

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JANUARY 6TH, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

City Attorney Linnenbroker was excused from this meeting, and serving in his place was attorney Mike Tolles.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hein moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hein moved to add Bill 6259 as B.1 under Perfection of Bills, he added that this bill was previous tabled at the December 16, 2020 Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Saettele moved to table Bill 6259, second by Councilmember Zimmer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hein moved to table Bill 6260, second by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote, with one vote of NAY by Councilmember Purcell.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mike Pinson, 11420 Old St Charles Rock Rd, provided details on an email he sent to the City Administrator regarding distribution of city calendars. Mr. Pinson requested that the Council reconsider its stance on distribution of calendars by residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Briggs stated that the City Clerk sent an amended version of the December 16th, 2020 minutes prior to the meeting for Council's review.

Councilmember Purcell moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 16th, 2020 as presented, second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Briggs stated that there were no appointments or proclamations to be made, but reminded the Council and audience that all eight councilmembers were present and if it was the decision of the Council, an ordinance introduced during the meeting could go all the way through to final adoption.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

Councilmember Zimmer stated that a request for a variance has been submitted for a wall sign to be located at the State Farm office at 12119 St Charles Rock Rd. Councilmember Zimmer added that the building is tucked away and hard to see.

Councilmember Norris stated that this was a long-time business, and does not find the proposed sign to be obtrusive.

Councilmember Grimmer stated for the record that he would be recusing himself from this vote, as he is a client of the business in question.

Councilmember Abram stated that there weren't many places for the sign to go, and believes this is an appropriate location and size.

Councilmember Saettele stated that he believed that this was a good location for the sign.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the sign variance for State Farm located at 12119 St Charles Rock Rd, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Grimmer, ABSTAIN; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE. Motion carried 7-0, with one vote abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 20-09 Amendment to Council Rules

Councilmember Saettele read by title Resolution 20-09, an Amendment to Council Rules.

Councilmember Saettele stated that since the last meeting, no recommendations were received, and reminded the Council that these rules were to be reviewed annually allowing for future changes if so desired.

Councilmember Abram stated that while she had questions on the section as related to the requirement of hand-delivery of materials, she added that the current Council has never abused the requirement of hand delivery therefore she saw no need to make any proposed amendments.

Councilmember Saettele moved to approve Resolution 20-09, second by Councilmember Purcell. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Planning & Zoning Officer, Zach Greatens was sworn in and provided a brief explanation of the Special Use Permit process, as well as exhibits entered into the record and details related to the proposed Adult Day Care to be located at 12330 Natural Bridge Road.

Councilmember Purcell asked if the special use permit would be granted in perpetuity. Mr. Greatens stated the use would be permitted in perpetuity, however, if the adult day care was to close, and another permitted use took over the space, the special use permit would no longer be valid. Mr. Greatens added that the special use permit does not cover the entire strip center, just for the specific address as stated on the application.

Councilmember Hein expressed concern with the location of the facility within the strip center, and asked if there were any designated parking spaces for the use. Mr. Greatens stated that there were no designated spaces proposed, but added that the applicant would be modifying the curb to make a ramp for accessibility.

Councilmember Purcell acknowledged that the proposed drop off zone would be located in the fire zone, and stated that may cause an issue. Councilmember Purcell asked how many adult day care facilities would be operating within the Bridgeton City limits. Mr. Greatens stated upon approval of this location, there would be a total of six.

Councilmember Saettele stated that he would be requesting as a condition of their approval that a handicap parking spot be designated for the use.

Stacy Baker, petitioner, was sworn in and made herself available for any questions or comments related to the adult day care.

Councilmember Norris acknowledged that the application indicated that a bus would be used for transporting its members; Councilmember Norris asked how many participants would be utilizing the van. Ms. Baker stated that she believed most of her members would use the van transportation, but participants would be allowed to be dropped off. Councilmember Norris asked if a nurse would be on staff; Ms. Baker answered in the affirmative.

Councilmember Hein asked the petitioner if she had any other locations and what experience she had. Ms. Baker stated that this would be her first location, and has extensive experience in the healthcare field.

Councilmember Saettele asked the petitioner where the van would be located overnight. Ms. Baker stated that she would park the vehicle on the parking lot overnight.

Councilmember Purcell asked the petitioner how many employees she would have on staff, as well as how long of a lease she was signing for the location. Ms. Baker stated that she would have three employees including the nurse, and contingent upon Council approval would be signing a five year lease agreement.

Hearing no comments in favor or opposition of this matter, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:29 PM.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

- A. Bill 6255 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Amended and Restated Development Agreement among the City, the Natural Bridge / St. Charles Rock Road Community Improvement District, the Natural Bridge / St. Charles Rock Road Redevelopment Corporation and Land Dynamics Development Corporation; and Directing and Authorizing City Officials to Take Certain Actions Related to the Same**

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for a second reading of Bill 6255, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6255 for the second time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved that Bill 6255 become Ordinance 21-1, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

- B. Bill 6256 Approving a Petition for the Addition of Real Property to the Natural Bridge / St. Charles Rock Road Community Improvement District (The "District"); Confirming that the New Property to be Added to the**

District is in a Blighted Area; and Directing and Authorizing City Officials to take Certain Actions Related to the Same

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for a second reading of Bill 6256, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6256 for the second time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved that Bill 6256 become Ordinance 21-2, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE;. Motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

