

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
11/03/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 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, Utility Superintendent Rory Evans, Utility Assistant Chris Bird, Court Clerk Deena Smith and Police Chief T.C. Lawhon.

Minutes-

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve the October meeting minutes, with one correction needed. The motion carried.

Visitors-

Visitors present were Kent and Marlene Ferrell.

Open Forum-

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney reported that there were a couple of inquiries for the limb removal contractor position. Shane Richards did pick up limbs this week. Everything is running smoothly.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon reported that things have been quiet. Halloween night was uneventful. There were two jury trials scheduled for court in October. One defendant appealed the case to County Court and the other trial will be rescheduled for November.

Public Works-

Utility Superintendent Rory Evans reported that he and Chris have been working on leaks and street repairs. He found a deal on a trailer for the mini excavator from United Rentals for \$3,600.

Volunteer Reports-

None.

New Business-

Haley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve a bid from Bennett Construction for security updates at the City Hall, not to exceed \$7,023.30. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded approve Resolution 822 designating the Corsicana Daily Sun as the City's Official Newspaper. The motion carried.

Bill Carroll made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to approve Tank White as the paint color for the elevated storage tank. The motion carried.

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to cast the City's 7 votes on Jeff Smith for the Navarro Central Appraisal District's Board of Director's for the 2026-2027 term. The motion carried.

Discussion Items-

The Council discussed the limb removal service and what a new contractor would cost. The Council agreed that the city should take bids and go from there.

Mayor Mahone announced that she appointed Jackie Benton and Amy Campbell Doucet to the Blooming Grove Housing Authority Board for two (2) year terms.

The Council discussed TxDOT's proposed Municipal Maintenance Agreement and will check with other cities to see if they are signing the agreement. It will also be sent to TML's legal team to get their opinion.

The City Hall's Christmas party will be on December 19th, time and place to be determined.

Renee Watson made a motion and Haley Ehly seconded to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. The motion carried.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney