

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 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, Fire Chief John Mohler, Interim Police Chief Randon Matthews and Donna Clifton.

City Manager George Duncan played a video in honor of firefighters who lost their lives during the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001.

City Manager George Duncan offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Agenda was approved, with Councilor Lynch making the motion and Councilor Finch seconding. Approval was unanimous.

Consent Agenda:

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

Mayor Atencio read a proclamation recognizing the week of September 17-23, 2018, as Constitution Week. Margaret Dubik of the Desert Gold Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was presented with the proclamation.

New Business:

Councilor Hare 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 moved to approve Accounts Payable and Councilor Lynch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Mayor Atencio requested approval of the Council for the appointment of Councilor Hare as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilor Lynch moved to approve the appointment and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of the Fall 2018 Bloomfield Youth Soccer League Agreement. Councilor Pennington moved to approve the agreement and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

City Manager George Duncan requested approval of a Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance 478, which would amend Ordinances No. 166, 230, and 279 Relating to the Regulation of Garage Sales Within the City of Bloomfield. Councilor Hare moved to approve the notice and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous. **City Attorney Ryan Lane** stated that the ordinance will be published for two weeks in the Farmington Daily Times. The final approval of the ordinance will be held at the next regular meeting of the Bloomfield City Council.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas requested approval of Resolution 2018-17, to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the NMED (New Mexico Environment Department) for the East Tank Replacement Project. Councilor Hare moved to approve and Councilor Lynch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

City Manager George Duncan requested approval of Resolution 2018-15, In Support of the Creation of a New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation. Councilor Pennington moved to approve and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

Department and Public Input:

MP Schildmeyer asked Councilors if they were aware of the Volkswagen Settlement, which offers fleet replacement vehicles to communities who need assistance. She said local governments may apply for replacement vehicles and that the vehicles that are replaced with new ones must be turned in to the company.

Dwane Robinson invited the Mayor and Council to a block party the North Frontier Subdivision is holding on September 15. Mr. Robinson also stated he and several other people visited the ditch flume the city has had concerns about and they found the site in need of repairs. Councilor Hare said the city is working on a plan that will be presented to the Bloomfield Irrigation District and that the city hopes to find funding for the project.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas said San Juan County helped with a chip seal project on Blanco and did an excellent job. In addition, the cost of having the county assist with that project saved the city money. Mr. Thomas also said the county donated four vehicles to the city and he is grateful for the donation.

City Attorney Ryan Lane thanked City Manager George Duncan for sharing the 911 video and expressed his appreciation to the Bloomfield Police Department and the Bloomfield Fire Department for their service.

Mayor Atencio thanked Councilor Pennington's mother, Debbie Vavra, and Guild Mortgage's Lisa Webb for their donations for the police department's STOPit app.

City Manager George Duncan stated that because of an error in the reading of the Bloomfield School District's water meter at the pool, the city owes the district more than \$241,000 in overbilling. The city is working on a plan for repayment to the district. Mr. Duncan

also said a meeting of the Bloomfield Pride Committee will be held on September 13 at the Cultural Center and that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has scheduled a public cleanup on September 20, and encouraged public participation in both events.

Councilor Hare commended City Manager George Duncan on his prompt attention to the overbilling issue with the Bloomfield School District.

Interim Police Chief Randon Matthews said the police department is holding a Party in the Park at Salmon Park on October 13, and is partnering that event with Municipal Judge Sadie McDaniel's Posole Cook-off.

Bloomfield Librarian Peggy Loyd said Toddler Story Time will begin September 13 and the Bloomfield Back to School program is held every Tuesday.

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 Finch moved to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss those issues and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous and the council went into Closed Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. At 8:14 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 8:15 p.m. All were in favor.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:

Dorothy Nobis, City Clerk