

City of Blooming Grove
Council Minutes
12/01/2025

The City Council of the City of Blooming Grove held a regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 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 Ehley made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Visitors-

Visitors present were Leah and Abigail Burnett.

Open Forum-

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

Abigail Burnett, a student at Blooming Grove High school gave a professional presentation about Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Abigail will be competing in Professional Communication and hopes to represent Blooming Grove well.

Mayor Ashley Mahone opened a Public Hearing to consider request by Brad & Syble Talley for a Special Use Permit to place a 40' Cargo Container on the property at 301 North Fordyce Street. There were no requests to speak at the Public Hearing.

Department Reports-

Administration-

City Secretary Carrie Sweeney informed the council that the City Hall Christmas Party is scheduled for December 19th at El Charro's Mexican Restaurant in Hillsboro at 5:30 p.m.

The security updates for City Hall are mostly complete, with just a few minor details to finish. The contractor was able to reduce the labor on the quote by \$1,000 because he thought the door to the conference room was in a cinder block wall. The money saved will be used to extend the glass around Carrie and Deena's desks to the walls.

Public Safety-

Police Chief T.C. Lawhon was not present.

Public Works-

Utility Superintendent Rory Evans reported that the generator for the elevated storage tank project has been hooked up and tested. He reported that the contractors have been moving in equipment.

The City-wide Clean-up on November 15th was a success. Rory reported that there weren't a lot of people, but they filled 3 dumpsters.

Volunteer Reports-

Mayor Ashley Mahone announced that the Bloom Project is having the Christmas Parade on December 13th at 6 p.m.

The Bloom Project, along with the National Art Honor Society will be sponsoring the Christmas lights at the City Park, with \$500 worth of new lights to decorate the park.

New Business-

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded to approve a Special Use Permit to place a 40' Cargo Container on the property at 301 North Fordyce Street. The motion carried.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Renee Watson seconded approve a payment plan for a high water bill caused by a water leak. The motion carried.

Discussion Items-

The council discussed the Elevated Storage Tank project which was supposed to have started on October 1st and they are just now bringing equipment in. It is supposed to be substantially completed by December 15, 2025 and the final completion date is January 15, 2026. The engineer has drafted a request for a time extension, so that the city will not be penalized for the delays.

Mayor Ashley Mahone updated the council on the appointees to the Blooming Grove Housing Authority Board. Jackie Benton and Amy Campbell Doucet will service until December 31, 2027.

The appraisal for Block K has been completed. The next step will be to post notice in the newspaper that the property is up for sealed bids. The notice will need to run for two (2) consecutive weeks and then thirty days after the submission deadline, the council will open the sealed bids in Executive Session.

Haley Ehly made a motion and Sarah Southard seconded to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. The motion carried.

Mayor Ashley Mahone

Attest:

City Secretary, Carrie Sweeney