

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 29, 2021

The Special Council 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 Councilor Ken Hare, Councilor Sue Finch, City Manager George Duncan, City Engineer Jason Thomas, and City Clerk Crystal Hornberger. Attending via zoom were Mayor Cynthia Atencio, Councilor Tony Herrera, and Councilor George Walter.

Also present were Bloomfield citizens Dale Walls, Linda Corwin, Jeff Fitt, Robert Yokum, and Rex Morris.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Discussion and possible Action** to Approve a Grant Application for an EPA Brownsfields Cleanup Grant for the Old Aerex Refinery Site at West Blanco Blvd and 5th St **City Engineer Jason Thomas**

City Engineer Jason Thomas addressed the Bloomfield City Council and the Bloomfield Public with information regarding the Brownsfields Cleanup Grant for the former Aerex Refinery. The property is split into two parcels and are identified as the East and West parcels. The East parcel is located on the east side of the intersection of West Blanco Blvd and North 5th Street and is approximately 4 acres. The West Parcel is located on the west side of the intersection of West Blanco Blvd and North 5th Street and is approximately 6.63 acres.

The project goal is to reuse the East and West parcels as a recreational area to include green space with mixed recreational space. The City of Bloomfield Mayor Cynthia Atencio challenged a group of students to develop re-use ideas and the city held a community workshop for citizens to pitch their ideas. Ideas included parks, walking trails, skate park, playground for differently abled children, butterfly garden, food truck/music venue, miniature golf, and community garden.

The City of Bloomfield is working closely with NMED and its contractor (EA) to evaluate cleanup alternatives. Cleanup is not required in the West parcel. Three different alternatives were considered for the East parcel to address contamination.

1. Alternative #1 no action
2. Alternative #2 Excavate to 10 feet, long-term ground water monitoring, and institutional controls
3. Alternative #3 Excavate to 15 feet, long-term ground water monitoring, and institutional controls

Councilor Ken Hare, Bloomfield Citizens Dale Walls and Roberts Yockum asked general questions regarding the project which were answered by City Engineer Jason Thomas.

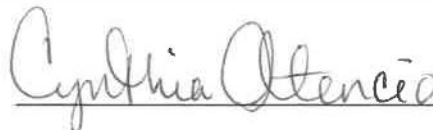
City Engineer Jason Thomas recommended forming a Brownfields working group for future projects.

Mayor Atencio, Councilor Hare, Councilor Finch, Councilor Walter, and Councilor Herrera thanked City Engineer Jason Thomas for his hard work and dedication to the project.

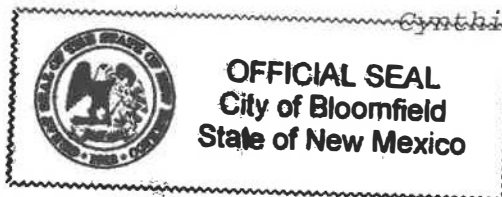
Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve submitting the Brownfields Cleanup Grant Application. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Councilor Finch moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.



Cynthia Atencio, Mayor



ATTEST:



Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk