

City of Blooming Grove  
Council Minutes  
02/02/2026

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Ashley Mahone.

Members present were Mayor Ashley Mahone, Council Members Bill Carroll, Renee Watson, Sarah Southard, Haley Ehly, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

**Minutes-**

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to approve the January meeting minutes. The motion carried.

**Visitors-**

There were no visitors present.

**Open Forum-**

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

**Department Reports-**

**Administration-**

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that anyone wanting to run for City Council will have until February 13<sup>th</sup> to submit their applications to appear on the ballot.

The deadline to submit bids for Block K has passed and bids will be opened on March 2, 2026.

**Public Safety-**

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that he has received several complaints about dogs running loose on Castle Circle Drive. He has been in contact with a family member of the owner who is trying to resolve the issue.

Chief Lawhon reported that Court was held on January 21<sup>st</sup> and was productive.

**Public Works-**

Utility Superintendent Rory Evans was not present to give a report on Public Works.

**Volunteer Reports-**

Mayor Mahone reported that the Sparky Fundraiser set for March 14, 2026 may be scaled down. They would still like to have a street dance and silent auction and a few other activities, but they may not have the car show.

**New Business-**

Haley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve the Election Order for the May 2, 2026 General Election. The motion carried.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve an amendment to STV's Elevated Tank Contract for Engineering and Inspection Services for the TxCDBG Contract Number CDV23-0115. The amendment will require additional funds from the City outside of the original grant to cover the additional inspections required for the project due to failed and cancelled inspections by the contractor.

The City will recover these funds by deducting the amount from the contractor's final payment request. The motion carried.

**Discussion Items-**

The National Honor Society has received a \$500 grant and would like to paint the fire hydrants located within the city. They are proposing a patriotic theme, which will be submitted to the City for approval.

Mayor Mahone called for the Council to convene into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. The Mayor called for a return to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried.

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Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

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City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney