

**Meeting of the City of Bloomsdale  
December 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance: Mayor Paul Monia, City Clerk Lynnette Randoll, Aldermen Monica Rozier and Brandon Shortt. Aldermen John Schweigert and Chris Basler were absent. Also attending the meeting were TJ Garb and David Van Leer with Cochran. Water Superintendent Rick Drury attended along with Fire Chief Mike Basler. City Residents Ray Wolk, Herman Meyer, Jerry Estes, Clayton Drury, Kenny Drury, Holly Hoover, Jamie Reynolds, Terry Sampson, Ryan Schwent, and Darrell and Kim Basler attended. The Meeting was held at the Bloomsdale Knights of Columbus Hall Club Room.

The Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the November Meeting were read and approved with a motion from Alderman Brandon Shortt, seconded by Monica Rozier.

Alderman Monica Rozier made a motion to pay all current expenditures, seconded by Brandon Shortt. The motion was unanimously approved.

Overdue water bills were reviewed. Notices were sent Wednesday, 12/07/2023.

The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed waterline upgrade on Clement Road with affected Residents. The Mayor gave a brief history of the original waterline installation in 1964. He then explained the proposed project and the reasoning behind it. The City of Bloomsdale has never received grant money, because water/sewer rates stayed the same from 1964 until the 1990's. The City was not perceived as being willing to help itself. Mayor Monia has changed that. There are regular price increases and several new taxes have been put in place for growth. The Mayor explained that his priority has always been infrastructure, which includes water, sewer, and streets. We will soon outgrow the sewer system, but we have outgrown the water system. When the Health Care Center was constructed on Boderman Lane, the City was unable to meet the requirements for the sprinkler system. This was a major concern and the City contracted Cochran Engineering to conduct a study of the Bloomsdale Water System. The main concern found in the study was from Clement Road to the Love's Truck Stop on Enterprise Road. Steps have been taken to improve this. A new 250,000-gallon water storage tank has been constructed and the watermain has been increased from St. Agnes Drive, up Mill Hill Road and down Jersey Lane. It is now time to address Clement Road.

The Mayor explained that when the system was installed in 1964, proper easement paperwork was not filed. He wants to do it correctly this time. The initial design and easement paperwork sent to all residents on Clement included street widening and where possible, a sidewalk. This was met with GREAT resistance. The plan is now to ONLY upgrade the water main on the north side of Clement. Some residents inquired why it could not be put in the street. The Mayor explained that while this is a costly and inconvenient solution, the main drawback is the stress put on utility lines being driven



over constantly. This is a huge deterrent. He also pointed out that Clement Road has been repaired more often than any other street in Bloomsdale over the years. He also explained that with the transite pipe currently in use, repairs are becoming increasingly difficult because materials are almost impossible to find, and the pipe has become misshapen and to clamp a repair is unsuccessful because it inevitably leaks. Resident Kim Basler reminded everyone that Bloomsdale does exist on a fault line and any movement could wreak havoc on the old lines. She does not believe it is in the City's best interest to hinder progress. She reiterated that there will be NO SIDEWALKS.

Some of the benefits of the upgrade are the replacement of old fire hydrants and the addition of several more. The water pressure will increase as well. Rick Drury pointed out with Fire Chief Mike Basler that the existing hydrants on Clement are virtually useless because of the pressure. The Fire Department does not even consider using them. If they are replaced and pressure increases, this helps lower the ISO rating which in turn benefits residents because it decreases insurance premiums. All the old meters will be replaced as well with new touch read meters like the ones installed on St. Agnes Drive, Mill Hill Road and Jersey Lane. Herman Meyer asked that the Mayor clarify that the new line will be installed as close to the street as possible. The Mayor confirmed. He stressed that he only wants the best for the City.

Four households signed the Easement Paperwork and Don Kuehn was there to notarize signatures, at no cost to the City. This was very much appreciated. The residents left the meeting at 7:00 PM and the regular Council Meeting resumed.

Clerk's notes: Lynnette Randoll reported that Missouri DNR will not require the City to test for asbestos in our system. They are aware of our infrastructure and have deemed it safe. Rick Drury has agreed to continue acting as Water Superintendent until the City can put in place a qualified replacement for John Lurk. He has been doing a great job. Mayor Monia had the lab building at the Treatment Plant fortified by Nathan Rosenquist. Unknown subjects tried on three different occasions to break in. The third time they were nearly successful. There is nothing of value in the building, but vandalism could be catastrophic. Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are being collected.

Alderman Brandon Shortt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, seconded by Monica Rozier. The motion was approved.

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Mayor, Paul Monia

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City Clerk, Lynnette Randoll