

**City of Bloomfield**  
**January 5, 2009**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Bloomfield, Nebraska, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jim Cripe at the City Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Jim Cripe and Council Members Brad Eckmann, Joe Hunhoff, Joe Skrivan, and Barb Wilson.

Motion by Wilson to adopt the agenda, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked if anyone not on the agenda would like to address the Council. No one responded.

Motion by Skrivan to adopt the pre-approved agenda items, second by Eckmann: 12/1/08 regular meeting minutes; December claims in the amount of \$59,536.64 + \$2210.00 wire transfer to The Depository Trust Company for street bond interest; 1/15/09 wire transfers in the amount of \$43,183.75 to The Depository Trust Company for water bond principal and interest, and November Treasurer's report. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Nipp, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room.

Mayor Cripe opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. for consideration of a Class C Liquor License Application from Chad and Sherry Broeker, Time Out Lounge. No one present spoke on the matter. Public hearing was left open while other business was considered.

Administrator Lyndsy Jenness reported on progress in addressing Mrs. Delores Mumm's concerns about Dewey Street draining into her driveway.

The Council discussed street planning in preparation for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan public hearing scheduled for February. Council members were asked to provide input to Lyndsy Jenness so their intentions can be conveyed to Street Superintendent Terry Mead.

Wayne Rasmuss of Ameritas Investment Corp. presented information on bonding procedures if the Council wishes to issue bonds for the medical clinic project. Mr. Rasmuss indicated that tax-exempt bonds would be unlikely because the medical practitioners would be conducting private activities. Tax-exempt bonds have lower interest rates than taxable bonds. He said that taxable bonds could be issued in one of two ways: 1) After petition and an election; 2) Through a Municipal Facilities Corporation. Either scenario would leave the city with the ultimate responsibility for the bonds. Ryan Bloomquist, project organizer for the medical clinic, asked for clarification on the

municipal facilities corporation process. The Council asked for more information on the municipal facilities corporation process because it would be more efficient in terms of time and cost of an election. Ryan Bloomquist encouraged the Council to meet as soon as possible to make decisions regarding financing of the project.

Dan Hoppe updated the Council on the status of receiving payment from the individuals responsible for vandalism of the scout house. Two individuals have made payment, but three have not. Motion by Skrivan to bill the parties and indicate that the debt may be turned into a collection agency if payment is not made, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried. Administrator will work with city attorney to draft letters.

The Council also discussed the past motion to pay for half of the window expenses this fiscal year. Motion by Skrivan to reimburse the Scouts \$476.43 for the windows, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Council discussed Ed Birmingham's proposed donation of the building and property at 108 South Broadway, legally described as Lot Ten (10), Block Seven (7), Original Town, Bloomfield, Knox County, Nebraska. The Council discussed the need for more information on demolition cost, common walls, and interest in purchase of the property if it were placed for public sale. Motion by Wilson to table the item, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Bee Booster Club's request for the opportunity to operate the concession stand at the fairgrounds. Andrea Abbenhaus, Debbie Nipp, and Jerry Nipp were in attendance on behalf of the Booster Club. Bette Ann Jessen and Laura Lou Greckel were present to represent those who currently operate the stand. There was discussion on pricing and quality of items at the concession stand. The Council discussion touched on putting the stand up for bids or maintaining the current arrangement. After hearing discussion, Andrea Abbenhaus indicated that the Bee Boosters would withdraw their request but would ask that they have the opportunity to use it if it comes open in the future.

The meeting returned to the public hearing for the liquor license application from Chad and Sherry Broeker, Time Out Lounge. No one from the public came forward regarding the application. Public hearing closed at 8:12 p.m. Motion by Hunhoff to approve liquor license application of Chad and Sherry Broeker as new owners of Time Out Lounge, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Joe Skrivan asked the Council about hiring part-time help on an as-needed basis for snow removal. Dave Stark talked about what trucks are available, the police helping when needed, and the snow removal process. No action was taken. The Council also discussed the need to remind citizens with a newspaper article about removing snow and ice from sidewalks and the potential fine for lack of compliance.

The Council reviewed the draft community attitudes survey and income survey. The surveys must be done for Bloomfield to be eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding. Motion by Hunhoff to go to printer with CDBG survey, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The next item of business was a review of pet-related ordinances. The review was prompted by a report of an unleashed dog biting a pedestrian. A notice will be put in the paper to remind citizens that pets need to be fenced or leashed.

The Council received an update from staff on a recent sewer back-up at 609 South Clark. Staff will investigate the issue by using a camera on the line. They will also add this to the list of lines that are checked 2-3 times a week. Dave Stark is also working on establishing a jetting program. Dave Stark also reported on issues with items that should not be flushed entering the system and getting stuck in lift station pumps. Additional maintenance issues may warrant an increase in sewer rates.

Administrative reports were presented. The Council reviewed written reports submitted by Police Chief Bryan Ruhr and Public Works Superintendent Dave Stark. Administrator Lyndsy Jenness provided a report including the following: calendar of events, including recognition of Marilyn True's 18 years of working for the City of Bloomfield, and administrator's projects.

Motion by Eckmann to adjourn, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lyndsy Jenness  
City Administrator

Jim Cripe  
Mayor