City of Bloomington Illinois

Minutes
City Council - Regular Session
Monday, June 8, 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	Mayor Dan Brady
	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	

Recognition/Appointments

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

Mayor Brady recognized the following appointments: (1) Tara Csecsinovits, Benjamin Munch, and (3) Grover Trunnell to the Bloomington Housing Authority; (4) Judy Neubrander, (5) Trina McCarty, (6) Stacey Wiggins, and (7) Michael Doherty to the John M. Scott Healthcare Commission; and (8) Lisa McGivern Kozlen to the Library Board of Trustees.

Item 5.B. Proclamation in Recognition of Toni Tucker, as requested by the Administration Department.

Toni Tucker, Ewing Cultural Center Director, accepted the Proclamation. Mayor Brady recognized Ms. Tucker's upcoming retirement after 26 years at Illinois State University with 14 of those years serving as the Director of Ewing Manor. Ms. Tucker talked about her work at Ewing Manor and how impactful the Manor was on the community.

Public Comment

Mayor Brady read a public comment statement of procedure. Amy Endicott and William Arbogast had emailed comments and the following provided spoke in person: (1) Gary Stevens; (2) Judith Webster; and (3) Justin Helle.

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 Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of

$11,735,414.15, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, for the Purchase of Neptune Water Meters, Related Accessories, Software Licensing, and Maintenance for Meter Reading Equipment for the Fiscal Year 2027 Water Meter Installation Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed $2,000,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 088

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEPTUNE WATER METERS, RELATED ACCESSORIES, SOFTWARE LICENSING, AND MAINTENANCE FOR METER READING EQUIPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 WATER METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,000,000

Item 7.C. Consideration and Action on a Resolution to Approve Funding for Fiscal Year 2027 Stabilization Installation Work through the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District Intergovernmental Agreement, in the Amount of $225,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 089

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 STABILIZATION INSTALLATION WORK THROUGH THE MCLEAN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $225,000

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving Two (2) Three (3)-Year Engagement Agreements with Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants, for Public Safety Pension Actuarial Services, as Required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Accounting Standards, in the Amounts of $16,392 for Year 1, $16,884 for Year 2, and $17,390 for Year 3, for a Total Amount of $50,666, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 090

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO (2) THREE (3)-YEAR ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH FOSTER & FOSTER ACTUARIES AND CONSULTANTS, FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION ACTUARIAL SERVICES, AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD ("GASB") ACCOUNTING STANDARDS, IN THE AMOUNTS OF $16,392 FOR YEAR 1, $16,884 FOR YEAR 2, AND $17,390 FOR YEAR 3, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $50,666

Item 7.E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a Three-Year Service Agreement with Medical Priority Consultants, Inc., d/b/a Priority Dispatch Corporation, for Call Triage System, at an Annual Cost of $55,755, for a Total Agreement Amount of $167,265, as requested by the Police Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 091

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THREE-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS, INC., D/B/A PRIORITY DISPATCH CORPORATION, FOR

CALL TRIAGE SYSTEM, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF $55,755, FOR A TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT OF $167,265

Item 7.F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Ray O'Herron, Inc., for the Purchase of Police Uniform Shirts and Pants, in an Amount Not to Exceed $114,000, as requested by the Police Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 092

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAY O'HERRON, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE UNIFORM SHIRTS AND PANTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $114,000

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for Illinois Route 9 (Locust Street) Improvements, in an Estimated Amount of $906,430; and (2) a State Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funding Resolution for Illinois Route 9 (Locust Street) Improvements, in the Amount of $1,133,037; and (3) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2027, in the amount of $633,037, Regarding Utilizing Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund Reserves, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolutions and Ordinance be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 093

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 9 (LOCUST STREET) IMPROVEMENTS, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $906,430

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 094

A STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDING RESOLUTION FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 9 (LOCUST STREET) IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,133,037

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 053

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2027, IN THE AMOUNT OF $633,037, REGARDING UTILIZING MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUND RESERVES

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving (1) an Agreement with Watts Copy Systems, Inc., for Cost-Per-Copy/Print/Fax and Device Maintenance for a Five (5) Year Term ($18,911.52 Per Year); and (2) a State and Local Government Lease-Purchase Agreement with De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC, for Citywide Multi-Function Print/Copy/Fax Devices for a Five (5) Year Term ($43,946.64 Per Year), Totaling an Amount Not to Exceed $314,290.80, as requested by the Information Technology Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 095

A RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) AN AGREEMENT WITH WATTS COPY SYSTEMS, INC., FOR COST-PER-COPY/PRINT/FAX AND DEVICE MAINTENANCE FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM ($18,911.52 PER YEAR); AND (2) A STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE, LLC, FOR CITYWIDE MULTI-FUNCTION PRINT/COPY/FAX DEVICES FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM

($43,946.64 PER YEAR), TOTALING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $314,290.80

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and the Towanda Township Road District, for the Transfer of Jurisdiction of a Portion of Fort Jesse Road to the Municipal System, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 054

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND THE TOWANDA TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT, FOR THE TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF A PORTION OF FORT JESSE ROAD TO THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEM

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action on an Application from Indy Mart, Inc., d/b/a W Market Groceries, located at 301 W. Market St., Ste. B, Requesting Approval of a Class PBS (Package, Beer & Wine Only, 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, Montney, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

Regular Agenda

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.A. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement By and Between the City of Bloomington and 307 E Grove, LLC, for the Property Commonly Known as 307 E. Grove St. (PIN: 21-04-417-005), as requested by the Development Services Department.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens introduced the Item. Samantha Mlot, Economic Development Specialist, presented the redevelopment proposal for 307 East Grove. She explained that Premium Loaves, a local Jimmy John's franchisee, had purchased the 25,000-square-foot building to make it its headquarters and home to its roughly 22 employees as well as the future home of two additional commercial tenants. She noted the project was a $4.2 million investment that would improve the site's appearance, reduce pavement, and add landscaping. Ms. Mlot stated that staff recommended approval of the Item, which would abate 75% of the Tax Increment Financing ("TIF"), capped at 15% of the total project cost (about $632,925).

Council Member Hendricks 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, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 055

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND 307 E GROVE, LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 307 E. GROVE ST. (PIN: 21-04-417-005)

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.B. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing Funding to the Bloomington- Normal Economic Development Council and Establishing Conditions for the Use of Such Funds, as requested by the Administration Department.

City Manager Jurgens presented the Item. He noted the City had traditionally contributed $100,000 annually to the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council ("BN-EDC") and that the current year's budget included a $120,000 contribution. He explained that the Resolution would instead provide $100,000 to the BN-EDC in three payments over the next year with requirements that an Executive Director be maintained and the Enterprise Zone continue to operate. He stated that staff viewed it as a worthwhile investment with a strong return to the City.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 096

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING TO THE BLOOMINGTON- NORMAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF SUCH FUNDS

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Jurgens delivered an extended report on various City projects and community initiatives. He noted expanded Public Works' crews had begun street work on several neighborhood streets, and then reported progress on housing and neighborhood revitalization. He highlighted that the Library saw more than 300,000 visitors in Fiscal Year 2026 and had partnered with District 87 to provide summer meals. He stated that water levels at Lake Bloomington and Lake Evergreen were strong, and shared that a detailed water discussion would occur at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. He reported that the Front & Center parking lot had opened, the Downtown Streetscape Project had advanced to the 400 block, and then discussed a July 10th "Lighting of the Downtown Ring" event, and a July 2nd drone show. He ended by celebrating successful Route 66 and concert events in the Downtown.

Council Member Discussion

Council Member Kearns noted that she attended the recent Saturday on the Square events and that the museum light show was very impressive.

Council Member Mosley reported that he had attended the MAPS (Mentoring and Providing Scholarships) Program Banquet on behalf of the Mayor and the Council. He noted that the event recognized joint scholarships from the Divine Nine organizations and the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) with more than $80,000 in scholarships awarded from the community.

Council Member Ward noted that she enjoyed the Saturday on the Square events. She requested regular detailed updates on housing and neighborhood revitalization funding and outcomes, as well as periodic, milestone-based check-ins during the six-month Data Center Moratorium. She stressed the importance of clearly tracking progress.

Council Member Hendricks thanked the City Manager for recognizing a variety of things happening in his Ward.

Council Member Lee thanked the sponsors and City staff who were working on the July 2nd drone show. He noted the sponsorships had nearly covered the event's costs, and expressed enthusiasm for the celebration as a strong kickoff to the community's 250th festivities.

Council Member Scott reported that she had met with the City's Cultural Commission's Chair and Vice Chair to learn more about the Commission and highlighted their "Tuesday Meals and Music" initiative.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Brady thanked City staff and Council for their support of numerous community events and recognized Fire Engineer Kevin Couchman on his retirement. He then highlighted several recent events and promoted the July 2nd Celebrate America performance at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts ("BCPA") followed by a drone show later that evening at the Interstate Center.

Executive Session

Item 12.A. The Council will enter into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120 Section 2(c)(12) to discuss a Claim Settlement.

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mosley, to enter into Executive Session per Section 2(c)(12) of 5 ILCS 120 to discuss claims settlement.

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion Carried.

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:42 PM.

Adjournment

Council returned to Open Session at 6:57 PM.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to return to open session and 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 6:58 PM.

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

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