

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JANUARY 15, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to table Item #10, 2021 Budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Ron Veach, Florissant, Missouri, stated he is in favor of the PowerrPlex project. This is a win-win situation which includes indoor volleyball and many other activities that would be good for the City of Bridgeton and the entire north county area.

Dr. Christopher Dussold, of Sorento, Illinois, stated he is not part of this project, but very supportive of it. Every project like this has complications when it is getting started, but it is all worth it. This needs to happen.

Mr. Don Short, of O'Fallon, Missouri, stated we all here from different backgrounds and all areas with one goal which is to make this project happen.

Our young people need to have a place where they can build character and confidence and this project will be good for them. We are investing in people and this will be something better for all of us.

Mr. Joe Clote, stated the PowerPlex project will attract new tourism to the area to see their kids play in this complex. This needs to be approved quickly.

Mr. Edgar Dick, 17710 Old Jamestown, stated they came to this area because of all the opportunities here and he is very much in favor of this project.

Mr. Mark Harder and Ms. Kelly Donaway, members of St. Louis County Council, spoke in favor of the PowerPlex project. Mr. Harder stated this will be a historic project for our area. After we are long gone people will be benefitting for years to come from this.

Ms. Donaway said this will bring opportunities and youth to the County. This will be sports tourism that will be good for all of St. Louis County.

Mr. Tom Addis, 714 Locust Street, stated he is part of the bond buyers and spoke briefly on what the City must do to make this happen.

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Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the Minutes of January 2, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Briggs nominated Becky Kincaid, to serve on the Beautification Commission. She previously served on the Special Events Commission.

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Item 3

RESOLUTION R-20-01 HONORING GENE LOVE TV SALES & SERVICE AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 70TH YEAR OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, for approval of Resolution R-20-01.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Item 4

RESOLUTION R-20-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR DIRECTORS TO THE MISSOURI BOTTOM ROAD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, for approval of Resolution R-20-02..

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

CLOSED SESSION

At Mayor Briggs request, Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, that a Closed Session be held to discuss matters relating to (1) legal action, litigation or confidential or privileged communications with counsel pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) R.S.M.O.and/or (iv) documents related to a negotiated contract pursuant to Section 610.021(12) R.S.M.O. and to include the Mayor, the City Administrator, members of Council, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Council adjourned to the Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:18 p.m.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

Item 5

BILL 6231 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, REPEALING SECTION 130.060 AS SET FORTH UNDER CHAPTER 130 OF THE CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 130.060 FIXING THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for second reading of Bill 6231. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, that Bill 6231 become Ordinance 29-02.

Mr. Zimmer then stated that he would like to read something for the record:

“I think the “Non-Resident Rates” should be increased to the “Municipal Average” as listed from the letter provided by Brendan Kane dated December 12, 2019. When we built the Recreation Center we agreed to subsidize our residents...not the non-residents; we are looking for cost savings but still providing drastically low fees to the nonresidential group

I spoke with Parks Director Brendan Kane several times and he said the decision for the current rate increases were carefully thought out and requested that they remain as proposed. Brendan gave his word that he would increase the non residential fees yearly to get in line with the Municipal Average. I will honor his request and not propose a motion to increase the non resident fees to the Municipal Average at this time.”

Roll Call Vote: on Bill 6231 becoming Ordinance 20-02

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

NAYS: None

Item 6

BILL 6232 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18-36 AND ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 8.04 OF THE CHARTER AND SECTION 115 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, for second reading of Bill 6232. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, that Bill 6232 become Ordinance 20-03.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Item 7

BILL 6233 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, BY AND AMONG THE CITY, BIG SPORTS PROPERTIES, LLC, AND THE BRIDGETON POWERPLEX COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell for second reading of Bill 6233. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell that Bill 6233 become Ordinance 20-04.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to correct some typographical errors and change Section 7 “Authorization” to Section 8 and to read as follows:

“AUTHORIZATION. The persons executing this First Amendment on behalf of each party hereby covenants and warrants that such person executing this First Amendment on behalf of such party is an officer representative of such party, and that he or she was duly authorized to sign and execute this First Amendment, without personal liability therefor.”

Following discussion, Mr. Purcell moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to call for the question. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call Vote to approve the Amendment as amended

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

NAYS: Fetsch, Hein

Amendment was approved.

Mr. Grimmer stated a lot of information has been given to Council in a short period of time; we are very supportive of this project but we have had to have time to look at this carefully.

Several members of Council stated the City is not the culprit holding up this project; we are just trying to do what is right for the area.

Mr. Saettele moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to call for the question. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call Vote that Bill 6233 become Ordinance 20-04

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

NAYS: None

DISCUSSION

Item 9

AIR BNB

Mr. Zimmer stated we have some Air BNB’s operating in Bridgeton and he would like to start a dialogue on the subject.

Mrs. Abram stated she would not support allowing this; she does not think we need this type of thing in our City. Discussion ensued.

If we do allow them, how can we regulate them.

Mr. Zimmer said he would like a recommendation from Council at some time as to if we should permit Air BNBs and if so how do we regulate them.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Grimmer commended the Street Department on the good snow removal again.

Mr. Grimmer stated the City is trying something new on the dais to make the sound better.

Mr. Fetsch stated that some of the things that are brought up during Council Communications should be brought up with the staff in private and not publicly. This has been mentioned to Council before and we should adhere to it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hood stated he very pleased with the good crowd at the memorial service for Scott Armstrong this past Monday.

Mr. Kane reported he will be getting prices on the tinting of the glass at the Recreation Center. He will speak with Mr. Purcell to make sure which window he has been talking about.

Mayor Briggs stated actions of employees are monitored when necessary, but he does like to hear complaining how they do their work. He will not listen to such comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST"

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk