

**CITY OF BLOOMING GROVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 6, 2026

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 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, Assistant Utility Superintendent Chris Bird; and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Haley Ehly made a motion, seconded by Sarah Southard, to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion carried.

VISITORS

Visitors present were Paul and Jamie Borsellino.

OPEN FORUM

There were no requests to speak in Open Forum.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported the FY25 Audit was not completed by the March 27th deadline, due to a medical emergency involving audit staff. Carrie informed the Council that she and the auditor have set a time line to ensure that next year's audit will be completed by the deadline.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant permit renewal application is administratively complete and the next step is to publish the Public Notice in the Corsicana Daily Sun, as well as in a Spanish Publication.

Carrie reported that Councilman Bill Carroll found information on a Texas Parks & Wildlife grant for local parks which could fund 50% of up to \$150,000 to renovate the city park. There is a workshop in Waco on April 28th in which someone from the city will attend.

Public Safety

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that there were a couple of thefts that were reported to Navarro County Sheriff's Department.

Public Works

Utility Superintendent Rory Evans provided an update on the Elevated Storage Tank project,

reporting that it should be nearing completion. Rory added that the City is assessing Liquidated Damages at the rate of \$300 per day.

Volunteer Reports

Mayor Mahone reported that the National Honor Society students have should start painting the fire hydrants soon. They are currently looking at designs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill Carroll made a motion, seconded by Haley Ehly to add the Building Inspector's mileage fees to the cost of inspections. The motion carried.
2. Renee Watson made a motion, seconded by Sarah Southard to adopt the Street Classification Map, as presented. A copy of which is attached to these minutes. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Mahone informed the Council that she is having a hard time finding someone to fill the vacant position on the Housing Authority Board of Directors and asked for their input.

The Council discussed the employee's compensated absences overages and the City's compensation policy upon leaving employment.

Mayor Mahone informed the Council that she will be attending a TML Small Cities Seminar in Bastrop, Texas on May 21st – 22nd.

The Council will hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, July 27th at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mahone called for the Council to convene into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to deliberate on a potential donation of real property to the City, pursuant to Section 551.073 of the Texas Government Code. The Council reconvened to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

Renee Watson made a motion, seconded by Jody Gantt to accept the donation of real property contingent upon the death of the anonymous donor. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Haley Ehly made a motion, seconded by Sarah Southard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Ashley Mahone, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Carrie Sweeney, City Secretary

