

**City of Bloomfield**  
**February 2, 2009**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Bloomfield, Nebraska, was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Jim Cripe at the City Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Jim Cripe and Council Members Brad Eckmann, Joe Hunhoff, and Joe Skrivan. Absent: Barb Wilson.

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

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 Hunhoff: 1/5/09 regular meeting minutes; 1/21/09 special meeting minutes, January claims in the amount of \$68,357.68, and December Treasurer's report. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan. Nays: none. Absent: Wilson. Motion carried.

Mayor Cripe opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. for consideration of Resolution 09-1, a resolution adopting the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. No one from the public spoke on this item. The Council continued with a public hearing for Resolution 09-2, a resolution for public notice for acquisition of property and intent to construct a medical clinic building. No one from the public spoke on the matter. Public hearing continued for Ordinance 09-1, ordinance for purchase of property for medical clinic from Bloomfield Community Foundation. No one from the public spoke on the matter. Public hearing for the three items was left open to give the public the opportunity to comment.

The Council discussed information provided by Landmark Surveying regarding Delores Mumm's driveway. Discussion was that the city has not taken any major action that would change the height of the street in many years. Motion by Skrivan to take no action, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan. Nays: none. Absent: Wilson. Motion carried.

The Council considered the proposed donation of real estate legally described as Lot Ten, Block Seven, Original Town from Ed Birmingham to the City of Bloomfield. The feasibility of demolishing the building and using the property for parking was discussed. Mr. Birmingham is considering his plans for the building. Motion by Skrivan to abandon the proposal to accept the property. After brief discussion, motion withdrawn by Skrivan.

Motion by Skrivan to table the item until March, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan. Nays: none. Absent: Wilson. Motion carried.

Jason Hefner, representing the youth ball program, presented a needs list and requested that the \$6000 budgeted from the keno fund be allocated to the program. Motion by Hunhoff to allocate \$6000 from the keno fund to the ball program, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan. Nays: none. Absent: Wilson. Motion carried.

Barb Wilson arrived at 7:27 p.m.

The Council reviewed e-mail correspondence from Milt and Debbie Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have expressed concern about recent incidences of trespassing at their home and about safety of the footbridge. After discussion, the Council decided that a sign promoting safe behavior be placed at the footbridge should be considered. The police are also to increase patrol in that area.

Mark Bargman, Kathy Hennings, Pat Hilfiker, and Sherry Mach of NorthStar Services presented a recycling proposal to the council. The council expressed support for the project. Administrator is to work with project organizers to locate a space to be used for collection and sorting. The City will also look into grant programs for recycling.

Mike Doering was present to voice his concerns that he was not treated fairly during a recent traffic stop involving an expired In-Transit tag. Motion by Skrivan at 7:55 p.m. to go into executive session, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: Eckmann. Motion carried. Motion by Wilson at 8:28 p.m. to exit executive session, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried. Motion by Skrivan that all city employees handle any and all complaints from taxpayers and visitors in a professional and compassionate manner and that this message be passed on to all employees, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor returned to public hearings for Resolution 09-1, Resolution 09-2, and Ordinance 09-1. No members of the public spoke on these items. Public hearing closed at 8:32 p.m. Motion by Skrivan to approve Resolution 09-1, a resolution adopting the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan; second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunhoff to approve Resolution 09-2, a resolution providing public notice for acquisition of property and the intent to construct a public building for the medical clinic project; second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 09-1, an ordinance for purchase of property for the medical clinic from the Bloomfield Community Foundation, was read by title. The ordinance provides for the

purchase of Lots 7,8,9,10; Block 6; Original Town (property between library and Bloomfield Community Center) for a total of \$36,000.

Fundraising efforts for the medical clinic were discussed. Joe Skrivan has talked with representatives from the Bloomfield Community Schools Foundation about utilizing their mailing list. The school foundation will consider this at its next meeting. Lyndsy Jenness noted that a raffle might be possible if enough prizes can be added to the quilt that has been offered. Barb Wilson will ask if the Bloomfield Community Club would assist with this.

The Council received an update on financing for the medical clinic project. Motion by Skrivan to finance the project through Farmers and Merchants State Bank and for the administrator to work with Marty Cayler to ensure we lock in the lowest interest rate possible, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The proposal to have Joe Hunhoff, CPA, manage the fire department's financial records was discussed. Motion by Wilson to have Joe Hunhoff, CPA, maintain the fire department financial records, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Abstain: Hunhoff. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a list of delinquent utility accounts. Administrator will look further into working with a collection agency on debt from the last six months.

A report of water pumped vs. water sold was presented. Staff will continue to look at ways to explain and improve the ratio.

The Council reviewed a sewer jetting program that would involve some lines being jetted annually and other lines being jetted on a rotation. Estimated cost for first year would be around \$6600; estimated cost for subsequent years is estimated at \$3300. Motion by Hunhoff to proceed with sewer jetting program as proposed by Dave Stark with cost to be decided once updated quotes are received, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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 and administrator's activities.

Motion by Hunhoff to adjourn, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Lyndsy Jenness  
City Administrator

Jim Cripe  
Mayor