

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
October 22, 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, Sue Finch and Ken Hare. Councilor Curtis Lynch was absent.

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 Peggy Loyd.

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

Councilor Pennington moved to approve **the Agenda** and Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Councilor Hare moved to approve the **Consent Agenda**. Councilor Lynch seconded and approval was unanimous.

New Business:

The Accounts Payable from the October 22 were reviewed by Councilor Hare. His questions were satisfactorily answered. Councilor Finch moved to approve Accounts Payable and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas asked the Council to approve an agreement with San Juan County for the Purchase of Pictometry Products, Access to Licensed Software and Training. By partnering with the County and the City of Aztec with the purchase, the City of Bloomfield will benefit by having access to aerial images that will be helpful for GIS mapping. Mr. Thomas said he uses an on-line tool weekly to take measurements for hydraulic analysis and making quick maps. The City's cost will be \$11,834.97. Councilor Hare moved to approve the agreement and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Mayor Atencio appointed **Cynthia Wagoner** to the **Bloomfield Library Board** and **Councilor Finch** as the alternate. **Mayor Atencio** also appointed **Annette Lee** to the Bloomfield Planning and Zoning Commission and reappointed current Commissioners **Arnold Montoya, Bernadette Smith, Liza Gomez, Kevin Mauzy and TJ Richards to the Commission.**

Finance Director Brad Ellsworth presented his Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Ellsworth said the City's revenues are looking good, with revenues about \$100,000 above revenues in the same time period in 2017.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

Department and Public Input:

Mike Matson, who recently moved to Bloomfield from Oregon, encouraged the Council to look carefully at partnering with the San Juan County Sheriff's Office to assist with law enforcement in Bloomfield. Mr. Matson is against that partnership. **Mayor Atencio** assured Mr. Matson that public meetings will be held to get public input before the Council makes a decision.

Kevin Mauzy shared several ideas to raise funds to help the City with the payment of attorney's fees in the Ten Commandments lawsuit. Mr. Mauzy has been researching fundraising possibilities, including selling tickets for a drawing for a home in Bloomfield.

Mayor Atencio recognized the Parks Department for its efforts to clean up Highways 550 and 64. The Mayor also said she had received an email from a resident complimenting the department's efforts as well. In addition, Mayor Atencio recognized Ashley Contreras, who assists with the front desk, for decorating City Hall and making it festive.

Councilor Finch said the Bloomfield Pride Committee had met and she is excited that Parks Department Director Melinda Gomez is now part of the committee. The BPC plans to help the Parks Department with its holiday decorating and the Bloomfield High School Student Council has also offered to help.

Councilor Hare said the Economic Development Committee is meeting regularly and has several projects planned. He also said Once a Day Marketing out of Albuquerque, with a limited contract, will offer guidance as the committee looks into the outdoor recreation industry in the area and special events that would attract tourists.

Public Works Director Jason Thomas said he met with Councilor Hare and others at the Second Source site. He also said the site has the potential to be a good site for the City's Second Source needs.

Interim Police Chief Randon Matthews said the Police Department is working with Workforce Solutions, which will pay 75 percent of two police officers' training at the Police Academy, uniforms and salaries.

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. The council went into Closed Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. At 7:59 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. Councilor Finch moved to return to the regular meeting and Councilor Pennington seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Adjournment:

Mayor Atencio called for adjournment at 7:59 p.m. All were in favor.

Mayor Cynthia Atencio

ATTEST:

Dorothy Nobis, City Clerk