~~B.1 Bill 6259 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Third Amendment to the Preliminary Development Agreement between the City of Bridgeton, Missouri and Big Sport Properties and Bridgeton PowerPlex Community Improvement District~~

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

~~C. Bill 6260 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Electing to Become a Participating Employer of the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS)~~

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

A. Bill 6263 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Establishing a Special Use Permit for “Adult Day Care Center” to Allow an Adult Day Care Facility Located at 12330 Natural Bridge Road

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow a first reading of Bill 6263 second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6263 for the first time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill 6263, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Bill 6264 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Granting a Major Residential Subdivision, Known as “Mackay Vista” to Subdivide 5.993 Acres Into Thirty (30)

**Lots, Zoned "PUD" Planned Single Family Residential Unit
Development (Amended), Located at 3170 Fee Fee Road
(A Final Plat)**

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow a first reading of Bill 6264 second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6264 for the first time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill 6264, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Bill 6265 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri, Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign a Contract in the Form Substantially Attached Hereto to Extend the Professional Service Agreement with Hochschild, Bloom and Company LLP for Independent and Certified Auditing Services Through the Audit Year 2021**

Councilmember Purcell moved to allow a first reading of Bill 6265 second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Purcell read Bill 6265 for the first time.

Councilmember Purcell moved to table Bill 6265, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Bill 6266 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Calling An Election to Consider Imposing a Local Use Tax at the Same Rate as the Local Sales Tax of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri and Directing and Authorizing City Officials o Take Certain Actions Related to the Same**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow a first reading of Bill 6266 second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6266 for the first time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table Bill 6266, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Grimmer stated that limb pick up had started, and acknowledged what a great service that is to the community in addition to the city funded trash pick-up.

Councilmember Purcell wished everyone a happy new year, and stated that he was excited for a new year filled with new opportunities as well as challenges. Councilmember Purcell expressed sadness for the events taking place on the Capitol.

Councilmember Saettele also acknowledged the benefit of having limb pickup, especially following the recent ice storm. Councilmember Saettele requested an update on the calendars as brought -up earlier during Public Comment.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that the recent Design and Review Board Meeting, the committee reviewed applications for Planet Fitness, Starbucks and Smoothie King. Councilmember Zimmer added that it was nice to see these projects moving forward.

Councilmember Hein expressed a desire to work with the Councilmembers of Ward II to create a plaque for a park bench by Spanish Village or a plaque at City Hall in remembrance of former Councilmember Eaker. Councilmember Hein asked if Administration had reviewed the refinancing options, and if they were leaning towards Certificates of Participation or General Obligation Bonds, as it may require a public vote. Councilmember Hein reported that the St. Ann Recreation Center has been closed until June or July 2021, and asked for consideration to allow their residents to utilize the Bridgeton Recreation Center. Councilmember Hein expressed a desire to look into possibly creating a Bridgeton Business Association. Councilmember Hein requested that the Council revisit the five year plan, which was last updated in 2013. Councilmember Hein announced the 2020 Christmas Light Awards.

Councilmember Luke wished everyone a happy new year, and added that she hopes the parade and other normalcies are able to resume. Councilmember Luke stated that the Social Media sub-committee will start in April.

Councilmember Abram wished everyone a happy new year, and also expressed sadness for the events taking place in Washington. Councilmember Abram stated that the Police Department did a great job monitoring the streets on New Years' Eve.

Councilmember Norris announced that a new bakery is set to open next door to Applebee's. Councilmember Norris stated that the distribution of calendars should not be used for political advantage. Councilmember Norris wished the residents and City staff a happy new year.

STAFF REPORT

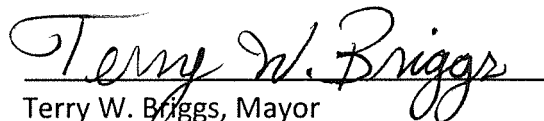
Brendan Kane, Director of Public Works, acknowledged the donation of 55 baked meals from Imo's for the Meals on Wheels program.

Chief Hood stated that he had previously informed the Council on the incident that occurred on Taylor Ave on January 3rd. Chief Hood encouraged that everyone take information obtained on social media with a grain of salt. Chief Hood announced that a ceremony for fallen officer, Scott Armstrong would take place on January 12th.

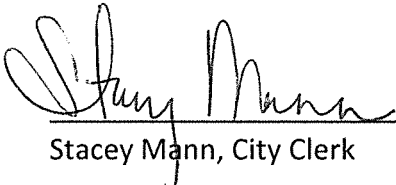
Mayor Briggs stated that at the previous meeting the Council had voted to resume paying for trash service, and a mailer would be sent out to soon to the residents notifying them of the change. Mayor Briggs stated that he will begin surveying employees hired after 2012 on the proposed LAGERS pension plan and for the Council to expect a meeting on the proposed pension plan in the upcoming weeks. Mayor Briggs stated that the Council introduced Bill 6260 earlier in the meeting regarding the use tax; Mayor Briggs added that the Council would need to approve this Bill at the next meeting to have this on the April 6th ballot. Mayor Briggs stated that regarding the distribution of calendars, that it was the decision of the Council to not mail out the City Calendars for 2021, and instead offer them for pick up at City Hall and the Recreation Center to gauge interest. Mayor Briggs added that the calendars were not to be used for electioneering, and were limited to 1-2 per person.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Hein moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Purcell at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk