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Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes

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Bloomfield City Council Meeting held a regular session meeting on March 15, 2021 at 6:20 p.m. Below are the minutes and discussions from that meeting.

Council members present were: Frank Sifford, Donna Deardorff, Pat Wilson and Bonnie Blue. Robin Northern, city attorney, was also present. Mayor Aslin called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Public Comments: none

Consent Agenda: Ald. Sifford made a motion that was second by Ald. Blue to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 4-0 vote.

Unfinished Bus: Ald. Sifford moved to pay MO Rural Services Work Comp Ins. Trust for 2021-2022. Ald. Deardorff second. Motion carried 4-0.

There was more discussion on whether the City will keep its municipal court or turn it over to the County. The deadline has been extended to August 1. Ald. Blue moved to table discussion until the April meeting. Ald. Deardorff second. Motion carried 4-0. Daniel will present cost variable findings at the April meeting.

New Bus: Park board members Amy Haas, Ken Allen, and Morgan Wilkinson requested permission to accept applications for seasonal part-time park cleaning instead of contract cleaning. The position will be approximately 12 hours per week, depending on park

activities, at an hourly rate of \$10.41. Ald. Deardorff moved to approve this request. Ald. Blue second. Motion passed 4-0.

Ald. Deardorff moved to approve flooring cost for City Hall's basement from Stan's Carpet. Ald. Wilson second. Motion carried 4-0.

Bill #2021002 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANNUAL EXECUTE ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, CHANGE ORDERS, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE STREET OVERLAY PROJECT OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, MISSOURI. Read one time and a motion was made by Ald. Blue and second by Ald. Sifford to allow a second read. Motion carried 4-0. Read a second time and Ald. Deardorff moved to approve Bill #2021002. Ald. Sifford second the motion. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0.

Other Matters: Spring clean-up will be April 26, 2021.

Brief discussion was had in reference to the city tax collector position. Council will wait for election results.

Justin Bell gave a brief update on PWSD #5. They have made some personnel changes. Their water account with the City remains past due with an approximate balance of \$27,546.00. Date of last payment was Feb. 22, 2021.

April meeting is scheduled for 04/19/2021 at 6:30pm. The auditors will be here presenting FY2020 audit results.

With nothing further to discuss, Ald. Sifford moved to adjourn. Ald. Blue second. Motion passed 4-0.

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Bloomfield, MO - The City of Bloomfield will host their annual Spring Clean Up on April 26, 2021.

Please set your allowable items at the curb the night before.

Here is a list of items that are **NOT** allowed: Hazardous Waste, Liquid Oil, Freon Tanks, Propane Tanks, Liquid Paint, Sheetrock Mud, Floor Glue, Tires and Batteries, Yard Waste, Major Appliances, Burnt Trash, Construction Material and Electronics.

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Be Bear Aware in Bloomfield, Missouri

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Bloomfield, MO - Lots of people are talking about the BEAR in Bloomfield. Please do NOT attempt to get photos or video unless you are safe inside your home or car. Bears are territorial in nature! The Missouri Department of Conservation is aware that there is a bear roaming near J Highway in Bloomfield.

If you would like to view a short video by Courtney Aslin click HERE.

Stay alert and avoid confrontation

Make noise so you don't surprise a bear - clap, sing, or talk loudly.

Pay attention to your surroundings and watch for bear sign such as tracks or claw or bite marks on trees.

Keep dogs leashed.

If you see a bear, leave it alone! Do not approach it. Make sure it has an escape route.

If you encounter a bear up close

Never corner a bear – make sure it has an escape route.

Back away slowly with your arms raised.

Speak in a calm, loud voice.

Do not turn your back to the bear.

Walk away slowly – DO NOT RUN.

Odors attract bears

Keep a clean campsite. Follow these guidelines when camping in black bear country.

Store all food and toiletries like toothpaste and deodorant in a secure vehicle or strung high between two trees.

Store garbage securely in a vehicle or strung high between two trees. Never burn or bury garbage or food waste.

A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR

Never feed a bear!

Feeding bears makes them lose their natural fear of humans, and teaches them to see humans as food providers. They will learn to go to places like homes, campsites, and neighborhoods to look for food, instead of staying in the forest.

A bear that has gotten used to getting food from humans may become aggressive and dangerous. When this happens, the bear has to be destroyed.

Help bears stay wild and healthy, and keep yourself and your neighbors safe. Don't feed bears.

BE BEAR AWARE ON YOUR PROPERTY

Never feed a bear, on purpose or accidentally.

Don't leave pet food sitting outside. Feed pets a portion they'll eat at each meal and remove the empty containers.

Store garbage, recyclables, and compost inside a secure building or in a bear-proof container until the day of trash pick-up.

Keep grills and smokers clean and store them inside.

Don't use bird feeders from April through November in bear country. If you must, hang them at least 10 feet high and 4 feet away from any structure.

Use electric fencing to keep bears away from beehives, chicken coops, vegetable gardens, orchards, and other potential food sources. Get more detailed tips on black bear control, including electric fencing.

Contact your county Conservation Agent for help with making your property unwelcoming to bears.

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Per the United States Flag Code below, United States Flags should be lowered to half-staff immediately honoring former Vice President Walter Mondale(1977-1981), who passed away April 18, 2021 at the age of 93.

4 U.S. Code § 7 - Position and manner of display

(m) The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law.

In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the Governor of that State, territory, or possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff. The flag shall be flown at half-staff 30 days from the death of the President or a former President; 10 days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day

of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress.

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Route D in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace a culvert under the roadway.

This section of roadway is located between Route 25 and County Road 717.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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