

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
FEBRUARY 6, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, February 6, 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, seconded by Mr. Hein, for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Fetsch moved, seconded by Mr. Hein, to table Discussion Item 5, Streets. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2019

Mrs. Abram moved, seconded by Mrs. Norris, for approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

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Item 1

ANNOUNCEMENT IN EVENT OF ABSENCE

Mayor Briggs announced that because all members of Council are present this evening, any item may be passed at the discretion of Council.

Item 2

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Briggs nominated Connie Vogler, Ward 4, to serve on the Beautification Commission. She also will serve as its Chairman. Mrs. Abram moved, seconded by Mrs. Norris, for approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Briggs nominated Carrie Linenbroker, Ward 3, to the Beautification Commission. Mr. Hein moved, seconded by Mr. Fetsch, for approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

Item 3

SIGN VARIANCE – HUNTER ENGINEERING; 11250 HUNTER DRIVE; GROUND SIGN

Mrs. Norris moved, seconded by Mrs. Abram, for approval of a request for a ground sign at Hunter Engineering located at 11250 Hunter Drive.

Hunter Engineering requested the monument sign (denied based on Section 515.050) as it identifies the main entrance to Hunter Engineering via the intersection of Natural Bridge and Hunter Drive. As the only entrance to the facility from Natural Bridge, it is important that customers and particularly large trucks know where to turn. No other wall signs on the campus face natural Bridge Road.

The Design and Review Board voted unanimously to forward this to City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

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CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

Item 4

BILL 6199 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, (APPLICATION #17-PZ-18) GRANTING THE MINOR COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION, KNOWN AS “MAROON BELLS – ARLINGTON SUBDIVISION” TO CONSOLIDATE THE EXISTING THREE (3) PARCELS, TOTALING 4.42 ACRES, INTO TWO (2) PARCELS AND ESTABLISH AN ACCESS EASEMENT, ZONED “B-2” COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND “R-3” SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 12121 AND 12125 ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD AND 3720 ORCHID LANE (A FINAL PLAT) PETITIONER: MAROON BELLS CAPITAL, LLC

Mrs. Abram moved, seconded by Mrs. Norris, for first reading of Bill 6199. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, seconded by Mrs. Norris to table Bill 6199. Motion carried by voice vote.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Purcell said he is happy to see good things happening in the City. He also announced a golf tournament in late April to benefit Every Child’s Hope.

Mr. Grimmer stated Stephanie Carver asked him to remind everyone that raffle tickets are available at the Recreation Center for the benefit of Bridgeton’s Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Hein announced the Council Sub-Committee on Residential Stormwater has been recessed until April 2nd.

Mrs. Abram stated the Council Rules Sub-Committee will meet on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Norris said she was sorry to see that the Country Buffet had closed. It looks like Chick-Fil-A is doing very well.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hood stated he wanted to tell Council about an elderly resident of Bridgeton who was scammed out of \$10,000 from someone claiming to be with the Social Security Administration. A package containing the money was picked up by FedEx and put on a plane. Our officers were able to track it and retrieve it for the woman. The Chief said we should all be very proud of the officers involved and their commitment to help in this situation.

Fred Maechling is retiring from the Police Department at the end of this month after 30 years.

Mayor Briggs made remarks relative to the "Better Together" movement which seeks to merge St. Louis City and St. Louis County claiming it will be beneficial to the overall community. The City of St. Louis is 62 square miles and cannot add any more land. They are \$800-900 million dollars in debt.

They have petitioned the Secretary of State to place this on the ballot in November of 2020 renaming the area the Metro City of St. Louis. A simple majority is all that is needed to pass it. They must have 160,000 signatures state-wide and the petition must be certified. The way it is stated, it will be voted on by the entire State, not just the citizens of St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

The reorganization of the City and County would mean no local police departments. They will consolidate all police services into one and we would have to turn over all our equipment. Each councilperson would represent 40,000 people. There would be no public works departments; planning & zoning would not exist locally. There would be no Municipal Court in Bridgeton. We would only have the Parks Department and trash collection. The Metro City of St. Louis would take the sales tax from the individual cities in the County.

There is a provision in the Constitution which provides for the formation of a Board of Freeholders consisting of City and County residents. The County needs 15,000 signatures and 5,000 are needed from the City in order to petition the Secretary of State to allow the formation of this group. They would have one year to come up with their plan and only the residents of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County would vote on the plan.

As of now School Districts and Fire Districts are exempt, but they are already looking at School Districts.

There is still a question, however, as to whether the "Better Together" group can include Charter cities such as Bridgeton in their plan.

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There will be two informational Town Hall meetings held on Tuesday, February 19th and Thursday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Bridgeton Recreation Center discussing how this consolidation will affect Bridgeton residents. They will be duplicate meetings

Mayor Terry Briggs and Police Chief Don Hood will be the speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fetsch moved, seconded by Mr. Hein, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk