



CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
May 26, 2020, 6 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Public Health Emergency the regular meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. via zoom meeting and phone. 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, Councilor George Walter, Councilor Ken Hare, Councilor David Aguirre, Finance Director Brad Ellsworth, City Engineer Jason Thomas, Police Chief David Karst via phone, and Human Resources Donna Clifton via phone.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilor Aguirre offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Finch moved to approve the meeting agenda. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

4. PRESENTATION: Letter by Retired Captain Paul McCarthy regarding Sgt. Chris Keffalos Mayor Atencio.

Mayor Atencio presented a letter and memorial for Sgt Chris Keffalos. Gifted to the City of Bloomfield by retired Captain Paul McCarthy.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2020

Councilor Finch moved to approve the council meeting minutes from April 27, 2020. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Accounts Payable

Finance Director Brad Ellsworth answered questions regarding accounts payable. Councilor Hare moved to approve accounts payable. Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

- B. **Discussion Monthly Financial Report Finance Director Brad Ellsworth**
Finance Director Brad Ellsworth presented the monthly finance report and answered questions.
- C. **Discussion of possible actions to offset the loss of GRT City Manager George Duncan**
Discussions were held regarding possible actions to offset the loss of Gross Receipts Tax. No final decisions were made.
- D. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Preliminary Budget Finance Director Brad Ellsworth**
Finance Director Brad Ellsworth stated that the State suggested, due to the COVID-19 State of Public Emergency, that the municipalities submit their FY 2020 budget as their preliminary FY 2021 budget. Councilor Sue Finch moved to approve. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- E. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Change Order #1 for Second Source Automation Project City Engineer Jason Thomas**
City Engineer Jason Thomas requested approval of Change Order #1 for Second Source Automation Project. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- F. **Discussion and Possible Special Events Mayor Atencio**
Due to the COVID-19 Sate of Public Emergency, Mayor Atencio called for a motion to cancel the July 5th fireworks. Councilor Aguirre moved to approve. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

There was no unfinished business.

8. 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 the Bloomfield High School Graduate Banners. Commended Donica Sharp and Autumn McMurry on all their hard work. City Manager George Duncan added that City Clerk Crystal Hornberger and Parks Director Melinda Gomez were also instrumental in this project and thanked San Juan Signs for their help as well.

Mayor Atencio made comments in reference to an upcoming Budget Workshop and asked departments for input on any cost savings ideas.

9. 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.

At 8:06 pm Mayor Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session to discuss City Manager George Duncan's contract renewal. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

At 8:22 pm Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to the regular meeting stating nothing was discussed in closed session other than City Manager George Duncan's contract renewal. Council Finch moved to approve. Councilor Aguirre seconded. Approval was unanimous.

G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve City Manager George Duncan's Contract Mayor Atencio

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve City Manager George Duncan's contract. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

10. 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 8:24. Councilor Finch moved to approve and Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk