

**City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
05-06-2024**

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, May 6, 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, City Secretary Sharon Settlemyer, Court Clerk Deena Smith Utility Superintendent Rory Evans, and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

Gary Patterson handled the invocation after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes -

Renee Watson made a motion and Gary Patterson seconded to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2024, meeting with changes. Motion carried.

Visitors –

Sherry Lynn, Michelle Chaisson, Nancy Aldridge, Maribelle Aldridge, Marlene Ferrell, Kent Ferrell, Ashley Mahone and Sarah Southard.

Open Forum –

Sherry Lynn addressed the Council about an extension for 409 Fordyce due to the weather.

Department Reports –

Administration- Sharon Settlemyer, City Secretary mentioned that there was a problem printing the water bills again. Parts have been ordered, and hopefully it will not happen again. The Council packets look different this month, hopefully they are easier to understand. Everything else is going well.

Public Safety – Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that it had been a slow month. The new car is in, and still needs a camera, striping, radar and radio. He is waiting for State approval on the new officer and hopes to have him working part-time this month. Court Clerk Deena Smith stated there was not much activity, and court will be held on May 16th for show cause and juvenile please.

Public Works – Public Works Superintendent Rory Evans reported that there are several motors that they have been having trouble with. Water Tower, 3rd Street lift station, Clark Street has one with a bad motor and the electric panel has been eaten up by the chemicals. The other lift station is good. Al Smith asked questions about the different lift stations.

New Business Voting Items-

Gary Patterson made the motion, and Al Smith seconded the motion to hire John Conger as the plumbing inspector. Motion Carried.

Al Smith made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded to accept the bid from Capsco of \$8,520 for the water supply interconnection project. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and Renee Watson seconded the approval of the Kerr Street drainage project. Motion Carried.

Renee Watson made the motion and James Jones seconded the approval of Lola Forman's resignation from the City Council. Motion Carried.

Al Smith made the motion and Renee Watson seconded the approval of appointing Bill Carroll to fill the vacant position after Ashely Mahone is sworn in as Mayor. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and Renee Watson seconded the approval of Resolution #811 Investment Policy. Motion Carried.

Renee Watson made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of the opening money market accounts and certificates of deposit for excess monies in the general fund, water funds and municipal court funds. Motion Carried.

Al Smith made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of opening a checking account for the Resilient Community Grant. Motion Carried.

Renee Watson made the motion and Gary Patterson seconded the approval of paying for PHI Services for Employees at a cost of \$60 per employee per year. Al Smith recused himself from the vote. Motion Carried.

Gary Patterson made the motion and James Jones seconded the approval of Ordinance #385 Changing the Fence Height for swimming pools to four (4) foot high. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

Mayor Carroll gave an update on Grants. He told the council that the asset management plan contract should be ready in June. He explained that the elevated tank with TDA has sent environmental letters and historical and cultural survey letters out. GLO planning grant is just getting started. He still has not heard anything back on the FEMA grant for the generators. There have been letters and phone calls to Representative Ellzey's office, with no response.

Gary Patterson made a motion and Al Smith seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary Sharon Settlemyer