

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 27, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 915 N. First Street, Bloomfield, NM. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Cynthia Atencio and Councilors Matt Pennington, Curtis Lynch, Sue Finch and Ken Hare.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan, City Attorney Ryan Lane, and City Clerk Dorothy Nobis. Department Heads present were Brad Ellsworth, Jason Thomas, and Fire Chief John Mohler and Donna Clifton. Employees Ayme Vigil and Crystal Martinez also attended.

**Councilor Matt Pennington offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Councilor Pennington** asked if Council had questions on Accounts Payable and Councilor Hare said he did. Councilor Pennington asked if Accounts Payable can be included under New Business, since there is discussion on that item. It was agreed to move Accounts Payable to New Business. City Manager George Duncan asked that Item A under New Business – the Special Presentation by Representatives of the Outdoor Recreation Industry Initiative – be moved to follow the approval of the agenda, so those representatives could leave early. Councilor Hare made a motion to approve moving the Special Presentation and the Agenda and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**Jim Glover and Marianne Tenenbaum** of Once a Day Marketing and the Outdoor Recreation Industry Initiative (ORII) gave a presentation on the project. The Outdoor Recreation Industry generates \$59.2 billion to the state and local tax revenues and generates more than \$887 billion annually throughout the country. Camping, fishing, hunting, motorcycling, off-roading, snow sports, trail sports, water sports, wheel sports and wildlife viewing make up the Outdoor Recreation economy. In New Mexico, the industry generates \$9.9 billion in consumer spending annually, provides 99,000 direct jobs, which results in \$2.8 billion in wages and salaries, and generates \$623 million in state and local tax revenue. The benefits of Outdoor Recreation to the City of Bloomfield include an enhancement of quality of life, more recreation opportunities, the ability to foster better outdoor experiences, attract more visitors and outdoor recreation businesses, and create new jobs and companies. Mr. Glover asked the Mayor and Council to consider passing a resolution supporting the Outdoor Recreation Industry and to become involved in the initiative. Bloomfield can benefit from the industry because of the countless outdoor recreation opportunities tourists are looking for and find in our area. In addition, Bloomfield has access to the San Juan River, which will be helpful to businesses coming in who

are manufacturing the items those who enjoy outdoor recreation want and need to complete their recreation enjoyment. Councilor Hare, City Manager Duncan, Mayor Atencio, Doug McKim of the BLM, David Wagoner and Bryan Carter all support the initiative.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

**Councilor Lynch** moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for August 13, 2018, and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

#### **New Business:**

**Councilors Hare and Finch** had questions regarding **Accounts Payable**. Finance Director Brad Ellsworth and Public Works Director Jason Thomas were able to provide the answers to the questions. Councilor Hare said reviewing the Accounts Payable is necessary to ensure taxpayers money is spent wisely and in the best interest of the city. **Mayor Atencio** agreed and said new ways to save money often occur when the Accounts Payable are reviewed. Councilor Finch said it is in the best interests of the citizens to monitor spending and to keep citizens informed. Councilor Lynch moved to approve Accounts Payable and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Works Director Jason Thomas** requested approval for an **Extension of Water Trust Board Grant/Loan 3548-WTB for the Riverbed Filtration Project**. Councilor Pennington moved to approve and Councilor Lynch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**Finance Director Brad Ellsworth** presented the **Monthly Financial Report**. Mr. Ellsworth said the GRT (Gross Receipts Tax) revenues are as expected for this time of the year and he does not anticipate an increase in the GRT in the future.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Public Works Director Jason Thomas** requested approval of **Resolution 2018-13**, which addressed the city's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024. At a Public Meeting held on August 21, most of the comments included the importance of the water/wastewater projects. Councilor Hare said those attending the Public Meeting requested improvements to Bergin Lane be included as a priority. Councilor Finch moved to approve the resolution and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

#### **Department and Public Input:**

**Jerry Shocky** thanked the Council and city staff for looking at the issues on Miller Street and getting repairs done in a timely manner. Mr. Shocky said staff was professional and courteous and did an excellent job.

**Fire Chief John Mohler** said the Fire Department received a \$50,000 grant from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was received and will be used for a fire prevention trailer for children. Chief Mohler added that the additional \$2,000 needed for the trailer was matched by the State Fire Fund.

**City Manager George Duncan** commended **Code Compliance Officer Joseph Collard** for responding to a concern from a citizen about a skunk odor. Officer Collard crawled under the deck of the home and found a dead skunk, which he removed.

**Councilor Hare** said Bloomfield schools has offered to assist with salaries of School Resource Officers. City Manager George Duncan said he is looking at the possibility of using an agency that specializes in temporary help to hire retired police officers for those positions.

**Councilor Hare** said the newly formed Economic Development Committee is active and has several projects members are looking in to.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor Atencio** asked for a motion to go into a Closed Executive Session to discuss limited personnel and pending/threatened litigation. Councilor Hare moved to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss those issues and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous and the council went into Closed Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. At 8:59 p.m., Mayor Atencio asked for a motion to return to the regular meeting, stating nothing was discussed in the executive meeting other than limited personnel and pending/threatened litigation, and approval was unanimous.

**Adjournment:**

**Mayor Atencio** called for adjournment at 9 p.m. All were in favor.

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*Mayor Cynthia Atencio*

ATTEST:

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*Dorothy Nobis, City Clerk*