

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
FEBRUARY 17th, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Mike Sonderman, 11325 Bridgeton Valley Ct, acknowledged the great work performed by the street crews during the recent winter weather events. Mr. Sonderman also recognized SSM Health for their efforts in providing the COVID-19 vaccination to the public in a safe and orderly manner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Luke moved to approve the February 3rd, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation & Announcement of Commendation Recognizing Officer Tamanie Snelson

Mayor Briggs recognized Officer Tamanie Snelson by proclamation, for her heroic and lifesaving efforts that saved a child in distress. Mayor Briggs stated that Office Snelson recognizing the signs of a possible choking took immediate and swift action and performed life saving measures and as a result cleared an obstruction in a young child's airway. Mayor Briggs added in the proclamation, that Officer Snelson has also been the recipient of the McAtee Award from the

Mental Health Association of Missouri, and has been recognized for her work in Crisis Intervention. Mayor Briggs thanked Officer Snelson for her service and dedication.

Chief Hood, joined by Chairman Jim Hartog and Commissioner Nancy Lupia of the Board of Police Commissioners, provided Officer Snelson a letter of commendation acknowledging not only her heroic and lifesaving actions, but her professionalism and diligence.

Proclamation Recognizing February 22nd, 2021 as Supermarket Employee Day

Mayor Briggs recognized supermarket employees by proclamation, and asked that all citizens join in honoring these employees for their courageous work and leadership during unprecedented times. Mayor Briggs read the proclamation in full and proclaimed February 22nd, 2021 as Supermarket Employee Day in the City of Bridgeton.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

**A. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance by Drive Right Trucking & Logistics
3423-3425 N. Lindbergh Blvd**

Councilmember Zimmer stated that agenda items VIII. A-C, were all related to the same property. Councilmember Zimmer added that the property has recently under gone a remodel, and the owner is requesting 3x8 size signs above each unit.

Councilmember Norris stated that the property was situated in a difficult location on Lindbergh, which provided no crossover.

Councilmember Saettele agreed with Councilmember Norris, adding that the divided roadway and large front yard setback would make it difficult to see a sign.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that the property needed the extra visibility.

Mayor Briggs announced that due to two councilmen being absent, the applicant would need unanimous approval by the Council in order to pass. Derek Onstott, applicant, stated that he understood, and asked to proceed with the vote.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the sign variance request for Drive Right Trucking & Logistics at 3423-3425 N Lindbergh Blvd, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

**B. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance by Footprints Learning Academy
3419-3421 N. Lindbergh Blvd**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the sign variance request for Footprints Learning Academy at 3419-3421 N Lindbergh Blvd, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion passed 6-0

**C. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance by All American Landscaping
3407 N. Lindbergh Blvd**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the sign variance request for All American Landscaping at 3407 N Lindbergh Blvd, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE. Motion passed 6-0

**D. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance by La Tejana
3157 N. Lindbergh Blvd**

Councilmember Zimmer stated that the request for La Tejana was for a painted mural that would be located on the northern exterior wall facing Whitehall Manor. Councilmember Zimmer stated that the request received unanimous approval from the Design & Review Board, but concerns regarding maintenance were raised.

Councilmember Luke stated that the artwork was beautifully done, but she was concerned with setting a precedent in allowing similar murals throughout the City.

Councilmember Norris agreed with Councilmember Luke, and stated that the artwork was well done, but encouraged that a full board be present when voting.

Councilmember Hein raised concern with the use of the City of Bridgeton logo, and asked if the logo was trademarked or copyrighted.

Councilmember Saettele stated that the sign shows diversity, and believes that it will draw customers. Councilmember Saettele also stated that he believed a full board should be present during this vote.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that the Council should consider embracing this new idea, as it would enhance the neighborhood.

Councilmember Saettele moved to suspend Council Rules to allow the applicant to come forward and discuss the request, second by Councilmember Zimmer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Brenda Garcia, owner La Tejana, stated that she recently signed a ten year lease and will ensure that the mural is well maintained.

Elisa Bender, assisted the Garcia Family in applying for a grant for the mural through the Mid America Arts Alliance, stated that the mural would bring color and vibrancy in to the area, and detailed the research they performed into Bridgeton’s history of unity and diversity.

Aleida Hertel, artist, explained the meaning and significance behind the mural.

Mayor Briggs announced that due to two councilmen being absent, the applicant would need unanimous approval by the Council in order to pass. Ms. Garcia requested that the item be tabled until a full Board was present.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table the sign variance request for La Tejana at 3157 N Lindbergh Blvd, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

- A. Bill 6267 An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing the Engagement of Stifel, Nicolaus And Company, Inc. For The Purpose Of Underwriting Services; and Authorizing the Engagement of Gilmore & Bell, P.C. For The Purpose Of Legal Counsel for Bond Financing Purposes; and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Documents and Action In Connection With the Aforesaid**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow a second reading of Bill 6267 second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6267 for the second time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved that Bill 6267 become Ordinance 21-9, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Norris, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Zimmer had no report.

Councilmember Saettele acknowledged the great work done by the street crews during the recent snow and ice events. Councilmember Saettele stated that there was a pothole at St. Charles Rock Road and Fee Fee that needed to be addressed.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that he recently had a meeting with Joelle Aguirre and Erin Fanning with Republic Services. Councilmember Grimmer stated that he toured the facilities and was given an update on remediation efforts at the landfill.

Councilmember Hein announced the passing of long-time resident, Glenn Noble.

Councilmember Luke thanked the street and park crews for their work during recent weather events.

Councilmember Norris recognized the street crews and commended them on a job well done. Councilmember Norris also showed appreciation to SSM Health for their work in distributing the COVID-19 vaccination. Councilmember Norris stated that a new bakery would be opening up next week, adjacent to the Applebee's on St. Charles Rock Road.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Gunn, Director of Public Works, stated that it's been several years since the street crews experienced a snow event of this size, with a reported 8" falling at the airport between Sunday and Tuesday. Mr. Gunn stated that with a storm that size, the equipment did incur some minor damages.

Chief Hood stated there were 47 calls to assist motorists during the severe winter weather. Chief Hood reported that there was a strong arm robbery at Walmart recently, but with the help of a citizen, police were able to locate the suspect and take him into custody. Chief Hood announced that there was a fire recently at the McDonalds on Natural Bridge, and it would be closed until repairs could be made.

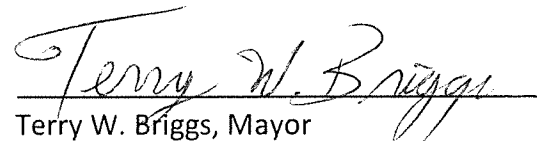
Mr. Kane, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that vaccinations did start at the Recreation Center however there was a delay on shipment due to weather. Mr. Kane stated that St. Louis County has announced that youth tournaments may return to the area, and have allowed for an increase in capacity which will help attendance at the Recreation Center.

MAYORS REPORT

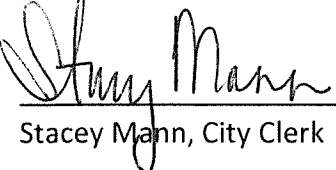
Mayor Briggs thanked the Public Works and Parks & Recreation crews for their efforts and hard work during the winter weather events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Saettele moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Hein at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk