

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
06/02/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025, at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Ashley Mahone.

Members present were Mayor Ashley Mahone, Council Members Bill Carroll, Renee Watson, Jody Gantt, Sarah Southard, Haley Ehly, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney, Utility Superintendent Rory Evans and Assistant Utility Superintendent Chris Bird.

Minutes-

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

Visitors-

None

Open Forum-

No speakers during open forum.

Presentation of Certificates of Election

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney presented Certificates of Election to council members Jody Gantt, Renee Watson and Bill Carroll.

Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to appoint Bill Carroll as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported there were a lot of people moving in and out since the beginning of summer. She and Mayor Mahone have been meeting bi-weekly with Grantworks for the Resilient Communities grant project. The bid opening for the Elevated Storage Tank project is scheduled for June 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon was unable to attend but informed Mayor Mahone that he's been working on code enforcement.

Public Works-

Water Superintendent Rory Evans informed the council that he and Assistant Chris Bird have been busy patching streets.

Volunteer Reports-

Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Chief Chad Marshall was unable to attend, but reported to Mayor Mahone that the new brush truck is now in service at a final cost of \$147,261.09. They received a \$25,000 grant and were able to purchase 6 sets of fire gear. The city engine now has the new decals in place and is looking sharp.

Bloom Project – Mayor Mahone reported that they have a fund raiser going on right now. They have gotten their 501c3 non-profit status. Mayor Mahone explained that the Bloom Project is a community service organization that can raise money to help with projects that the City is not able to or does not have the funds to do.

New Business-

Haley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to table the early renewal of the Energy Contract until Renee Watson speaks with Todd Malcolm with ADK Solutions. The motion carried.

Discussion Items-

Mayor Mahone and Haley Ehly gave a recap of the Vietnam Veterans parade and Ceremony. This year was the last year that they had the pinning ceremony for Vietnam Veterans.

The city council will have an Ordinance Workshop on June 17th at 9 a.m.

New council member Jody Gantt and City Secretary Carrie Sweeney will coordinate with Superintendent Rory Evans for a tour of facilities.

The 4th of July parade line up will start at 10:00 a.m. at the high school. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Haley Ehly 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