

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
04/07/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025, 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, James Jones, Sarah Southard, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney, Police Chief T.C. Lawhon, Utility Superintendent Rory Evans and Assistant Utility Superintendent Chris Bird.

Minutes-

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve the minutes of the March meetings. Motion carried.

Visitors-

Kent and Marlene Ferrell.

Open Forum-

There were no speakers during the Open Forum.

Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – carport at 109 West Fourth Street

There were no requests to speak at the public hearing.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that the Xerox machine started messing up again this month when trying to print bills. She informed the council that she is looking at prices for a Lexmark printer that handles card stock well. The new website is in the final stages of the content transfer and should be ready to go live in the next few days.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that there was another dog-bite at the Blooming Grove Housing Authority. Chief Lawhon was able to catch the dog with help from residents so that he could take it to be euthanized and tested for rabies. The dog was negative for rabies.

Public Works-

Water Superintendent Rory Evans informed the council that he is having a hard time finding chemkeys for the machine that analyzes nitrates and nitrites, and that the lead time is months out. He said that we may need to start looking into ordering a DR-900, which is an analyzer that takes powder pillows which are much easier to get. The DR-900 is approximately \$2,500.00.

Volunteer Reports-

There were no volunteers present.

New Business-

Renee Watson made a motion and Bill Carroll seconded to approve the Special Use Permit for a carport at 109 West Fourth Street. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve an application to replat 207 South Hinckley Street. The motion carried.

Bill Carroll made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to open a new bank account for Disaster Relief grant funds. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Bill Carroll seconded to re-advertise for bids for the Elevated Storage Tank Rehab project. The motion carried.

Discussion Items-

Council discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Housing Authority and the City of Blooming Grove for the Blooming Grove Community Garden. Council feels that there needs to be more research done for the Community Garden to be a successful asset to the entire community. The city secretary will reach out to other cities for information.

James Jones made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney