

**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BRIDGETON CITY HALL  
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD  
MAY 20, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. (Due to the Coronavirus-19, the meeting was held virtually.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Abram, Grimmer, Hein, Luke, Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer

Absent: None

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mrs. Luke, for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, to table Item #4, Bill No. 6241, authorizing an agreement with J.M. Marschuetz Construction for 2020 slab replacement project, and Bill No. 6243, authorizing an agreement with Bi-State Utilities Company for the Bridgeport Place Drive Storm Water Improvement Project. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

As Mayor Briggs had no comments that had been submitted by residents, the Public Portion was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 6, 2020**

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the Minutes of the regular Council meeting on May 6, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENT/SET  
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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Items 1 and 2

Mayor Briggs had no announcements or appointments to be made this evening.

**PERFECTION OF BILLS**

Item 3

**BILL 6244 REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF A MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, “ARBOR GARDENS”, TO SUBDIVIDE 6.96 ACRES OF LAND INTO THIRTY (30) LOTS, ZONED “PLANNED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)” LOCATED AT 3416 FEE FEE ROAD. SUBMITTED BY ELITE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, LLC.**

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for second reading of Bill 6244. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, that Bill 6244 become Ordinance 20-12.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Grimmer, Hein, Luke

NAYS: None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS**

Item 6

**BILL 6245 REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF A MINOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, KNOWN AS “3145 SMILEY ROAD ADDITION” TO SUBDIVIDE APPROXIMATELY 2.332 ACRES INTO TWO (2) LOTS, ZONED “R-1” SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT AT 3145 SMILEY ROAD. SUBMITTED BY JOHN C. GROSS**

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for first reading of Bill 6245. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to table Bill 6245. Motion carried by voice vote.

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**DISCUSSION**

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**BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Zimmer thanked Mr. Bookout for the charts which were provided by email today showing where the City stands as far as revenue during the pandemic. Mayor Briggs stated the Sales Tax Revenue is delayed two months, so this is not a true reflection of where we are at this time.

Mr. Hein thanked Mr. Bookout for his email and asked about the part-time employees who were furloughed. He also asked about the Bridgeton Landfill grant for \$350,000 and internet sales.

Mr. Bookout stated the City uses 300 part time employees throughout the year. The number of employees that were sent furlough letters is correct. The \$350,000 grant will be used for improvements to the playground at BMAC.

Mayor Briggs stated the state legislature failed to approve a bill allowing public bodies to ask voters to approve a use tax on purchases made over the internet.

Item 9

**SHORT TERM RENTAL**

Mr. Bookout referred to the draft bill in Council packets about short-term rentals. There will need to be a Public Hearing at the Planning & Zoning meeting and then it will have to come to Council for a Public Hearing also. It will be quite some time before Council is able to take action.

At Mr. Linenbroker's suggestion, Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, that this item be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Grimmer, Hein, Norris

NAYS: Luke, Purcell

Motion to forward this to the Planning & Zoning Commission passed.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing report at this time.

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**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Zimmer stated he has had a resident asked if they could pay for trash pick-up quarterly or all at once.

Mr. Gunn responded that Republic will be sending out the invoices in a few weeks and it will be paid quarterly. They have talked to condo associations in Bridgeton and they will be billed quarterly.

Mr. Zimmer stated that the Wal-Mart that is being renovated as a storage facility, (10817 St. Charles Rock Road), came to the Design and Review Board and requested a sign which was very large. That will be coming to Council. The Design and Review Board denied it.

Mr. Zimmer reported a lot of speeding on Raymond and he would like the Police to keep a close eye at that location. He would like to consider the use of speed bumps in the next year.

Mr. Zimmer stated this could be his last Council meeting and he has enjoyed being a part of the Council. He said he hopes everyone gets out and votes.

Mr. Saettele stated there are a lot of signs out for tall grass violations in Bridgeton and he would like to know what is being done.

Mr. Purcell asked if parks had a time frame as to when some of the furloughed employees will be coming back. Also, are we still hiring summer staff.

We should all help local businesses whenever possible. Mr. Purcell thanked Mr. Bookout for doing the best he can do concerning the situation.

Mr. Grimmer contacted McAllisters and they are limited to 25% capacity right now. Take-out meals were okay for them but they are hoping some restrictions will be lifted soon.

He also visited Once Upon a Child and at 9:30 a.m. there were 10-15 shoppers already there. This business should be good for Bridgeton.

Mr. Hein reported he went to Culpeppers in another city and Chimni's and it seems people are slowly coming back to eat out.

Mr. Hein wished Barb and Scott the best in their elections. We have a good Council right now so we need to continue having knowledgeable people working for the City.

He also asked Chief Hood if there is an ordinance about tinted windows on vehicles.

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Mrs. Luke thanked the Mayor for sending out the plan for reopening the City.

She stated that she voted Nay on forwarding the short-term rental bill to Planning and Zoning because she really wants to know how the residents feel about this before they make a decision.

Mrs. Luke asked if residents could opt out for disposing of their trash.

Mrs. Norris stated it is important that Council act as a team although we do have hard and painful decisions to make at this time. There are many positives in our City and our City will be great again. She hoped to see Mrs. Abram and Mr. Zimmer at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Abram stated she did not think most residents want short-term rentals. She also thanked the Administration for trying to get information to the Council as soon as possible.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Kane reported the landfill grant will be used for the playground at BMAC. This is the oldest and largest of the playgrounds we have. Part of the qualifications for the grant was that you had to be within a 4 mile radius of the landfill. He talked briefly how the \$350,000 was going to be spent.

Relative to opening the facilities, we are somewhat dependent on what St. Louis County decides. We are intending to have a day camp starting June 29. This will still allow for a six week program. We would like to open the pools by mid-June, but until the County order is lifted, we cannot do so. When we do open, there will be restrictions, i.e. hours of operation at the outdoor pool will be reduced from noon to 6:00 p.m., pool capacity will be 80 occupants, etc.

We have still been taking applications for summer staff and are just now beginning to look at them and hiring people.

Chief Hood reported there have been 631 deaths in Missouri from the coronavirus-19, 11,232 individuals testing positive and 158,296 total tests given.

Bridgeton does not have an ordinance against window tinting on vehicles specifically, but we do have relative to obstructive view.

We will move the speed trailer to Raymond and will watch the traffic there closely.

Chief Hood stated their portion of the landfill grant is \$38,000 to equip two command vehicles.

He announced that Wayne Kelly, who served on the Bridgeton Police Commission, has passed away.

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Mr. Gunn stated that residents do not have an opt out relative to disposing of trash. Republic has contracted to serve 3,246 homes and if some opt out they could reassess the fee. Also, according to our Code it must be handled by a city approved trash hauler.

Because of all the rain, it has been difficult to cut grass. The first round of cutting will begin around Natural Bridge and Fee Fee.

Mr. Linenbroker stated that Mike Tolles and Robert Gunn held a public hearing relative to the grass cutting at Bridgeport Crossing. The prospective owner was also there. They rarely do this but it allows the owner to have a say. It was decided the City would put a lien on the property for the amount associated for cutting the grass.

Bio-Life will be opening in mid-June.

Mr. Bookout stated that as the City reopens we will begin bringing back more and more of those furloughed employees. By the end of July they should all be back.

Mr. Saettele asked about the Resolution that was passed last Friday requesting an equitable distribution of the \$173,481,106 in funding received by St. Louis County from the coronavirus aid, relief and economic security act. Mayor Briggs stated it had been e-mailed immediately to the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis and County Executive Sam Page.

Mayor Briggs is having a conference call on Tuesday with Sam Page and he is going to bring up the subject matter contained in the Resolution, as well as the opening of pools.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk