

City of Bloomfield
May 4, 2009
Council Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Bloomfield, Nebraska, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Jim Cripe at the City Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Jim Cripe and Council Members Brad Eckmann, Joe Skrivan, and Barb Wilson. Absent: Council Member Joe Hunhoff.

Motion by Wilson to adopt the agenda, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Hunhoff. 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 Wilson: 4/6/09 regular meeting minutes; 4/7/09 special meeting minutes; and April claims in the amount of \$55,513.98. Ayes: Eckmann, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Hunhoff. Motion carried.

Hunhoff arrived at 7:04 p.m.

The Mayor opened public hearing on Resolution 09-3 for the sale of real estate at the Bloomfield Municipal Airport. Steve Barney would like the land, approximately .45 acres, to be available for public sale as he would like to acquire the land on which his current office sits in addition to building a hangar to the south. He explained that revenue from the sale would be used by the airport authority toward the summer runway project. He noted that zoning regulations require that the use of the property be aviation-related.

Motion by Skrivan to approve Resolution 09-3, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Council discussed street improvements on Southeast Broadway, South Crown Point, and near the coop. Administrator reported that the company with the hot mix asphalt plant near Center will not be in the area long enough to come to Bloomfield. Staff will try to find other projects being done in the area and will also work on determining what should be paved with concrete to keep any street improvements cost effective.

Armor coating quotes were reviewed. Motion by Wilson to accept the quote of \$.91/square yard from The Road Guy, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The former NorthStar office was again discussed as a potential site for the water department. Different options such as purchasing the north half of the building from the Bloomfield Community Foundation, purchasing all of the building, or having a long-term lease for the building were discussed. City attorney Jennifer Birmingham talked about some of the legal issues including determining a fair price for the property. Administrator is to look into an appraisal.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Stark reported on the following Department activities: preparing for pool opening, catch basket for lift station pumps, work at Robin Schulz Park. Other topics discussed included trees near the rodeo arena and alleys needing work.

Kurt Suhr of Architecture One gave an update on the medical clinic project. He explained issues with soil testing and the recommendation from the engineers that seven feet of dirt be replaced. Mr. Suhr, along with input from Ryan Bloomquist, showed the Mayor and Council the most recent designs. He reported plans to have the project out for bid beginning May 19th. Ryan Bloomquist addressed the Council, noting that the overall cost for the project will likely be near \$650,000 when accounting for architecture fees and the purchase of real estate. He also expressed concern that it may not be possible to raise \$200,000 in donations in addition to the City's \$100,000 allocation. The Council reviewed estimates for annual debt service and noted that the project may have to be financed over 20 years.

The Council reviewed an invoice from Architecture One for services to date, including reimbursement for soil testing and a survey. Motion by Hunhoff to approve payment of \$14,550 to Architecture One, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hunhoff to approve current designs and timeline for medical clinic project, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Council considered Broadway Billie's request for change of location on its liquor license from 115 South Broadway to 124 South Broadway. Motion by Skrivan to approve the change in location, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Administrator reported on information provided by Jolene Greckel regarding landscaping improvements near the Harm and Tulleys Event Center. Ms. Greckel is working with Knox County 4-H Clubs. The Council expressed no objectives to the plans.

Administrator updated the Council on plans for pool staffing. More lifeguards are needed to have a full schedule. Administrator will work with those who have expressed interest but have not yet completed an application to work at the pool. If the pool is not able to operate on a full schedule, season passes will not be sold.

Administrator reported that the following have agreed to be head coaches for the summer ball program: Girls Softball: T-Ball – Jamie Johnson, 10 and under – Doug and Amy Stewart, 14 and under – Ken and Traci White, and 18 and under – Debbie Abbenhaus. Boys Baseball: T-Ball/7 & 8 – Gary Hornback and Wally Holz; 9 & 10/11 & 12 – Robbin Beckman and Mike Alexander. There are also a number of parents and other volunteers who will be assisting these coaches.

The Council reviewed a written report submitted by Police Chief Bryan Ruhr, who also noted efforts to encourage a property owner to deal with unlicensed vehicles and cleanup of his property. Administrator Lyndsy Jenness provided a report including the following: calendar of events and activities. There was also discussion on the following items: cell phones for public works staff; condition of the south trailer court; policy for removal of trees cut down by homeowners; the Bloomfield sign near the swimming pool; and a gift to be presented to Kamen, Germany.

Motion by Hunhoff to adjourn, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Lyndsy Jenness
City Administrator

Jim Cripe
Mayor