

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
08/04/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, August 4, 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, Haley Ehly, Renee Watson, Jody Gantt, Sarah Southard, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney, Police Chief T.C. Lawhon, and Utility Superintendent Rory Evans.

Minutes-

Haley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Special Called Meeting. The motion carried.

Visitors-

Visitors present were Judge Connie Hickman, Marcy Dillon with NavCo Chronicle, John Griggs with BGISD and Frank Steele with Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Open Forum-

There were no requests to speak during the Open Forum.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that the Pre-construction meeting for the Elevated Storage Tank Project is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th at 1 p.m.

There will need to be an amendment to Chapter 9, Article 2, Section 1 in the Code of Ordinances to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The 89th Legislature passed SB 1522 which changes the posting requirements for meeting notices from 72 hours prior, to at least three business days before the meeting date, not including the date of the meeting.

Carrie will be attending a Legislative Update seminar in Georgetown on August 21st and 22nd.

Carrie announced that Mayor Ashley Mahone received a ribbon for Corsicana Daily Sun's annual "Best of the Best" in the Best City Official category, and Rory Evans received a ribbon for the Best City Employee category.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon is still working on code enforcement.

Public Works-

Water Superintendent Rory Evans reported that they repaired a couple of sewer lines that had broken. They have also been patching city streets.

Discussion Item-

Judge Hickman spoke to the Council about considering an inter-local agreement with the City of Frost for the Police Department. Judge Hickman believes that it would be beneficial for both cities. She encouraged the council to speak with the Cities of Angus and Richland and look at their agreement to see how it has worked for them.

New Business-

Bill Carroll made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to approve the FY24 Audit as presented by Frank Steele with Anderson, Marx & Bohl. The motion carried.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to submit an application for the Texas Water Development Board's Asset Management Program for Small Systems (AMPSS) for the Water System program. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to open a new consolidated fund for Security & Technology in accordance with HB 1950, passed by the 89th Legislature. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve Ordinance No. 397 amending Chapter 6, Health & Sanitation of the Code of Ordinances, with corrections. The motion carried.

Discussion Items-

John Griggs with BGISD spoke to the council regarding Block K. The school district would like to sell Block K, but they feel that they would have more interest from buyers if they owned the entire block. They would like to either purchase the portion that is owned by the City, or see if there is a possibility of doing an even swap for another lot that is owned by the school. Both the school and the City will check to see what the options are.

The Council will have a Budget Work Session on August 14th at 6:30 p.m..

The Council discussed having September's council meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd since the first Monday falls on Labor Day.

Haley Ehley made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney