

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

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Purcell

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the agenda. Motion 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 – FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Mrs. Abram, moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of the Minutes of February 20, 2019. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Item 1

ANNOUNCEMENT IN EVENT OF ABSENCE

Mayor Briggs stated that one member of Council is absent this evening, but that will have no effect on the items that are on the agenda tonight.

Mayor Briggs welcomed Brendan Kane, the new Director of Parks & Recreation, to the meeting.

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Item 3

RESOLUTION R-19-01 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING RESTRUCTURING THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY INTO A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT, CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS A “METROPOLITAN CITY”, THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, AS IT WOULD DISENFRANCHISE LOCAL VOTERS BY SUBMITTING A PURELY LOCAL MATTER TO A STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM AND SUBJUGATE THE WILL OF THE VOTERS IN THOSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO THE WILL OF THE MANY

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, for approval of Resolution R-19-01. Mr. Hein read the Resolution in its entirety (attached to these Minutes).

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION/CONTRACTS/BIDS/ETC.

Item 4

BID APPROVAL – GOLF CART BIDS

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, to approve Yamaha Drive 2 Quietech EFI on a four year lease-to-own option with a yearly expenditure of \$26,844.77, for a total of \$98,920.00. \$28,500 was budgeted for this purchase. The other bids did not meet specifications. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION

Item 5

STREETS

Mr. Fetsch stated the latest about a snow plow driver honking the horn because a car was parked on a snow route should never have made the news.

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These employees do the best they can and do a remarkable job keeping the streets clear during snow storms. Parking on a snow route is against the law and should not be tolerated. Cul-de-sacs are extremely hard to plow because of a limited space for the plow to get around. Others on the Council agreed with Mr. Fetsch.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of Council welcomed Brendan Kane as the new Parks and Recreation Department and thanked Vicki Meyer for her hard work during the time before Mr. Kane was hired.

Mr. Saettele stated he and his wife attended the Pattonville Education Foundation evening last week and it was very nice.

Mr. Hein encouraged everyone to go see the "dome" for volleyball at the bowling alley. It is a great thing for Bridgeton to have such a thing which draws people from all over the area.

Mrs. Abram and others thanked the Street and Police Departments for all their work during the storms of this winter. She thanked Mayor Briggs, Chief Hood and Kevin Bookout for the "Better Together" meetings.

Mrs. Norris reminded everyone of the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on April 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hood stated that during snow storms they have to prioritize problems due to accidents, etc.; but Mr. Gunn does provide the Police Department with license numbers of cars parked on snow routes and they then issue citations. They hope to do better with social media telling residents to keep snow routes clear of any vehicles.

All Council Members are invited to attend the SLAPCA Memorial Prayer Breakfast on April 24th, 2019 for fallen officers. It starts at 8:00 a.m. at the St. Charles Convention Center. Anyone wanting a ride should meet at City Hall; we will leave at 7:00 a.m. It is a very moving ceremony.

MoDOT has advised us they will be working on the north bound ramp of 270 at St. Charles Rock Road next week from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

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Chief Hood announced they received six new applications for police officers and three positions are open.

Mr. Gunn discussed the winter costs for the 16 “events” (snow and/or ice) from November 12th through last weekend. The total is \$240,000.

Mr. Kane thanked Council for their welcome and said he is very impressed with the City and the facilities.

The hot water issue at the Recreation Center has been solved and new filter parts are on order. It was actually the City’s own employees who figured out the problem.

Mayor Briggs reported the Business Watch meeting today included a presentation on Better Together.

Relative to snow removal, it is against the law to park vehicles on snow routes and we can be as strict on the law as we need to be.

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