



# City of Bloomfield

## Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023, 6 p.m.

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 Scott Eckstein, Councilor Kelly Burkholder, Councilor Tony Herrera, and Councilor Dale Walls.

Also present City Manager George Duncan, City Clerk Crystal Martinez Hornberger, Finance Director Kimberly Simpson, Police Chief Phillip Francisco, and Fire Chief David Vega.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

*City Manager Duncan offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**4. PRESENTATION: Proclamation Constitution Week**

*Mayor Atencio proclaimed September 17-23, 2023, as Constitution Week.*

**5. PRESENTATION: Police Department Commendations**

*Police Chief Francisco presented commendations to Detective Darby, Sergeant Brown, Sergeant Wells, Officer Detsoi, Officer Yazzie, and Officer Gonzales.*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2023**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion Accounts Payable - Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**  
*Discussions were held and questions answered.*
- B. Discussion GRT Update - Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**  
*Discussions were held and questions answered.*
- C. Discussion MVD Revenue Update - Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**  
*Discussions were held and questions answered.*
- D. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance 549 Utility Billing Fee Changes – Finance Director Kimbelry Simpson**  
*Councilor Walls moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- E. Discussion and Possible Action to Reschedule and/or Cancel the Following Meetings Due to Holidays**  
*Councilor Herrera moved to approve changes as stated. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- **October 9, 2023 – Columbus Day**
  - **November 13, 2023 – Veteran’s Day**
  - **December 25, 2023 – Christmas Day**
- F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Lodgers Tax Request – Janet Mackey**  
*Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Farmington Pertaining to Title III State and Federal Funding for Senior Nutrition and Transportation Programs - City Manager George Duncan**  
*Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- H. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve San Juan County Senior Citizen Services Agreement - City Manager George Duncan**  
*Councilor Burkholder moved to approve. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- I. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve San Juan County Contract for Library Services - City Manager George Duncan**  
*Councilor Walls moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

- J. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Intent to Adopt Ordinance 550 An Ordinance Increasing the Compensation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bloomfield – City Manager Geroge Duncan**  
*Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Councilor Eckstein and Councilor Burkholder were in favor. Councilor Herrera and Cocunilor Walls were opposed resulting in a tie. Mayor Atencio approved. Motion passed.*

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

**A. Comments from the Public**

*Robert Yocum asked questions and made comments regarding the Bloomfield Irrigation Ditch Break.*

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

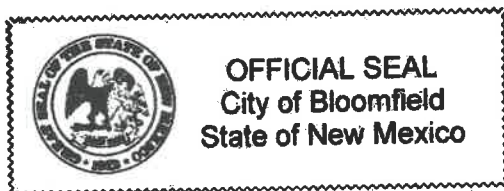
*Police Chief Francisco made comments regarding a grant the Boys and Girls Club received.*

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.*



*Cynthia Atencio, Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

*Crystal L. Hornberger, City Clerk*