

**Meeting of the City of Bloomsdale
February 13, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the following in attendance: Mayor Paul Monia, City Clerk Lynnette Randall, Aldermen Chris Basler, John Schweigert and Brandon Shortt. Alderman Monica Rozier was absent. Also attending the meeting was TJ Garbs with Cochran, Mark Evans with the Ste. Genevieve Herald and Jeannine Canaday.

The Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the January Meeting were read and approved with a motion from Alderman Chris Basler, seconded by John Schweigert.

Alderman Chris Basler made a motion to pay all current expenditures, seconded by John Schweigert. The motion was unanimously approved.

Overdue water bills were reviewed. Notices were sent Wednesday, 02/07/2024.

TJ took the floor, but there isn't much to discuss at this point. The City is still waiting on seven Easements before Cochran can complete the design. The Easement for William and Erin Everett was discussed and TJ stated that we've requested a 20' from them, but could get by with 10' if we don't have to avoid the trees on the edge of the property. Clerk Randall will call them to discuss. TJ left the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Jeannie Canaday was invited to speak and she expressed her displeasure at the political sign on the property at 82 Mill Hill Road near Mary's Market South. She grew up in the City of Bloomsdale, but has been living in Ste. Genevieve County for the past 10 years. She was surprised that the City has nothing in place to regulate signs. The City's stance is that we cannot control what residents do on their own property. She did some research with Ste. Genevieve and found that candidate endorsement signs can be limited to installation 30 to 60 days before an election. The sign in question does not endorse a particular candidate. It states an opinion which falls under Freedom of Speech. Placement of signs can be dictated to 10 to 20 feet from property lines and size can be regulated. Foul language can be discouraged. Clerk Randall will make a call to the Missouri Municipal League to gather information. Mrs. Canaday reported that there were vulgar signs in Ste. Genevieve City and County and local law enforcement was able to visit locations and suggest they be removed. This was somewhat successful. The City of Bloomsdale has no law enforcement in place. She strongly suggested that the Alderman create an Ordinance regulating this matter. She left the meeting at 7:30.

Clerk's Notes: The new meter was installed at Love's on Wednesday, January 24th by Vern Bauman Contracting. The Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes were paid by Love's after Clerk Randall found the right person to help. There is an agricultural company looking at the property next to Love's on Enterprise Road. Sandra Cabot is working with the company looking for suitable properties in Ste. Genevieve County and reached out to Mayor Monia and Clerk Randall. Clerk Randall mailed a "last ditch

effort" letter to try and get signatures on Easements on Clement Road for seven properties. CE put rock on the road to the Treatment Plant February 2nd and Jim Deimund used the City Tractor to spread it. A Building Permit for a shed at 197 Skywood Drive was submitted for approval. Rick Drury took the John Deere Gator to Sydenstryker Nobbe to have the emergency brake repaired. Apparently those cables break fairly frequently. Clerk Randall successful submitted the SAM Renewal for the City of Bloomsdale. It was approved.

Alderman Chris Basler made a motion to enter a closed session at 7:35 PM, seconded by John Schweigert for Real Estate purposes. Alderman Basler: aye; Alderman Schweigert: aye; Alderman Shortt: aye. Alderman John Schweigert made a motion to return to open session at 7:55 PM, seconded by Alderman Basler. Alderman Basler: aye; Alderman Schweigert: aye; Alderman Shortt: aye.

Alderman John Schweigert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Chris Basler. The motion was approved.

Mayor, Paul Monia

City Clerk, Lynnette Randoll