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Minutes
City Council - Regular Session Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 PM. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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 Mollie Ward, Council Member Kent Lee, Council Member Abby Scott, Mayor Dan Brady

Absent: Council Member Cody Hendricks

Recognition/Appointments

The following Item was presented:

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

Mayor Brady recognized the following appointments: (1) Tyler Cravens, Connect Transit Board; (2) Ricardo Alvarado, Cultural Commission; and (3) John Prior, Jr., Planning Commission.

Public Comment

Mayor Brady read a public comment statement of procedure. No emailed Public Comment was received. Kathleen Hayes was registered to speak in person but was not present. Cindy Alcazar stated she was present on behalf of the same organization (McLean County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care "ROSC") and wished to speak. City Clerk Leslie Yocum explained public comment procedure and sign-up requirements.

Council Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to suspend the rules for Public Comment to allow an individual to speak in place of another registered individual.

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion Carried.

Cindy Alcazar then provided in-person comments. She also submitted materials to be shared with Council (titled *McLean County ROSC Community Survey*).

Consent Agenda

City Manager Jeff Jurgens asked that Item 7.E. be removed from consideration. He explained that staff were reviewing alternatives and believed that the contract was premature. He stated staff would evaluate and bring the contract forward again later, if deemed necessary.

Council Member Straza made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 7.E. and 7.P.

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2025, 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 $7,597,430.84, 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 a Purchase Order with Dell, Inc., for the Microsoft Enterprise Software Annual Renewal for Software Maintenance and Support Covering the City's Microsoft Licensing, in an Amount of $305,040.15, as requested by the Information Technology Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 178

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER WITH DELL, INC., FOR THE MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT COVERING THE CITY'S MICROSOFT LICENSING, IN AN AMOUNT OF $305,040.15

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a Change Order Increase, for the 2025 Police Department Promotional Process from Stanard & Associates, Inc., in an Amount of $17,960.28, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 179

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER INCREASE, FOR THE 2025 POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL PROCESS FROM STANARD & ASSOCIATES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT OF $17,960.28

Item 7.E. was removed from consideration by City Manager Jurgens.

Item 7.F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. and Authorizing Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements to Provide a Full Implementation and Coordination of the Water Valve Field Inventory, in an Amount Not to Exceed $180,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 180

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MAURER-STUTZ, INC. AND AUTHORIZING WAIVING THE TECHNICAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE A FULL IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION OF THE WATER VALVE FIELD INVENTORY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $180,000

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Approving an Agreement with TK Elevator, for the Modernization of Two Elevators in the Police Department, in an Amount of

$439,478; and (2) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026, for the Capital Improvement Fund, to Utilize Reserves, in an Amount of $139,478, as requested by the Police Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution and Ordinance be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 181

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TK ELEVATOR, FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF TWO ELEVATORS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT OF $439,478

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 081

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO UTILIZE RESERVES, IN AN AMOUNT OF $139,478

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., for the Architectural and Engineering Services for the Fire Station #1 HVAC Replacement, in an Amount of $60,300, as requested by the Fire Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 182

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC., FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION #1 HVAC REPLACEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT OF $60,300

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving a Liability Settlement Agreement with Claimant Jaylin Bones, for Injuries Claimed to be Caused by the Actions of the Bloomington Police Department, in an Amount of $50,000, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 183

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIABILITY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CLAIMANT JAYLIN BONES, FOR INJURIES CLAIMED TO BE CAUSED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT OF $50,000

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving Two Easement Agreements for the Crossing Over the Evergreen Lake Transmission Main Along Mclean County Highway 8 (aka E. 2500 North Rd.) with a Solar Development's Entrance, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: Approval of ordinance as presented.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 082

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TWO EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE CROSSING OVER THE EVERGREEN LAKE TRANSMISSION MAIN ALONG MCLEAN COUNTY HIGHWAY 8 (AKA E. 2500 NORTH RD.) WITH A SOLAR DEVELOPMENT'S ENTRANCE

Item 7.K. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit for the Property Commonly Known as 501 E. Olive Street (PIN: 21-04-457-001), as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 083

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 501 E. OLIVE STREET (PIN: 21-04-457-001)

Item 7.L. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Mini Warehouse with Waivers of Use Provisions for the Property Commonly Known as 1402 E. Empire Street (PIN: 14-35-354-012), as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 084

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A MINI WAREHOUSE WITH WAIVERS OF USE PROVISIONS FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1402 E. EMPIRE STREET (PIN: 14-35-354-012)

Item 7.M. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Sports and Fitness Establishment for the Property Commonly Known as 1201 N. Hershey Rd. (PIN: 14-36-300-002), as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 085

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SPORTS AND FITNESS ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1201 N. HERSHEY RD. (PIN: 14-36-300-002)

Item 7.N. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of the Diamond Subdivision for Addresses Commonly Known as 1 and 2 Ash Street (PINS: 21- 10-305-001 & 21-10-305-005), as requested by the Development Services Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 086

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE DIAMOND SUBDIVISION FOR ADDRESSES COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1 AND 2 ASH STREET (PINS: 21- 10-305-001 & 21-10-305-005)

Item 7.O. Consideration and Action on an Application from the City of Bloomington d/b/a Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, located at 600 N. East St., Requesting Approval of a Change in Classification from a Class EBS (Entertainment, Beer & Wine Only, and Sunday Sales) to a Class EAS (Entertainment, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.P. was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Montney.

Item 7.Q. Consideration and Action on an Application from Golden Ticket Cinemas, Inc., located at 415 Detroit Dr., Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class EBS (Entertainment, Beer & Wine Only, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.R. Consideration and Action on an Application from Aroma Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a Scramblers, located at 1607 Jumer Dr., Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class RAPS (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol, Package, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as

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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, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Spheros Environmental Group Parent, Inc., for Algaecide Treatment of Lake Bloomington, in the Amount of $112,572, as requested by the Water Department.

The Item was removed from further consideration by City Manager Jurgens.

The following Item was presented:

Item 7.P. Consideration and Action on an Application from Spinnegan's, LLC, to be located at 1101 Airport Rd., Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class RAPS (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol, Package, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Montney explained that, because of current public hearing protocols, she was unable to address certain questions regarding the creation of the Item. As a result, she wanted to remand the Item back to the Liquor Commission.

Council Member Ward asked what impact that would have on the business. Mayor Brady and City Clerk Yocum discussed the process and timeline, noting the business could still operate under current ownership. Council Member Ward further expressed concern about remanding it back when the Commission had recommended approval to Council.

Council Member Montney stated that she did not believe it was appropriate to share the nature of her concerns, as the concerns fell under the Liquor Commission's purview. Corporation Counsel Chris Spanos explained that when Council considered approving or denying a liquor license, their deliberations were limited to facts presented during the Liquor Commission hearing. He advised Council Members to avoid discussing new facts not included in the hearing; and that general explanations or concerns were appropriate, while specific, case-changing details had to be addressed by the Liquor Commission.

Council Member Scott confirmed with Mr. Spanos that a license could be revoked.

Council Member Montney clarified her concerns related to the establishment's history.

Council Member Mosley stated that he didn't believe he had enough information to understand the concerns and would have a difficult time supporting the current motion without additional information. Mr. Spanos further explained what Council was permitted to discuss.

Mayor Brady asked Council Member Montney to share her general concerns. She stated that she had concerns that were of a compliance nature within the past 12 months.

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Lee, to remand the Item back to the Liquor Commission for additional consideration.

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Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Montney, Lee

Nayes: Kearns, Danenberger, Straza, Ward, Scott

Abstain: Mosley

Motion Failed.

Council Member Scott confirmed procedure with Mr. Spanos.

Council Member Montney and Mr. Spanos discussed what Council could and could not consider in regard to the application and the Commission hearing.

Council Member Scott 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, Danenberger, Straza, Ward, Scott

Nayes: Montney, Lee

Motion Carried.

Regular Agenda

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.A. Presentation of the FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Delivered by the Audit Firm, Baker Tilly Virchow, LLP, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager Jurgens thanked the Finance staff and those involved for their extensive work on the annual audit. He emphasized the significant team effort required and expressed appreciation for everyone's contributions. He then introduced Finance Director Scott Rathbun to present the audit results.

Director Rathbun provided an overview of the City's annual audit process. He praised Finance and Human Resources Departments and other City staff for their substantial coordination and dedication. He emphasized the complexity of the audit, and reminded the public and Council that all audits since 1988 were available online. He then introduced Baker Tilly Virchow, LLP, the City's long-term audit partner.

Michael Mallat from Baker Tilly Virchow, LLP, presented the audit results. He explained the audit process and that the City had received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, which he described as the highest level of assurance (success). Mr. Mallat noted the City's stable and positive financial position, highlighted improvements in pension funding, and clarified that any governmental fund deficit was due to planned, strategic capital spending. He also reviewed related compliance audits such as those for pension funds and TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts, all of which were completed successfully with clean results. Mr. Malott concluded that there were no significant concerns, issues, or findings, and then reflected on the strong fiscal management and compliance of City operations.

Mayor Brady thanked Mr. Mallat on behalf of the Council.

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.B. Water Update and Consideration and Action on (1) a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with P.J. Hoerr, Inc., for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements for the PAC Feed System & Storage Buildings Construction (Bid #2026-15), in an Amount of $2,273,000; (2) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2026, in the Amount of $1,666,500; (3) a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Donohue & Associates, Inc., to Provide Construction-Related Services for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Powder Activated Carbon Silo and Storage Facilities, in an Amount Not to Exceed $282,890; and (4) an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2026, in the Amount of $282,890, as requested by the Water Department.

Brett Lueschen, Assistant Water Director, updated Council on water quality, and reported that the concentrations of geosmin and MIB were well below the threshold where residents would notice taste or odor issues. He then compared Lake Evergreen and Lake Bloomington levels to last year, noting last year they were down 7’ compared to the current 2’-3’.

Scott Joyce, Water Purification Superintendent, provided further details on the overall water supply and reservoir management. Mr. Joyce stated that between both lakes, there is around 141 million gallons more water than exactly one year ago. He confirmed that water supply levels were in good shape based on current usage rates.

Mr. Lueschen noted that Lake Evergreen had been treated with algaecide on October 30th and 31st to address water quality issues. He reported that it usually takes 7-10 days to see results from treatment and was optimistic about the results.

City Manager Jurgens confirmed with Mr. Lueschen that several water filters had been replaced earlier in the day, which would also impact water quality.

Council Member Mosley asked whether the City was exploring alternative long-term water sources beyond the current reservoirs, to ensure future water supply security. Mr. Lueschen confirmed that staff were considering alternatives, as well as the possibility of working with consultants for future planning.

Council Member Montney asked for a comparison of water quality statistics over the past 6-12 months. Mr. Joyce stated that while he didn't have exact figures, recent tests showed taste and odor compounds were trending downward and remained well below levels that would be noticeable to the public. He described current treatment strategies using powdered activated carbon (“PAC”), plans to further reduce its use, and assured Council that the City’s water remained safe and well-managed.

Mayor Brady and Mr. Joyce discussed testing processes, and Mayor Brady highlighted the City’s recent investment in new in-house water testing equipment, emphasizing the enhancement would allow staff to conduct water quality analyses more quickly, and in turn allow them to address management of the water in a timelier manner.

Council Member Lee and Mr. Lueschen discussed the recent purchase and pending delivery of the PAC (Powdered Activated Carbon) System. Mr. Lueschen explained the Item for tonight's approval was the foundation and equipment building for the PAC System.

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

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Nayes: None

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 184

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH P.J. HOERR, INC., FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PAC FEED SYSTEM & STORAGE BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTION (BID #2026-15), IN AN AMOUNT OF $2,273,000

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 087

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,666,500

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 185

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION-RELATED SERVICES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) POWDER ACTIVATED CARBON SILO AND STORAGE FACILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $282,890

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 088

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF $282,890

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Jurgens provided updates on several City initiatives and outlined procedures and resources for the ongoing leaf collection program. He then announced scheduling details for the Farmers Market, an upcoming Council retreat, and that the City would be closed for Veterans Day.

Council Member Discussion

Council Member Scott shared her positive experiences in the Community Policing Academy, highlighting Bloomington Police Department's (BPD) strong culture of respect and empathy; comprehensive de-escalation and relationship-building training; attention to special needs; and collaboration with organizations like the NAACP. She praised the Department's openness to public questions and invited residents to an upcoming "Custard with a Cop".

Council Member Ward echoed Council Member Scott's praise for the Community Policing Academy, highlighting its educational value and the importance of the Police Department's community engagement initiatives. She recommended the program to others and emphasized that it offered valuable insights for both Council members and the broader community.

Council Member Montney praised improvements at the Arena for enhancing both customer experience and City revenue. She acknowledged the Public Works team for their ongoing efforts to improve leaf collection and bulk pickup.

Council Member Straza expressed gratitude to the Fire Department after doing a ride-along, highlighting their dedication and the demanding nature of their work. He also praised all City staff for their professionalism and responsiveness to community questions, sharing positive feedback received from residents about timely and helpful service.

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Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Brady invited Police Chief Jamal Simington to introduce and recognize a few interns present at the meeting as they wrapped up their internship at BPD.

Chief Simington introduced interns Yasmina Dadayeva, Cristian Almanza-Casas, and Ismet Kadic from Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University. He emphasized the value of the City's partnership with these institutions and described the interns' hands-on experiences, noting that one planned to apply after graduation.

Mayor Brady thanked them for their interest and assistance at the City and then moved on to highlight recent community events. He also congratulated Council Member Straza on completing the New York City Marathon.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion Carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

City of Bloomington

Dan Brady, Mayor

Attest

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk