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# Earthquake Shakes Bloomfield Tuesday Evening

SEPTEMBER 07TH 2021 BY DEE LOFLIN

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A magnitude 4.3 earthquake near Bloomfield, Stoddard County, Missouri, USA, was reported at 8:52 p.m. CST by the United States Geological Survey, considered the key international and national agency that monitors seismic activity in the US. The earthquake occurred at a very shallow depth of 0.9 miles beneath the epicenter in the evening on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.

The exact magnitude, epicenter, and depth of the quake might be revised within the next few hours or minutes as seismologists review data and refine their calculations, or as other agencies issue their report.

A second report was later issued by the European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC), which listed it as a magnitude 4.2 earthquake.

Based on the preliminary seismic data, the quake was probably felt by many people in the area of the epicenter. It should not have caused significant damage, other than objects falling from shelves, broken windows, etc.

In Bloomfield (pop. 1,900) located 6 miles from the epicenter, the quake should have been felt as light shaking.

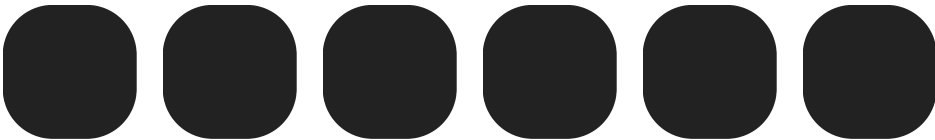
Weak shaking might have been felt in Dexter (pop. 8,000) located 11 miles from the epicenter, Bernie (pop. 2,000) 20 miles away, Sikeston (pop. 16,400) 24 miles away, Poplar Bluff (pop. 17,300) 26 miles away, and Malden (pop. 4,100) 28 miles away.

Other towns or cities near the epicenter where the quake might have been felt as very weak shaking include Jackson (pop. 14,900) located 35 miles from the epicenter, and Cape Girardeau (pop. 39,500) 36 miles away.

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# Bloomfield City Council June 2021 Meeting - 4 New

# City Ordinances Passed

JUNE 24TH 2021 BY DEE LOFLIN

## Bloomfield City Council June 2021 Meeting - 4 New City Ordinances Passed

Bloomfield, MO - The Bloomfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021. Four new city ordinances were passed.

Council members present were: Donna Deardorff, Pat Wilson, Tim Clary and Cecil Haley. 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: Council agreed to allow the Bloomfield Park Board to purchase balance beams for the park. Consent Agenda: Ald. Haley moved and second by Ald. Clary to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 4-0 vote.

Unfinished Bus: Josh Speakman, Stoddard County Collector proposed that the county could take over collecting city taxes with a cost of approximately \$2800 to the city. Ald. Deardorff moved to table discussion until the July meeting. Ald. Wilson second. Motion carried 4-0.

The situation concerning the alley between E. Court and E. Shawnee has been resolved.

New Bus Bill #2021-006 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 215.020, WEEDS, HIGH GRASS OTHER VEGETATION NUISANCES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, MISSOURI. Read one time and a motion was made by Ald. Deardorff and second by Ald. Haley to allow a second read. Motion carried 4-0. Read a second time and Ald. Haley moved to approve Bill #2021006. Ald. Clary second the motion. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0.

Bill #2021-007 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 125.320, COURT COSTS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, MISSOURI, BY THE ADDITION OF A STATE AUTOMATION SURCHARGE. Read one time and a motion was made by Ald. Deardorff and second by Ald. Wilson to allow a second read. Motion carried 4-0. Read a second time and Ald. Deardorff moved to approve Bill #2021007. Ald. Clary second the motion. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0.

Bill #2021-008 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH

THE MISSOURI OFFICE OF STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING SERVICES RELATING TO THE SHOW ME COURTS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. Read one time and a motion was made by Ald. Wilson and second by Ald. Haley to allow a second read. Motion carried 4-0. Read a second time and Ald. Haley moved to approve Bill #2021008. Ald. Clary second the motion. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0.

Bill #2021-009 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. Read one time and a motion was made by Ald. Deardorff and second by Ald. Wilson to allow a second read. Motion carried 4-0. Read a second time and Ald. Wilson moved to approve Bill #2021009. Ald. Haley second the motion. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0.

Other Matters: Ald. Deardorff moved to approve Kenneth Allen as a Housing Authority board member, replacing Ron Dreschel. Ald. Haley second. Motion passed 4-0.

Ald. Clary moved to not purchase property located at 806 S. Prairie. Ald. Haley second the motion. Motion passed with the votes as follows:

Clary AYE Deardorff AYE

Haley AYE Wilson abstain

Ald. Haley approved the appointment of Laranda Stanley as the municipal court clerk with an annual salary of \$8500.00. Ald. Clary second. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Minutes recorded by: Kari Standley, City Clerk

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# Stars & Stripes Museum to Extend Hours During Memorial Day Weekend

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[Stars & Stripes Museum to Extend Hours During Memorial Day Weekend](#)

Bloomfield, MO - The Stars & Stripes Museum will extend their hours during the 100 Mile Yard Sale and Memorial Day weekend.

The Stars & Stripes Museum is open extended hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the Memorial Weekend 100 Mile Yard Sale on Hwy 25.

Free admission fee to the Museum.

Vendor Spots are available Thursday, May 27 through Monday, May 31.

Space is 20'X20' and ideal for large items.

Space is available inside the barn.

Electricity is available.

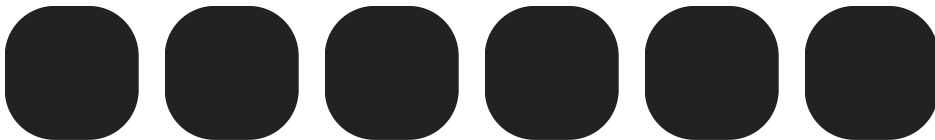
Clean restrooms are available.

Call the museum at 573-568-2055 to reserve a spot today.

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# Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes

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## Bloomfield City Council Meeting Minutes

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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# City of Bloomfield Spring Clean-Up Date Set

APRIL 23RD 2021 BY DEE LOFLIN

## City of Bloomfield Spring Clean-Up Date Set

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

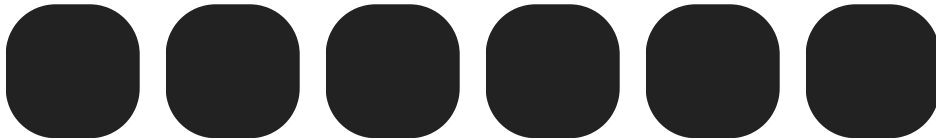
Please set your allowable items at the curb the night before.

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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