

City of Blooming Grove  
Council Minutes  
01/06/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular called meeting on Monday, January 6, 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, Court Clerk Deena Smith, 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 December meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors-

Kent & Marlene Ferrell, Michael Cox and Ashton Bailey.

Public Hearing –

Mayor Ashley Mahone opened the Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit for a detached carport at 708 Atkinson St. There were no speakers at the Public Hearing.

Open Forum-

There were no speakers during the Open Forum.

Department Reports-

Administration-

The Court Clerk Deena Smith said that everything is going great except for printing the water bills. City Secretary Carrie Sweeney is going to contact Xerox to see how to get the issue resolved.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that he received one application for a full-time officer. The applicant lives in Henderson County. He reported that everything is going great.

Public Works-

Water Superintendent Rory Evans said they have had problems at the booster plant in Dresden as well as sewer plant issues they are working on.

New Business-

Hayley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve a Variance for Special Use Permit and Site plan for a detached carport at 708 Atkinson St. Motion carried.

Bill Carroll made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve Resolution No. 818 adding City Secretary Carrie Sweeney as a signer on bank accounts. Motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Hayley Ehly seconded to approve Ordinance 391 amending Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Section 6.02.039 Fee Schedule of the City Code of Ordinances. Motion carried.

Hayley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve Ordinance 392 – Water and Sewer Rates with the addition of the \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons usage rate. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the City Attorney's response regarding a patio on City property at the café. The Council will present these options to the café owner. No action was taken.

#### Discussion Items-

The Council discussed Block K that is owned by the Blooming Grove ISD and agreed to tell Mr. Griggs that they are open to discussion. No action was taken.

Michael Cox with Atmos Energy introduced himself. He recently took over this area. No action was taken.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

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City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney