

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 2022

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, Councilor Tony Herrera, Councilor Scott Eckstein, Councilor Dale Walls, Councilor Kelly Burkholder, City Manager George Duncan, City Attorney Ryan Lane, City Clerk Crystal Hornberger, City Engineer Jason Thomas, Police Chief Phillip Francisco, and Finance Director Kimberly Simpson.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm*

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*Mayor Atencio offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Councilor Walls moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**4. Appoint Council Member to Replace Councilman George Walter**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to appoint Kelly Burkholder to replace Councilor George Walter. Councilor Dale Walls moved to approve. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**5. Re-Appoint Planning and Zoning Commissioners**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to reappointment Shelly Eighme, Richard Bachert, and Melissa Armenta to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilor Herrera moved to approve and Councilor Walls seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**a. Shelly Eighme**

**b. Richard Bachert**

**c. Melissa Armenta**

**6. Re-Appoint Library Board Member**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to reappoint Elizabeth Gomez to the Library Board. Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Walls seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**a. Elizabeth Gomez**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Councilor Herrera moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**A. Approve** Council Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve Accounts Payable  
*Councilor Walls moved to approve the accounts payable. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**B. Discussion** GRT Update **Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**  
*Discussions were held and questions answered regarding GRT.*

**C. Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve **Ordinance 531** Relating to Utilities **Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**  
*Discussions were held and questions answered regarding Ordinance 531. Council will revisit in one year to determine if data supports another increase. Councilor Walls moved to approve Ordinance 531. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**D. Discussion and possible Action** to Approve an Intent to Adopt Ordinance 533 Payment Card Electronic Acceptance and Processing Policy **Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**  
*Councilor Herrera moved to approve an intent to adopt Ordinance 533. Councilor Walls seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**10. PUBLIC INPUT (Limited to five [5] minutes per person):**

**A. Comments** from the Public

*Anatol Arot Jr made comments regarding the City of Farmington Utilities.*

*Faron and Angela Hengst made comments regarding the odor coming from Basin Disposal. A log will be kept at City Hall with any complaints/concerns regarding the odor.*

*Robert Yokum also made comments regarding the odor at Basin Disposal.*

*Janet Makey with the Bloomfield Chamber provided details to the Chambers upcoming Balloon Rally Event.*

**B. Comments** from Department Heads and/or Council

*Police Chief Francisco provided council with an update on school safety and the procedures on an active shooter.*

*Councilor Eckstein provided an update on the Library Board. The Library Board would like to see the book drop painted and more signage.*

*Councilor Walls provided an update on the Northwest New Mexico Seniors. They meet bimonthly and are considering in person meetings.*

*Mayor Atencio made comments regarding the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boys and Girls Club and that they would be providing cake at the upcoming Balloon Rally to celebrate. Mayor Atencio also recognized City Attorney Ryan Lane and the work he is doing as State Representative.*

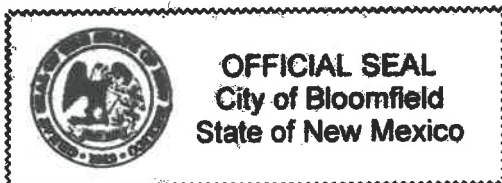
**11. CLOSED SESSION:**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session at 7:22. Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Councilor Herrera, Councilor Eckstein, and Councilor Burkholder were in favor. Councilor Walls was opposed. Motion passed.*

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to open meeting at 7:42 stating nothing was discussed other than what is allowed pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Meeting Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1 (H). Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43. Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Walls seconded. Approval was unanimous.*



*Cynthia Atencio*

Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Crystal L. Hornberger*

Crystal L. Hornberger, City Clerk