



CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 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. Due to the COVID-19 State of Public Health Emergency the Regular Council Meeting was available to the public via phone conference. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Atencio, Councilor George Walter, Councilor Sue Finch, Councilor Kan Hare, and Councilor David Aguirre.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan, City Clerk Crystal L Hornberger, Finance Director Brad Ellsworth, City Engineer Jason Thomas, Police Chief David Karst, Human Resources Donna Clifton, and City Attorney Ryan Lane attended via phone.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager George Duncan offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENTATION: Peggy Loyd Retirement Mayor Atencio

Mayor Atencio presented Bloomfield Librarian Peggy Loyd with a plaque for her retirement. Mayor Atencio also thanked her for her years of service and read a letter from the Library Board.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to switch Item A and Item B and approve the agenda. Councilor Finch moved to approve the agenda and switching Item A and Item B. Councilor Hare seconded. Approval was unanimous.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2020

Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve the Minutes from May 26, 2020 with one spelling correction. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Aguirre 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. Councilor Finch seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- B. **Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve Charles Hare Living Trust Variance **Donica Sharpe**
Donica Sharp present and answered questions regarding the application for variance for the Charles Hare Living Trust. Councilor Finch moved to approve. Councilor Walter seconded. Councilor Finch, Councilor Walter, and Councilor Aguirre approved the variance. Councilor Hare recused himself from voting however, wanted to state for the record he was in favor of the variance.
- C. **Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve **Resolution 2020-10** A Resolution Adopting the Municipal Records Retention Policy Guidelines. **City Clerk Crystal Hornberger**
City Clerk Crystal Hornberger requested approval of Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Adopting the Municipal Records Retention Policy Guidelines. After discussions regarding the Records Retention Policy Guidelines the council decided to table Resolution 2020-10 for a future meeting after further research has been done.
- D. **Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve Destruction of Records. **City Clerk Crystal Hornberger**
Item D Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Destruction of Records has been tabled until future meeting.
- E. **Discussion and Possible Action** to Approve Intent to Adopt **Ordinance 486**. An automatic Consumer Price Index adjustment. **City Manager George Duncan and Finance Director Brad Ellsworth.**
City Manager George Duncan and Finance Director Brad Ellsworth requested approval of Ordinance 486 an Intent to Adopt An automatic Consumer Price Index adjustment. After council discussion Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 486 with the following wording changed

From:

*Notify the City Council that under this section, an automatic increase in water rates shall take place **equal to 75 percent of the change** in the Consumer Price Index (Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, Water and Sewerage Maintenance (CPI) or its equivalent successor index) over the previous 12-month period ending the previous July 1 and what the proposed increase will be in the form of a percentage increase*

To:

*Notify the City Council that under this section, an automatic increase in water rates shall take place **equal to the current change** in the Consumer Price Index (Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, Water and Sewerage Maintenance (CPI) or its equivalent successor index) over the previous 12-month*

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Councilor Hare moved to approve with the wording change, and Councilor Aguirre seconded. Councilor Hare, Councilor Aguirre, and Councilor Walter were in favor. Councilor Finch was not in favor.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

There was no unfinished business.

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

A. Comments from the Public

Christopher Martinez owner of the new bike shop stood and introduced himself and made comments in reference to outdoor recreation.

B. Comments from Department Heads and/or Council

Councilor Hare made comments regarding Peggy Loyd and her retirement. Said she has been an asset to the Bloomfield Library, and she would be missed. Councilor Hare commended Donica Sharp and Autumn McMurry again on all the work they did on the Bloomfield Senior Banners. Donica and Autumn donated over 60 hours of their time and raised over \$4000.00. He also thanked San Juan Signs, Parks Department, and Halo. Councilor Hare also made comments in reference to Jessica Polatty and the Senior Center and the work they have done making over 6700 mask and all the home delivered meals.

Councilor Walter asked if he could receive training on the SmartGov program.

Mayor Atencio commended Chief Karst on the opening of MVD and some suggestions and changes he had made.

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.

There was no closed session.

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 7:22 pm. Councilor Finch moved to approve, and Councilor Walter seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Attest:

Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

Crystal L Hornberger, City Clerk