



**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 27, 2020, 6 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 915 N. First Street, Bloomfield, NM. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance via Zoom were Mayor Atencio, City Manager George Duncan, City Attorney Ryan Lane, City Clerk Crystal L Hornberger, Councilor Sue Finch (via Phone), Councilor George Walter, Councilor Ken Hare, Councilor David Aguirre, Finance Director Brad Ellsworth, City Engineer Jason Thomas, and Police Chief David Karst.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.*

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*City Manager George Duncan offered the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Councilor Hare moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Aguirre seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2020 meeting**

*Councilor Finch moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2020. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Entering into a New Health Insurance Plan with the State of New Mexico. Tom Franks and Jan Gibson.**

*Tom Franks and Jan Gibson had discussion and answered questions concerning the City of Bloomfield entering a new health Insurance plan with the State of New Mexico. City manager informed council that he had not received information needed from the NMML to make a decision and requested the council give him the authority to make a decision as soon as he received said information. Councilor Hare moved to approve. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Accounts Payable**

*Councilor Hare moved to approve the accounts payable with the understanding that questions would be addressed at a future meeting. Councilor Aguirre seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

- C. Appoint Sarah Pope to the Bloomfield Public Library Board. Mayor Atencio**  
*Councilor Hare moved to approve the appointment of Sarah Pope to the Bloomfield Public Library Board. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- D. Appoint Judy Hudson to the Bloomfield Public Library Board. Mayor Atencio**  
*Councilor Hare moved to approve the appointment of Judy Hudson to the Bloomfield Public Library Board. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- E. Monthly Financial Report March 2020-Finance Director Brad Ellsworth**  
*Brad Ellsworth presented the Financial Report for March 2020 and answered questions.*
- F. Appoint George Walter to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Mayor Atencio**  
*Councilor Hare moved to approve the appointment of George Walter to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Signing an Open Letter to the Governor Regarding the NM Business Coalition "Get Back to Business Plan". Mayor Atencio**  
*Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Aguirre seconded. Councilor Finch, Councilor Walter, and Councilor Aguirre approved signing an Open Letter to the Governor. Councilor Hare voted no.*
- H. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with BHI for Additional Design Phase Services and for Construction Phase Services for the Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade Project. City Engineer Jason Thomas**  
*City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with BHI for Additional Design Phase Services and for Construction Phase Services for the Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade Project. Councilor Hare moved to approve. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.*
- I. Discussion and Possible Action to Proceed with Boundary Survey, Title Report, and Appraisal for Scott Reservoir Project. City Engineer Jason Thomas**  
*City Engineer requested approval to Proceed with Boundary Survey, Title Report, and appraisal for Scott Reservoir Project. Councilor Hare moved to approve. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

*There was no unfinished business.*

**7. PUBLIC INPUT (Limited to five [5] minutes per person):**

**A. Comments from the Public**

*There were no public comments.*

**B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council**

*Councilor Hare made comments in reference to an article in the Albuquerque Journal and Covid 19.*

*Mayor Atencio made comments in reference to the Senior Banner Project fundraiser, Covid 19 and reminded citizens that Bloomfield does not have a curfew.*

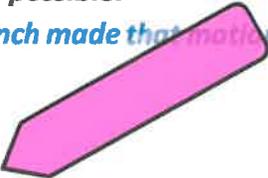
**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

The City Council may go into closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15- 1(H) to discuss pending/threatened litigation in the case of Culpepper v. Town of Farmington, A-1-CA-37156, and limited personnel.

*There was no closed session.*

**9. ADJOURNMENT: ATTENTION TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at 632-6300 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21. Councilor Finch made that motion. Councilor Aguirre seconded. All were in favor.*

  
  
Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Crystal L. Hornberger, City Clerk