

City of Blooming Grove  
Council Minutes  
10/06/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular meeting on Monday, October 6, 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, Haley Ehly, City Secretary Carrie Sweeney and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

**Minutes-**

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

**Visitors-**

Visitors present were BGISD Superintendent John Griggs, Paul Cook and Taylor Kaiser with NavCo Chronicle.

**Open Forum-**

Paul Cook spoke to Council regarding drainage issues on Third and Fourth Streets. Mr. Cook said that when it rains, the water is running up under his pier and beam house and is a health concern.

**Department Reports-**

**Administration-**

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that she and Mayor Mahone are still meeting bi-weekly with Grantworks for the Resilient Community Grant. Construction on the Elevated Storage Tank is scheduled to begin October 17, 2025. There will be a Special Called Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> to consider Maguire's request of an exception to the noise ordinance so that they can work on the Elevated Storage Tank on Saturdays.

**Public Safety-**

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that things have been quiet. He has gotten good responses to code violations that were issued and most have been taken care of.

**Volunteer Reports-**

Mayor Mahone announced that The Bloom Project has scheduled the Christmas Parade for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The line-up will start at 5:00 p.m..

**New Business-**

Bill Carroll made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve Resolution 821, Denying Oncor's rate increase. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to advertise for limb removal contract labor on the City website and Facebook page. The motion carried.

After a lengthy discussion regarding a possible property exchange with BGISD for Block K, Sarah Southard made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to table the discussion and add to the agenda for the Special Called meeting so that Councilman Bill Carroll could determine which property the ISD owns if any, would be more practical to build a pump station on, if the need ever arose. The motion carried.

**Discussion Items-**

The Council discussed options for the portion of Ramsey Street that runs by the High School. Superintendent John Griggs explained that the school architects would like to move that portion of Ramsey Street out, to gain more room for the high school renovations.

There was discussion about setting a date for a workshop to discuss a possible interlocal agreement with the City of Frost. The Council requested that the City Secretary resend the example agreement. No date was set for a workshop.

The Council reviewed the first 3 chapters of the Resilient Communities Grant preliminary draft for contract # 23-160-021-E472. Councilman Bill Carroll mentioned that Grantworks may need to double-check the elevations listed in the draft.

The Council discussed requesting a quote from Maguire to repaint the city name on the elevated storage tank while they are working on it.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried.

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Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

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City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney