**Minutes**
**City Council - Regular Session**
**Monday, August 25, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 PM. Mayor Brady called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance ending with a moment of silent prayer/reflection.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Dan Brady
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

**Recognition/Appointments**

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Justin Boyd, as requested by the Administration Department.

Justin Boyd, a former Planning Commission Member of nine years, accepted the Proclamation.

**Public Hearings**

No public hearings were held.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Brady read a public comment statement of procedure.

The following emailed public comment: (1) Eloise King; (2) Tara Von Lusk; (3) Adam Moore; (4) Remy Babin; (5) Mark P.; (6) Karen Rennels; (7) Greg Koos; (8) Cheryl Bresney; (9) Meg Backas; (10) Mary Evenson; (11) Katherine Ballard; (12) Becky Reed; (13) Terri Hoss; (14) Natalie Moore; (15) Robyn Walter; (16) Tory Moore; (17) Barb Haab; (19) Jodie Slothower; (20) Sean Larkin; (21) Sheri Stohl; (22) Bonnie Crutchley; (23) Susan Namboodiri (two); (24) Dava Zschau; (25) Bonnie and Gary Fern; (26) John Solberg; (27) Ann Eckert; and (27) Deb Oberg.

The following spoke in-person: (1) Michael Matejka; (2) Zoe Przybylski; (3) Steve Bute; (4) Julia Sutherland; (5) Reverand Elexis Wilson Thomas; (6) Rebecca Dobowe; (7) Jill Blair; (8) Noah Tang; (9) Bethany Barnett; (10) Sheri Strohl; (11) William Gustavson; and (12) Beverly Bell.

**Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to extend Public Comment by ten minutes.**

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

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

**Motion carried.**

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

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

B. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $12,090,565.93, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

C. Consideration and Action on a Resolution (1) Approving the Purchase of Three (3) 2026HV507 SFA Dump Trucks for the Public Works Department, from Rush Truck Centers, in the Amount of $826,240.80; and (2) to Declare the Replaced Units 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. 2025 - 149**

**A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2026HV507 SFA DUMP TRUCKS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $826,240.80; AND (2) TO DECLARE THE REPLACED UNITS AS SURPLUS AND GRANTING STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF SAID UNITS AT AUCTION**

D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution (1) Approving the Purchase of One F350 Service Body Truck (Unit R09) from Morrow Brothers Ford, in the Amount of $85,756; and (2) Authorization to Declare the Replaced Units 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. 2025 - 150**

**A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE F350 SERVICE BODY TRUCK (UNIT R09) FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD, IN THE AMOUNT OF $85,756; AND (2) AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE THE REPLACED UNITS AS SURPLUS AND GRANTING STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF SAID UNITS AT AUCTION**

E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements, Accepting a Quote, and Approving the Purchase of One PVI 400-Gallon Turbopower® Gas Water Heater, in the Amount of $69,967.06, as requested by the Public Works Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 151**

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE TECHNICAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, ACCEPTING A QUOTE, AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE PVI 400-GALLON TURBOPOWER® GAS WATER HEATER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $69,967.06**

F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a Unit Price Agreement with Mississippi Lime Company, LLC, for the Purchase of Water Chemicals in Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 and 2027, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 152**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A UNIT PRICE AGREEMENT WITH MISSISSIPPI LIME COMPANY, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER CHEMICALS IN FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2026 AND 2027**

G. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a 3-Year Agreement with Dr. Emily Barker, to Provide Mental Health Education to the Police Department, in the Amount of $120,000, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 153**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 3-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH DR. EMILY BARKER, TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $120,000**

H. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements and Approving an Agreement with OnSolve, Inc., for the Purchase of CodeRed (Reverse 911) System, in the Amount of $11,897.18, and Up to an Additional Four Annual Renewals with an Annual Increase of 5%, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 154**

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE TECHNICAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ONSOLVE, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF CODERED (REVERSE 911) SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,897.18, AND UP TO AN ADDITIONAL FOUR ANNUAL RENEWALS WITH AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF 5%**

I. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Hoerr Construction, Inc., for Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028 Sewer Rehabilitation and CCTV Inspection Program (Bid #2026-05), in the Amount of $6,545,416.20, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 155**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH HOERR CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026, 2027, AND 2028 SEWER REHABILITATION AND CCTV INSPECTION PROGRAM (BID #2026-05), IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,545,416.20**

J. Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Approving a Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Hamilton Road Phase 2 for Motor Fuel Tax ("MFT") Funds, with Hutchison Engineering Inc. ("Hutchison"), in the Amount Not to Exceed $1,596,181, and (2) an

Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolutions be approved.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 157**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HAMILTON ROAD PHASE 2 FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX ("MFT") FUNDS, WITH HUTCHISON ENGINEERING INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,596,181**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 156**

**AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("IDOT") RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**

K. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Providing for the Closing of Norfolk Southern Railway Crossings at Western Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue, as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 056**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY CROSSINGS AT WESTERN AVENUE AND ROOSEVELT AVENUE**

L. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving an Illinois Department of Transportation Land Acquisition Offer, in the Amount of $9,500 (PIN 21-04-382- 018), as requested by the Engineering Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 057**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAND ACQUISITION OFFER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,500 (PIN 21-04-382- 018)**

M. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving the Vacation and Dedication of Public Utility Easements on Lot 286 in the Resubdivision of Lots 263-272 Second Addition to Harvest Pointe Subdivision, as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 058**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VACATION AND DEDICATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS ON LOT 286 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 263-272 SECOND ADDITION TO HARVEST POINTE SUBDIVISION**

N. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Planned Unit Development Plan for Stoneridge Square PUD, for the Property Commonly Known as 2701 Fox Creek Road (PIN: 21-18-153-009), as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 059**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR STONERIDGE SQUARE PUD, FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2701 FOX CREEK ROAD (PIN: 21-18-153-009)**

O. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing Boundary Modifications to the Area Known as the Bloomington-Normal Enterprise Zone Amendment 5, Parcel Deletions/Additions, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 060**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE AREA KNOWN AS THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT 5**

**- PARCEL DELETIONS/ADDITIONS -**

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

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

**Motion carried.**

**Regular Agenda**

A. Presentation and Discussion on Water Quality Updates, as requested by the Water Department.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens stressed how serious City staff take water quality.

Ed Andrews, Water Director, provided an update on the City's water quality and lake levels. He reported that lake levels, especially at Lake Bloomington, had largely rebounded from last year's deficit, with only slight deficits remaining. He shared that the City had pumped from the Mackinaw River and was working with State agencies to potentially waive certain requirements to better manage lake levels in the future. Director Andrews also discussed water quality metrics, noting that taste and odor issues (measured by MIB) were currently well below problematic levels, and that harmful algae bloom indicators (microcystin) were being closely monitored with both in-house and outsourced testing. He noted that the City was preparing for potential future events by conducting regular monitoring and testing different water blends to ensure continued water quality.

Council Member Mosley asked Director Andrews about high MIB (taste and odor compound) levels in Lake Evergreen. Director Andrews explained that while raw water from the lake could have high MIB levels, the City's treatment process, especially with the addition of powdered activated carbon (PAC), had up to 98% removal efficiency. He noted that this also allowed the City to reduce even high raw MIB concentrations to safe levels (below 10 nanograms per liter) in the finished water supplied to residents.

Council Member Lee commended Director Andrews and his staff for successfully keeping their project on time and within budget, highlighting their effective planning and implementation. The two then discussed lake temperatures and how they affected algae blooms and treatment.

Mayor Brady asked about the last comprehensive water plan. Director Andrews stated that the 2018 Water Master Plan was the most recent and that a current review was underway.

*The following Items were presented together:*

B. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving Text Amendments to the Zoning Code of the City of Bloomington [Chapter 44] Relating to Practical Buildability in Mixed- and Multiple-Family Residential Districts, as requested by the Development Services Department.

C. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving Text Amendments to the Zoning Code of the City of Bloomington [Chapter 44] Relating to Development Intensity and Commercial Uses in Residential Districts, and Single-Family Residential in the D-2 (Downtown Transitional) District, as requested by the Development Services Department.

City Manager Jurgens introduced two agenda items (9.B. and 9.C.) related to housing that had been continued from the previous meeting. He explained that staff recommended discussing the items at the next meeting so they could be considered together. He stated that staff were prepared to present on them or answer questions if the Council preferred that as well.

Council Member Montney asked if the two housing items should be consolidated or just discussed together. Manager Jurgens clarified they should be discussed together at the next meeting, not consolidated.

Council Member Mosley asked if postponing the discussion of the housing items would delay or negatively impact any contractors or projects that were waiting for Council approval. Manager Jurgens said that postponing the items to the next meeting would not harm any waiting projects and that they would simply have to wait for Council's decision.

**Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to postpone Items 9.B and 9.C. to the September 8, 2025 Council meeting.**

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

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

**Nayes:** Kearns

**Motion carried.**

*The following Item was presented:*

D. Consideration and Action on (1) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2026, in the Amount of $154,740 for the Capital Improvement Fund, to utilize reserves; and (2) a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Agreement with Kluber, Inc., DBA Kluber Architects & Engineers, for the Public Works Morrissey Facility Conceptual Plan (RFQ #2025-36), in an Amount Not to Exceed $154,740, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Deputy City Manager Sue McLaughlin explained that the City had selected a firm to create a concept development plan for the former Owens Nursery property. The plan would assess whether to keep or remove existing buildings; analyze site circulation and access; review environmental factors such as wetlands and wildlife; and project future space needs for City operations. It would also provide preliminary floor plans, cost estimates, and a project timeline. She noted that the planning process would involve input from staff and stakeholders, and that a budget amendment of about $155,000 from the Capital Project Fund was necessary, if approved.

Council Member Lee and Manager McLaughlin discussed potential for an additional entrance off Mercer street.

Mayor Brady asked for clarification on where the $154,740 for the Owens Nursery project would come from. Manager McLaughlin explained it would come from the General Fund, transferred through Capital Projects, as part of the City's Capital Project funding process. They then discussed the removal of the greenhouses, and that any additional remodeling would be based on the resulting Conceptual Plan.

**Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mosley, 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. 2025 - 061**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF $154,740 FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO UTILIZE RESERVES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 158**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH KLUBER, INC., DBA KLUBER ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS, FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS MORRISSEY FACILITY CONCEPTUAL PLAN (RFQ #2025-36), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $154,740**

## Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Scott Rathbun gave a financial update showing that the City’s finances were in good shape so far the year. He reported that sales tax revenues were higher than expected, and noted that some revenues had changed due to new State laws. He shared that overall; the City was on track with its spending and income. He also explained how money was moved between funds to support projects, and that staff continued to monitor trends to ensure the City’s financial health.

## City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Jurgens shared that the City had switched to a new system for managing meeting agendas, and asked for patience as kinks with the new system were worked out. He then celebrated that the City was a finalist for a grant that could fund Downtown concerts, and noted that the Market Street Parking Garage was closed while staff helped tenants find new parking. He also mentioned ongoing Downtown construction and encouraged people to keep supporting local businesses. Finally, he reassured everyone that the Police Department’s Community Engagement Unit remained active and continued working to build trust in the community, while also clarifying their approach to immigration-related events.

## Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Brady thanked the public for their input, emphasized the importance of constructive criticism and leadership, and strongly denounced hate. He affirmed his commitment to fairness, and shared that he had signed the Not In Our Town pledge. He reiterated that there was no room for hate in the community.

## Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Hendricks voiced strong support for the Not In Our Town initiative and efforts to fight hate and bigotry in the community. He thanked the City Manager for clarifying policies on immigration events and stressed the importance of continuing to educate and support all residents, regardless of immigration status.

Council Member Ward thanked community members for speaking out against hate and urged City leaders to take a clear stand by publicly denouncing hatred and signing the Not In Our Town pledge, emphasizing that silence in the face of hate is unacceptable.

Council Member Scott expressed strong support for the Police Department's Community Engagement Unit, highlighted positive partnerships between law enforcement and local schools, and emphasized the importance of having trusted officers and resources available to the community, especially during times of concern.

Council Member Lee thanked the Information Technology Department staff for their work and support during Council meetings.

Council Member Kearns supported the anti-hate statements made by others and praised the Police Department's Community Engagement Unit's efforts. She shared a positive experience participating in a neighborhood walk with Police and other City staff, emphasizing how these activities helped connect City officials with residents and make them more accessible to the community.

Council Member Mosley echoed support for anti-hate efforts. He shared mixed feelings about signing pledges and touched on how sometimes they too can feel like pressure. He noted the good intent of the Not In Our Town pledge, and emphasized the need for sensitivity in how messages are delivered. He stressed the importance of encouraging open dialogue to unite the community.

City Manager Jurgens praised the entire Police Department for their excellent work in solving crimes and serving the community, and also acknowledged the great work done by all City Departments.

**Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment**

**Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, 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 was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

Dan Brady, Mayor

**ATTEST**

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk