

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JANUARY 16, 2019
7:00 P.M**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

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. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, to table Discussion Item #4, Streets. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Mrs. Judy Meyer, of the Bridgeton Historical Commission, announced a continuation of the Historical Speaker series with Dorris Keeven-Franke speaking on the topic of German Heritage in the St. Louis area. St. Louis is the third largest German city in America. She encouraged everyone to attend the series on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridgeton Recreation Center.

There being no one else who wished to address Council at this time, the Public Portion was closed.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 2, 2019

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the Minutes of January 2, 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Item 2

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Briggs nominated Stephanie Carver as chairperson of the Senior Citizens Coordinating Committee. Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

Item 3

**PRESENTATION OF THE STATE CERTIFICATION TO THE BRIDGETON POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Chief Glenn Eidman, Police Chief of the Creve Coeur Police Department and member of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, presented the State Certification to Chief Hood and the Bridgeton Police Department.

Chief Eidman stated that he was actually part of the Assessment Team and the Bridgeton officers all worked very hard and demonstrated dedication and professionalism in completing the 12 stages necessary to attain this goal. Bridgeton is now one of only 13 cities in Missouri who have received this certification.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council members expressed their pride in having such a dedicated Police Department who work every day to protect and help the residents of Bridgeton. They also complimented the Street Department on another job well done during the recent snow storm.

Mr. Grimmer made a brief statement about the “Better Together” group who are trying to unite the City and County. Nancy Rice has been well known in City politics for over 30 years and is a very heavy duty participant in their campaign.

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This is a more serious threat than ever before. This has to be done with a constitutional amendment statewide. Therefore the message has to be taken to all parts of the state that this is not good for the St. Louis area and should be voted down.

Mr. Purcell stated that in general he is against any plan that would take away the sovereignty of a government.

Also, the Bridgeton Recreation Center is having a raffle for Meals on Wheels. The money raised will be for Bridgeton only.

Mrs. Norris gave a report from the Design and Review Board and stated that Hunter Engineering will be coming to City Council for a sign variance.

Mrs. Abram announced the Council Sub-Committee on Council Rules will be meeting in February. She would like members of the committee to choose between February 22 and 28 and let her know what date they prefer.

Mr. Hein stated he would like to look at the extension of the sidewalk on Natural Bridge, as he noted a jogger and a handicapped individual with a cane extremely close to the road; he noted this is a really a safety issue in that area.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Ventrella-Meyer reported they have narrowed down the problem with the hot water in the showers at the Recreation Center.

The pool was shut down on Tuesday due to a mechanical problem.

Utility tax refunds for senior citizens goes until the end of February.

Mr. Gunn reported the Lodge hotel has a new name but is under the same ownership.

Chief Hood said they appreciate all the support from the Council and Administration and could not do their job very well without it. He expressed his pride in the Bridgeton Police Department.

The Business Watch meeting this morning was to explain the Certification of the Police Department.

Mayor Briggs stated you will be hearing some strong comments from opposition to the Better Together movement in the near future.

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It was noted that today is the 41st anniversary of Chief Hood's starting date with the Bridgeton Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk