn, Dusty Ledbetter, Ashley Mahone, Tricia Rosenthal and Brad Rosenthal.

Open Forum –

Ashley Koscieiniak and Corbin Hall addressed the Council about their neighbors' trash blowing into their gates and fencing.

Public Hearing-

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to discuss Special Use Permit for 200 E. Clark. There was no one wishing to discuss this. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to discuss Special Use Permit for and 208 E. Clark. There was no one wishing to discuss this. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Department Reports –

Administration- Deena Smith, Interim City Secretary/Court Clerk mentioned that there was a problem printing the water bills today. Someone is coming to fix the printer on Tuesday. Everything else is going well.

Public Safety – Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that it had been a slow month. He had been at required training the first of the month, and there is new training he will need to do soon. The vehicle should be ready this next week, and then it will have to get decals before being available for service.

Public Works – Public Works Superintendent Rory Evans reported that they worked on multiple water and sewer taps. He reported that there is a lot of construction going on, so they've been

doing a lot of line locates. Chris Bird has been mowing and weed eating. He has been in contact with someone about the slides at the park.

Executive Session-

Mayor Carroll moved this item to later in the meeting.

New Business Voting Items-

Al Smith made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the motion to table accepting Lol Forman's Resignation from City Council until after the May election. Motion Carried.

Al Smith made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of Tim Campbell's request to waive the inspection fees for the quadplex located at 311 W. 3rd St. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and Renee Watson seconded the approval of Adding City Secretary Sharon Settlemyer as a signer on bank accounts. Motion Carried.

Renee Watson made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of Ordinance #384 Regulation of Sex Offender Registry. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and Renee Watson seconded the approval of Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Carport at 200 E. Clark. Motion Carried.

Renee Watson made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Carport at 208 E. Clark. Motion Carried.

Al Smith made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of Replat of Lot 3, Lot 4, Lot 5, and Lot 6, Block 11, into Lot 3R and 5R, Block 11. Mayor Carroll noted that there would be a demo of the old house. Motion Carried.

Renee Watson made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of Site Plan for Addition at 200 E. Clark. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and James Jones seconded the approval of Site Plan for 500 E. Forgey Street. Mayor Carroll noted that there would be a demo of the old house. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and Renee Watson seconded the approval of adding a bank account for GLO CDBG Grant 23-160-821E472. Mayor Carroll noted this is the Comprehensive planning grant. Motion carried.

Executive Session-

Mayor Carroll opened the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Carroll opened the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m. to consider actions discussed in Executive Session. Gary Patterson made the motion and Al Smith seconded the approval of offering a part-time contract labor position to Tommy Russell with the Police Department as an

Officer, pending the background investigation, with salary and schedule to be determined.
Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

Mayor Carroll told the council that cloudy skies are expected on the day of the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. He told the council that Chief Lawhon and the school officers will be on duty. Chief Lawhon told the council not to expect their cell phones to work on that day, if over 15,000 people come to Navarro County to watch the event.

Mayor Carroll gave an update on Grants. He told the council that he met with the engineers on the asset management plan. There is a \$100,000 maximum on this grant. He explained that the tower grant management team had sent all new documents to be signed, and he still has not heard anything back on the FEMA grant for the generators. He did send an email and letter to Representative Ellzey's office, with no response.

Gary Patterson made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor William E. Carroll

Attest:

City Secretary Sharon Settlemyer