



**Minutes**  
**City Council - Regular Session**  
**Monday, April 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom. Mayor Dan Brady called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, ending with a moment of silent prayer/reflection.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Council Member Jenna Kearns  
Council Member Micheal Mosley  
Council Member Sheila Montney  
Council Member John Danenberger  
Council Member Michael Straza  
Council Member Cody Hendricks  
Council Member Mollie Ward  
Council Member Kent Lee  
Council Member Abby Scott  
Mayor Dan Brady

**Recognition/Appointments**

Item 5.B. Recognition of the Proclamation of April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day, as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Dave Lamb, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, accepted the Proclamation. He shared about Arbor Day and recognized the City for its 40th year receiving the Tree City USA designation.

Item 5.A. Presentation of Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) Tier II Accreditation to the Bloomington Police Department, as requested by the Police Department.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens explained that the Bloomington Police Department ("BPD") was being presented with its Tier II Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation ("ILEAP"). He explained it reflected BPD as top-tier in the State, recognizing the high level of service provided to the City.

Police Chief Jamal Simington described it as a proud moment in law enforcement and emphasized the significance of the achievement for the Department.

Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria, as a representative of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, formally presented the accreditation. He provided a brief history of the ILEAP as the premier accreditation authority for law enforcement agencies in Illinois. He reported that only 67 Illinois agencies (about 5%) earned Tier II distinction and congratulated BPD on its achievement.

Chief Simington recognized Lieutenant (Lt.) James Clesson for his leadership and work managing the accreditation process. He then awarded Lt. Clesson with the Meritorious Service Award for his exemplary leadership, diligence, and unwavering commitment.

Item 5.C. Recognition of Boards & Commissions Appointments, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Brady recognized Jeff Brown and Megan Hawkes on their appointments to the

Bloomington Housing Authority.

### Public Comment

Mayor Brady read a public comment statement of procedure. Donna Boelen had emailed public comment. Joe Blaney spoke in person, and Theo Edins registered, but was not present.

### Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by City Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

**Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2026, Special City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of \$16,549,950.16, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution (1) Approving the Purchase of Six 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Schimmer Ford (Bid #2026-32), in the Amount of \$267,655.86; and (2) Utilizing the City's Bid #2026-32 solicitation to purchase One 2026 Ford Explorer for Fire in the amount of \$44,709.31; and (3) Declaring the Replaced Units as Surplus and Granting Authority to Dispose of Replaced Units at an Online Public Auction, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 036**

**A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF SIX 2026 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FROM SCHIMMER FORD (BID #2026-32), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,655.86; AND (2) UTILIZING THE CITY'S BID #2026-32 SOLICITATION TO PURCHASE ONE 2026 FORD EXPLORER FOR FIRE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,709.31; AND (3) DECLARING THE REPLACED UNITS AS SURPLUS AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF REPLACED UNITS AT AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION**

Item 7.E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Purchase of UKG Intouch TimeClocks and Support Service Software, from UKG Kronos Systems, LLC, for the Replacement of Aging Devices, in the Amount of \$109,920, as requested by the Information Technology Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 037**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF UKG INTOUCH TIMECLOCKS AND SUPPORT SERVICE SOFTWARE, FROM UKG KRONOS SYSTEMS, LLC, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AGING DEVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,920**

Item 7.F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a Change Order to Purchase Order #20260139-00, for the Ambulance Billing and Collection Services, with EMS Management

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& Consultants, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000, as requested by the Fire Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 038**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO PURCHASE ORDER #20260139-00, FOR THE AMBULANCE BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES, WITH EMS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTANTS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000**

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Constitution Trail – Lafayette Street to Hamilton Road Project Agreement for Professional Services with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Regarding Additional Phase II Design, in the Amount of \$22,507, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 039**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TRAIL – LAFAYETTE STREET TO HAMILTON ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH HUTCHISON ENGINEERING, INC., REGARDING ADDITIONAL PHASE II DESIGN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,507**

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, for Supply and Delivery of Bioxide Solution for The Grove Sewage Lift Station Force Main, for a Five-Year Period Beginning May 1, 2026, and Ending April 30, 2031, in the Amount of \$246,830, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 040**

**ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BIOXIDE SOLUTION FOR THE GROVE SEWAGE LIFT STATION FORCE MAIN, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2031, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,830**

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Pipeworks, Inc., for the Police Department HVAC Modifications (Bid #2026-29), in the Amount of \$726,050, as requested by the Administration - Facilities Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 041**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PIPEWORKS, INC., FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HVAC MODIFICATIONS (BID #2026-29), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$726,050**

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ecology Action Center for the Stormwater Education Program, for a Three-Year Period Beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029, in the Annual Amount of \$47,159, with a Possible 3% Increase Year Over Year, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 042**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER FOR THE STORMWATER EDUCATION PROGRAM, FOR A**

**THREE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2026, AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2029, IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$47,159, WITH A POSSIBLE 3% INCREASE YEAR OVER YEAR**

Item 7.K. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with George Gildner, Inc., for FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) South Sidewalks Phase II (Bid #2026-22), in the Amount of \$89,877, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 043**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE GILDNER, INC., FOR FY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SOUTH SIDEWALKS PHASE II (BID #2026-22), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,877**

Item 7.L. Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for Construction Phase Engineering Services for the Census Tract 59 Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase 1, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$389,000; and (2) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026, for the Water Fund, to Utilize Reserves, in the Amount of \$389,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Ordinance be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 044**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CENSUS TRACT 59 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$389,000**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 029**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, FOR THE WATER FUND, TO UTILIZE RESERVES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$389,000**

Item 7.M. Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to George Gildner, Inc., for the Census Tract 59 Phase 1 Lead Service Line Replacement Project, in the Amount of \$10,896,874.10; and (2) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026, for the Water Fund, to Utilize Reserves, in the Amount of \$6,396,874.10, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 045**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO GEORGE GILDNER, INC., FOR THE CENSUS TRACT 59 PHASE 1 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,896,874.10**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 030**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, FOR THE WATER FUND, TO UTILIZE RESERVES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,396,874.10**

Item 7.N. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Stark

Excavating, Inc., for the Locust Street Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Elimination and Water Main Replacement Phase 8 (Bid #2026-27), in the Amount of \$7,901,316, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 046**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH STARK EXCAVATING, INC., FOR THE LOCUST STREET COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) ELIMINATION AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE 8 (BID #2026-27), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,901,316**

Item 7.O. Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for Illinois Route 9 (Empire Street) Improvements, in an Estimated Amount of \$902,807; and (2) a State Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funding Resolution for Illinois Route 9 (Empire Street) Improvements, in the Amount of \$1,128,509, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolutions be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 047**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 9 (EMPIRE STREET) IMPROVEMENTS, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$902,807**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 048**

**A STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDING RESOLUTION FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 9 (EMPIRE STREET) IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,128,509**

Item 7.P. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving the First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 General Resurfacing Project Agreement with Rowe Construction, A Division of United Contractors Midwest, Inc., in the Amount of \$532,182.42, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 031**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL RESURFACING PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH ROWE CONSTRUCTION, A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$532,182.42**

Item 7.Q. Consideration and Action on an Application from Revery Bloomington, LLC, located at 704 McGregor St., Requesting Approval of a Change in Ownership for their Class RAS (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved with the following conditions: (1) without the sale of packaged liquor; and (2) that the establishment closes at 9:00 PM daily.)

Item 7.R. Consideration and Action on an Application from 505 Pub, LLC, d/b/a Pub I, located at 505 W. Market St., Requesting Approval of a Class TAS (Tavern, All Types of Alcohol & Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.S. Consideration and Action on an Application from Tailwind BMI, LLC, d/b/a Jetstream Restaurant and Radar Bar & Turbo Bar, located at 3201 CIRA Dr., Requesting Approval of a Change in Ultimate Parent Company for their Class RAS (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol & Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended

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Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.T. Consideration and Action on an Application from Aroma Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a Scramblers, located at 1607 Jumer Dr., Requesting Approval of a Change in Ownership for their Class RAS (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol & Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

**Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:**

**Ayes:** Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

**Motion Carried.**

## **Regular Agenda**

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.A. Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department's 2025 Annual Report, as requested by the Police Department.

Chief Simington presented the BPD 2025 Annual Report, highlighting BPD's mission, strategic goals, increased calls for service, and strong performance by patrol, investigations, communications, and specialized units. He discussed significant efficiency gains made through new technology; reported low complaint and use-of-force rates; decreased burglaries, vehicle thefts, and shootings; recognized outstanding employee performance; and noted that the full Annual Report was available on the BPD's website.

Council Member Scott noted an increase in reported sex crimes. She and Chief Simington discussed how the increase in reported sex crimes appeared to stem from a combination of factors, including the BPD's efforts to be approachable so victims felt more comfortable reporting, and enhanced investigative capabilities, particularly in analyzing phones and online activity. He explained that BPD received proactive leads from the Internet Crimes Against Children ("ICAC") task force involving online exchanges of images and videos, and that these referrals, along with better tools and proactive investigative work, were contributing to the upward trend in identified sex offenses. They then discussed a spike in drug offenses and determined that more proactive enforcement by patrol officers and the Street Crimes Unit including follow-up on anonymous tips and coordination with Illinois State Police Task Force resulted in more identified drug activity, rather than clear evidence that drugs were more prevalent in the community. Council Member Scott praised BPD for its strong data and survey work, Tier II Accreditation, extensive community and marginalized-community outreach, restorative-justice-focused school resource officers, and overall transparency, stating that the community receives high value from their Police Department and she would like to see more of that work continue.

Council Member Ward and Chief Simington discussed how post-contact surveys were distributed and how the data was collected to focus on accountability and community trust. They discussed the 'shootings' metric and specifically whether it included shootings of people, property, and shots fired, and whether the number '20' shown on the slide was a total or a change. Chief Simington explained that the shootings figure covered any confirmed incident where a person or property were struck, or if evidence indicated shots had been fired. He confirmed that '20' represented the total number of such shooting incidents in 2025.

Mayor Brady thanked Chief Simington, BPD staff, both present and not present, for their continued service and congratulated them on a job well done.

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.B. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Approval and Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (Connect Transit) for the Market St. Garage Property Located at 202 West Market Street (PIN: 21-04-187-009), as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Jurgens reported that the Downtown Transit Project with Connect Transit had originally been financially infeasible for the City as projected costs climbed above \$12 million amid a budget deficit, but that subsequent renegotiations with Connect Transit produced an even better project at a significantly lower City investment. He thanked Connect Transit leadership and Billy Tyus, Senior Deputy City Manager ("Sr. DCM"), for their work.

Sr. DCM Tyus presented the purchase, sale, and lease framework with Connect Transit, explaining that the City would sell the Market Street Garage to Connect Transit for \$10 and then they would fund the demolition and construction of the new combined transfer station and parking facility with the City only contributing limited additional design funds. He reported that the City would control and maintain approximately 85 - 95 parking spaces which would play a role in the broader Downtown "parking puzzle", and that, pending required approvals, demolition and construction were expected to begin in early 2027 with a target opening date of summer/fall 2028.

Council Member Montney questioned whether Connect Transit was complying with its Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 intergovernmental agreement obligations and urged that new leadership use the transition to reinforce expectations for full compliance, while also recommending a formal service level agreement to clearly define each party's maintenance responsibilities for the new facility. Sr DCM Tyus replied that Connect Transit had met some requirements and still had time to fulfill others (such as a budget presentation). He confirmed that a separate, detailed service-level document would be created to spell out maintenance obligations.

Council Member Hendricks expressed enthusiasm for moving the project forward, noting the significant level of activity and improvements occurring in Ward 6 and emphasizing that the new transfer station would benefit residents Citywide.

**Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Item as presented.**

**Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:**

**Ayes:** Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

**Motion Carried.**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 032**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM (CONNECT TRANSIT) FOR THE MARKET ST. GARAGE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 WEST MARKET STREET (PIN: 21-04-187-009)**

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.C. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Lease Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (Connect Transit) for Operation of a Proposed Public Parking Facility to be Located at 202 West Market

Street, as requested by the Administration Department.

Sr. DCM Billy Tyus outlined the need for this Item during the presentation of Item 8.B.

**Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve the Item as presented.**

**Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:**

**Ayes:** Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

**Motion Carried.**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 033**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM (CONNECT TRANSIT) FOR OPERATION OF A PROPOSED PUBLIC PARKING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 202 WEST MARKET STREET**

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.D. Consideration and Action on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager Jurgens gave a brief overview of the proposed Fiscal year ("FY") 2027 budget, highlighting a historic overall budget of \$370.5 million driven primarily by \$82 million in mandated water capital projects, increased funding for public safety (including two new firefighters), nearly \$1 million for neighborhood revitalization, a 25% increase in asphalt and concrete spending plus an added paving crew. He noted that key administrative departments together only accounted for 4.2% of the total Citywide budget. He further discussed the recent \$3 million property tax levy increase and how it was intentionally directed to three priority areas: Police, Fire, and Parks. He noted that the levy helped rebalance funding after years of rate reductions amid rising inflation while also allowing the City to avoid issuing new bonds, and freed up one-time revenues for needs such as Downtown parking and delayed equipment purchases.

Council Member Montney pointed out that the City's budget growth since 2021 had exceeded inflation. She reiterated a prior request she'd made for a full deferred-maintenance inventory with costs, and voiced concern that rising assessed values and recent levy increases were burdening residents. She urged Council to target a flat property tax levy next cycle, especially since other revenues had come in higher than expected.

Mayor Brady asked how the \$82 million in water capital funds in the FY 2027 budget would affect future budgets and whether similar "heavy lifting" would be required in coming years. City Manager Jurgens and Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, explained that while water capital would remain significant as part of a 10-year, \$400 million program, spending was expected to peak in FY 2027 and then drop noticeably over coming years. They emphasized that the existing rate structure in place was already designed to cover the projects instead of adding new burdens.

**Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Straza, to approve the Item as presented.**

**Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:**

**Ayes:** Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

**Motion Carried.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 034**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.E. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027, related to the McLean County Museum of History, as requested by the Finance Department.

Council Member Hendricks recused himself at 7:03 PM.

City Manager Jurgens explained that separating this portion of the budget related to the McLean County Museum of History had been the practice for several years as Council Member Hendricks' spouse is employed at the McLean County Museum of History.

**Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to approve the Item as presented.**

**Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:**

**Ayes:** Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Ward, Lee, Scott

**Abstain:** Hendricks

**Motion Carried.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 035**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2027, RELATED TO THE MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

Council Member Hendricks returned to the meeting at 7:04 PM.

**City Manager's Discussion**

City Manager Jurgens thanked Finance staff for their hard work on the budget, noting that work on the FY 2028 budget and a formal deferred-maintenance report was already underway. He reported that drought conditions had eased with both lakes near full, while staff continued exploring long-term water strategies. He also provided an update on progress with the Downtown Streetscape (600 and 500 blocks), major roadwork on Empire Street/Route 9 (with project details available via BloomingtonStreets.com) by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), and confirmed that Eagle View retention pond improvements were scheduled.

**Council Member Discussion**

Council Member Kearns briefly commented that, reflecting on the Arbor Day proclamation, the agreement with the Ecology Action Center, and a positive email she had received about Angler's Lake Nature Preserve in Ward 1. She expressed gratitude to committed community members, the City, and the Parks and Forestry staff, emphasizing that many partnerships were needed to keep the City beautiful.

Council Member Montney reported that she had joined BPD's recent community walk in the East Washington neighborhood in Ward 3, stated that it was time well spent, and thanked the Department for inviting her.

Council Member Straza thanked Public Works for its quick and effective responses to several recent issues in Ward 5, noting that the responsiveness had helped him provide timely

answers to residents' questions.

Council Member Ward referenced a recent incident involving an oversized truckload getting stuck in a neighborhood, and requested information on what the City could do to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Council Member Lee commented that he enjoyed seeing BPD's mobile command center and the BearCat, saying it showcased what the City had available.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Brady highlighted the successful "Eggs on the Square" Easter egg hunt in Downtown, noting strong attendance and thanking City staff and volunteers for their work. He also thanked residents and the media for their support and communication during the recent drought and conservation efforts. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the dedication of all City Departments.

### **Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

### **Adjournment**

**Council Member Danenberger made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:**

**Ayes:** Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott


**Motion Carried (viva voce).**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.**

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

  
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Dan Brady, Mayor

**ATTEST**

  
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Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

