Minutes
City Council - Regular Session
Monday, June 22, 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.A. Presentation of Bloomington Police Officer Commission Certificates to Officers Lo'Ryelle Robinson, Brian Enderli, and Joseph Krasney Upon Completion of Their Probationary Period, as requested by the Police Department.

Police Chief Jamal Simington recognized each of the following Officers for the completion of their one-year probationary period: (1) Lo'Ryelle Robinson; (2) Brian Ederli; and (3) Joseph Krasney.

Public Comment

Mayor Brady read a public comment statement of procedure. Gary Stevens spoke in person. No emailed public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda are listed and voted on separately.

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

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the May 26, 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 on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $14,190,321.91, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Purchase of an

Ambulance for the Fire Department, from Foster Coach Sales, Inc., in the Amount of $398,906, as requested by the Fire Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 097

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FROM FOSTER COACH SALES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $398,906

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Purchase of One (1) Forestry Bucket Truck from Time Manufacturing Co., DBA Versalift, in the Amount of $258,790, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 098

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORESTRY BUCKET TRUCK FROM TIME MANUFACTURING CO., DBA VERSALIFT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $258,790

Item 7.E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution (1) Approving the Purchase of Three (3) New 2027 Ford Trucks with Plow Equipment (Units #PM1, #PM12, and #62) from Morrow Brothers Ford, for a Total Amount of $198,141; and (2) Authorization to Declare the Three (3) Replaced Units as Surplus and Granting Staff the Authority to Dispose of Said Units at Public Auction, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 099

A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) NEW 2027 FORD TRUCKS WITH PLOW EQUIPMENT (UNITS #PM1, #PM12, AND #62) FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $198,141; AND (2) AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE THE THREE (3) REPLACED UNITS AS SURPLUS AND GRANTING STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF SAID UNITS AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Item 7.F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution (1) Approving the Purchase of One Ford F350 Service Body Truck (Unit F19) from Sutton Ford Inc., including the Upfit of the Service Body by Drake-Scruggs Equipment Inc., in the Amount of $99,817; and (2) Authorization to Declare the Replaced Unit as Surplus and Granting Staff the Authority to Dispose of Said Units at Auction, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 100

A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE FORD F350 SERVICE BODY TRUCK (UNIT F19) FROM SUTTON FORD INC., INCLUDING THE UPFIT OF THE SERVICE BODY BY DRAKE-SCRUGGS EQUIPMENT INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $99,817; AND (2) AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE THE REPLACED UNIT AS SURPLUS AND GRANTING STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF SAID UNITS AT AUCTION

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bids for the Miller Park Zoo Katthoefer Building Cagework Project (Bid #2026-12), as requested by the Parks & Recreation Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 101

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE MILLER PARK ZOO KATTHOEFER BUILDING CAGEWORK PROJECT (BID #2026-12)

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a Worker's Compensation Settlement involving Former Bloomington Police Officer Nikolai Jones, in the amount of $222,173.11, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 102

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT INVOLVING FORMER BLOOMINGTON POLICE OFFICER NIKOLAI JONES, IN THE AMOUNT OF $222,173.11

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve 1) a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code to Allocate State MFT Funds for Street Lighting Electrical Energy and Rental Charges Through the Fiscal Year 2027 MFT General Maintenance Program, for the Period of May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027, in the Amount of $500,000; and 2) a Resolution Approving the Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs to Allocate State Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for Street Lighting Electrical Energy and Rental Charges Through the Fiscal Year 2027 MFT General Maintenance Program, for the Period of May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027, in the Amount of $500,000, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed MFT Resolution and City Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 103

A MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE TO ALLOCATE STATE MFT FUNDS FOR STREET LIGHTING ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND RENTAL CHARGES THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026, TO APRIL 30, 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 104

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY GENERAL MAINTENANCE ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COSTS TO ALLOCATE STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS FOR STREET LIGHTING ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND RENTAL CHARGES THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026, TO APRIL 30, 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving the Annual Regional Service Agreement with McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) for Regional Planning Services for the MCRPC Fiscal Year of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the Amount of $54,000, as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 105

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL REGIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MCRPC) FOR REGIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE MCRPC FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF $54,000

Item 7.K. Consideration and Action on an Application from The Local Hideout Bar and Grill, LLC, located at 2401 E. Oakland Ave., Unit B, Requesting Approval of a Class RA (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.L. Consideration and Action on an Application from Mama Gina Chef Italian Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Napoli's Italian Restaurant, located at 110 W. Washington St., Bldg. 1, Requesting Approval of a 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.)

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion Carried.

City Manager's Discussion

Senior Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus ("DCM") informed Council and the public about a temporary closure at Main St. and Monroe Ave. due to the Downtown Streetscape project. He noted that vehicles were still able to turn right into the 300 block despite the closure for utility work. He then recognized Assistant Police Chief Aaron Veerman for graduating from the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations) Academy for Senior Law Enforcement Officials, as well as Police Lieutenant Todd McClusky for graduating from the Naval Postgraduate School. He highlighted these accomplishments as evidence of the Police Department's emphasis on the importance of training. DCM Tyus reported that the second year of Cones with Community Enhancement was kicking off in the next month giving residents a friendly opportunity to meet inspectors, learn about codes, and discuss property improvements. He also announced the second-quarter Downtown stakeholder meeting would be held on June 29th at the Library. Lastly, he celebrated the results from SOAR (Special Opportunities Available in Recreation) participants in the recent local Special Olympics summer games, emphasizing strong participation, impressive performance of athletes, and celebrating the contributions of the many volunteers.

Council Member Discussion

Council Member Ward reminded the public that elected officials from McLean County, the City, the Town of Normal, and Normal Township would gather on the steps of the McLean County Museum of History to publicly read the Declaration of Independence on July 4th.

Council Member Scott thanked staff and partner organizations for the successful Juneteenth celebration. She then raised concerns about Council participation and representation on the McLean County's Behavioral Health Coordinating Committee and the Fund Advisory Committee.

Council Member Montney and Corporation Counsel Chris Spanos discussed parliamentary procedure regarding discussion being had on Council Member Scott's concerns.

Mayor Brady and Council Member Scott agreed that the proper time to have an in-depth discussion would be at the July Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council Member Scott then expressed concern that McLean County's Behavioral Health Coordinating Council and Criminal Justice Commission had not yet been connected with the City's Commission for Safe Communities to empower and encourage collaboration.

Council Member Montney noted that she had only missed one meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council since being appointed as the Council's representative and welcomed questions regarding updates on the Commission and Committee she sat on at any time.

Council Member Scott noted that she had written Council Member Montney twice on the topic with no response.

Council Member Montney called Point of Order as she believed the discussion had strayed from simple answers to an in-depth discussion.

Mayor Brady acknowledged the Point of Order and that a discussion item would be placed on the July Committee of the Whole meeting to allow a more in-depth discussion.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Brady briefly reflected on recent community events noting the History Makers Gala hosted by the McLean County Museum of History. He then highlighted the Juneteenth celebration at Miller Park, where he presented the Juneteenth Community Icon Awards to former City employee Emily Bill, to the late Miriam Taylor (accepted by her mother, Fannie), and to longtime resident Evelyn Young. He thanked them for their significant contributions to Bloomington. He emphasized the strong turnout, good weather, and successful collaboration.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Kearns, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Dan Brady	Amanda Stutsman
Dan Brady, Mayor	Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

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