

City of Bloomfield
September 14, 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, and Barb Wilson. Absent: Council Member Joe Skrivan.

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.

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

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

Motion by Eckmann to adopt the pre-approved agenda items, second by Wilson: 8/3/09 regular meeting minutes; August claims in the amount of \$216,200.26; July and August Treasurer's Reports; and the following transfers: Medical Clinic Checking to General Checking - \$112,268.00; Water Checking to Water Improvement Savings - \$35,000 to be earmarked for water main replacement; Wastewater Checking to Wastewater Improvement Savings - \$15,000 to be earmarked for manhole rehabilitation. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Application by Jody Mach regarding a deck on Lot 6, Block 37, Oric Addition (204 West Dewey Street) was considered. Planning Commission's recommendation was that a permit not be issued for the deck that had been constructed. The deck does not conform with setback requirements. Jody and Gayle Mach addressed the council regarding the application. Motion by Wilson to approve and to add on the building permit application form that building cannot be started prior to approval and that there are fines for noncompliance, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Application approved.

Craig Braunsroth's application for storage of landscaping materials in a residential district on Lots 20 and 21, Block 15, First Addition (423 East Main Street) was considered. Gilbert Braunsroth, Arline Braunsroth, Alan Lemke, Cynthia Lemke, Janet Kirk, and Kathie Zink were present. There was discussion of the Planning Commission recommendation to approve with conditions as well as the definition of landscaping materials and exhibits. Motion by Eckmann to approve the application for limited business for the storage of landscape materials, that a six-foot fence be put up within 60 days of approval of a building permit, and that Section 6.06 of the zoning regulations be followed, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Wilson. Nays: Hunhoff. Absent: Skrivan. Motion failed. Application for permit denied.

Public hearing continued for Resolution 09-6, a resolution to amend the FY 2009 budget to account for \$603,917 in additional expenditures and transfers. Motion by Hunhoff to adopt Resolution 09-6, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Resolution adopted.

Public hearing continued with consideration of Resolution 09-7, a resolution to adopt the Annual Appropriation Bill for October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Motion by Hunhoff to adopt Resolution 09-7, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Resolution adopted.

The Council considered Resolution 09-8, a resolution to set the 2009-2010 property tax request at \$136,914.48. Motion by Eckmann to adopt Resolution 09-8, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Resolution adopted.

The Council received an update on the medical clinic project. Motion by Wilson to approve payment to Modern Woodman of America in the amount of \$12,059.03 and to Architecture One in the amount of \$4034.32, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Motion carried.

The Council received an update on the recent appraisal of the NorthStar Service property. Administrator will communicate with the Bloomfield Community Foundation regarding purchasing the property to house the water department.

The Council was briefed on a recent visit by Street Superintendent Terry Mead of JEO Consulting. Mr. Mead's report included information on the alley between Oric Street and Ciro Street just west of Broadway Street, South Crown Point, and street improvements on North Broadway and Southeast Broadway.

Recent complaints regarding the home owned by Randy Repenning at 425 East Main Street were noted. Police Chief Bryan Ruhr updated the Council on past and recent communications with Mr. Repenning.

The Council reviewed a quote from Doering Trenching and Plumbing for \$5000 to put a soft start on Well 75. Motion by Wilson to authorize \$5000 for a soft start on Well 75 if staff determine it's needed, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Motion carried.

Administrator Lyndsy Jenness informed the Council of staff's recommendation to offer the public works opening to Bill Thiele. There were no objections. Formal action will take place at the next council meeting if Mr. Thiele accepts.

Administrative reports were presented. Public works report included information on a recent water leak and pool drain modifications. The Council reviewed a written report submitted by Police Chief Bryan Ruhr. The police department was asked to monitor the park more after recent complaints of lewd comments by youth using the park. Administrator Lyndsy Jenness provided a report including a calendar of events and administrator activities.

Motion by Eckmann to adjourn, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: Skrivan. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Lyndsy Jenness
City Administrator

Jim Cripe
Mayor