

CITY OF BLOOMING GROVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2026

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

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor Ashley Mahone; Council Members Bill Carroll, Renee Watson, Sarah Southard, Haley Ehly, and Jody Gantt; City Secretary Carrie Sweeney; Utility Superintendent Rory Evans; and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VISITORS

Visitors present were BGISD Superintendent John Griggs; Kirk and Kara Lane; Kent and Marlene Ferrell; Barbara Robertson; and Darilene Owen.

OPEN FORUM

Barbara Robertson spoke to the Council regarding having her water service restored. Ms. Robertson requested to set up a payment plan with the City.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that March 13 will mark Rory Evans' 20-year anniversary with the City of Blooming Grove. Mayor Mahone presented him with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

Public Safety

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported a dog attack incident in which an individual was injured while attempting to separate two fighting dogs.

Public Works

Utility Superintendent Rory Evans provided an update on the Elevated Storage Tank project, noting that contractors identified two patches that Rory had told them about.

Volunteer Reports

Mayor Mahone reported that the Sparky Fundraiser, scheduled for March 14, 2026, will be held at the high school due to traffic constraints preventing the closure of Fordyce Street.

Mayor Mahone also stated that National Honor Society students have obtained paint for fire hydrants and will submit artwork to the City for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mahone opened a public hearing to discuss a Special Use Permit for a storage building at 404 West Clark Street. The public hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Haley Ehly made a motion, seconded by Sarah Southard, to approve a Special Use Permit for a storage building at 404 West Clark Street. The motion carried.
2. The Council discussed a variance request from BGISD regarding Chapter 3.03.187— Exception for temporary storage of a HUD-code manufactured home or travel trailer. No action was taken, as the Code of Ordinances does not permit a variance.
3. Renee Watson made a motion, seconded by Haley Ehly, to approve the Order of Cancellation for the General Election scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mahone called for the Council to convene into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. to deliberate on sealed bids for the sale of City-owned property located at TBD W. 2nd Street – B0400 BLOOMING GROVE OT BLK K LOT W, as permitted by Section 272.001 of the Local Government Code and Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. The Council returned to open session at 6:59 p.m.

Haley Ehly made a motion, seconded by Jody Gantt, to accept a bid of \$23,000 plus closing costs from Blooming Grove Independent School District for the purchase of the City-owned property described as “TBD W. 2nd Street – B0400 BLOOMING GROVE OT BLK K LOT W.” The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Haley Ehly made a motion, seconded by Sarah Southard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Ashley Mahone, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Carrie Sweeney, City Secretary