

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
09/02/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a Special-Called meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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, Jody Gantt, Sarah Southard, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney, Police Chief T.C. Lawhon, Utility Superintendent Rory Evans and Utility Assistant Chris Bird.

Minutes-

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve the August meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Visitors-

There were no visitors present.

Open Forum-

There were no requests to speak during the Open Forum.

Public Hearing –

Mayor Mahone opened a Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit for a carport at 601 North Fordyce Street. There were no requests to speak during the Public Hearing. Mayor Mahone closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that we are waiting on Maguire to start on the Elevated Storage Tank project. Bill Carroll is trying to schedule a meeting this week to see when they will be able to start.

The Budget and Tax Rate Hearing will be on September 16th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that Tommy Russell is no longer a reserve officer, as he did not complete the CE training needed to keep his license.

A No-Right-Turn sign was added to the stop sign at the Ramsey St. entrance of the high school. Chief Lawhon said that the school has been supportive in helping to enforce it.

Public Works-

Water Superintendent Rory Evans reported that Jason Joles Services is working on cleaning out the culverts on Kerr Street and will have that completed soon.

New Business-

Renee Watson made a motion and Bill Carroll seconded to approve a Special Use Permit for a carport at 601 North Fordyce Street. The motion carried.

Bill Carroll made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve L & S Paving's proposal to repair Granger St. in the amount of \$27,484.00. The motion carried.

Bill Carroll made a motion and Jody Gantt seconded to approve L & S Paving's proposal to repair Clark Street for \$9,563, Alden Street for \$5,197, East South Main Street for \$6,545 and Hinckley Street shoulder for \$6,355. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to use Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C. as auditors for the FY25 audit. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to decline to nominate anyone for the Board of Directors of the Navarro Central Appraisal District. The motion carried.

Discussion Items-

Mayor Mahone updated the Council on the response she received from the City Attorney regarding Block K and whether or not the City could engage in a land exchange with a public or private entity. The City Attorney advised that the City can exchange City owned real property, including land under Section 272.001 of the Local Government Code as long as it is not disadvantageous to the City, or in a manner that does not serve the public interest. John Griggs with Blooming Grove ISD will be at the next meeting to further discuss Block K.

Renee Watson made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. The motion carried.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney