

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Zimmer moved to push Item A under VIII. Permits, Waivers and Appeal Requests to Item E, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Grimmer moved to approve the March 3rd, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Briggs announced that capital improvement projects will resume as planned. Mayor Briggs stated that Council and Staff did a fine job managing the fiscal affairs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and that by implementing cost cutting measures and receiving virus relief funding from St. Louis County, the City only used \$17,700.00 from reserves. Mayor Briggs added that the projects that were postponed last year would be at the top of the list this year for completion.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

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

**B. Sign Variance - Amendment to Sign Package & Sign Variance
Bridgeton Square – 12100 St Charles Rock Road
(Councilmember Zimmer)**

Councilmember Zimmer stated that Design & Review Board recommended approval of the proposed signage by a vote of 5-0. Councilmember Zimmer stated that the sign contractor would be removing the existing signage and building an updated sign with the existing landscaping to stay the same.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the proposed sign package and sign variance for Bridgeton Square located at 12100 St. Charles Rock Rd, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein; AYE; Luke; AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE. Motion carried 8-0.

**C. Sign Variance - Amendment to Sign Package & Sign Variance
Planet Fitness – 12433 St. Charles Rock Road
(Councilmember Zimmer)**

Councilmember Zimmer stated that there was some concern at the Design & Review Board Meeting over the size of the two proposed signs, particularly the signage facing Natural Bridge that is nearby residential property. Councilmember Zimmer stated that he has viewed the property on Google Maps, and didn't feel that it would be a factor. Councilmember Zimmer added that Design & Review Board recommended approval of the proposed signage by a vote of 4-1.

Councilmember Norris stated that Planet Fitness has been in the area for over ten years, and believes that the Council has set precedence by allowing other businesses to have two wall signs when facing two streets.

Councilmember Purcell stated that the proposed signage is four times larger than what the code currently allows, and is a good example of why the sign committee needs to review the ordinance.

Councilmember Saettele stated that he believes the signage is an appropriate size due to how far the building is setback from the streets.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the proposed sign package and sign variance for Planet Fitness to be located at 12433 St. Charles Rock Road, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein; AYE;

Luke; AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE. Motion carried 8-0.

**D. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance
Cell Phone Repair - 12464 St. Charles Rock Road
(Councilmember Zimmer)**

Councilmember Zimmer stated that the proposed sign is larger in comparison to other signs in the development, but that the building was setback from the street quite a distance and there was limited visibility.

Councilmember Norris stated that if the red box sign that is directly under the lettering was removed that it would allow for larger letters. Councilmember Norris added that the Florissant location does not have the red box on its signage.

Councilmember Purcell stated that the proposed sign is four and a half times larger than what the current code allows, and is concerned that this proposed sign is different from its other locations.

Councilmember Grimmer agreed that the building does sit back quite a distance from the street, but stated that he believes that the sign is overdone.

Councilmember Saettele stated that the sign is not readable.

Councilmember Abram stated that she was in agreement with previous comments on the red box sign under the lettering, and stated that there is too much to read.

Councilmember Saettele moved to suspend Council Rules to allow the petitioner to address the Council, second by Councilmember Zimmer. Motion carried by voice vote.

City Attorney Linnenbroker informed the petitioner that if the Council were to deny the request, the petitioner must wait six months before reapplying unless there were significant changes made to the design.

Glenn Egart, petitioner, stated that the corporation has updated their logo and he has recently done similar installations in surrounding cities, and that while the franchisee would be open to making amendments to the sign he would first need approval from corporate.

Mr. Egart requested that the application be tabled until the next meeting to allow time for him to consult with the owners.

Councilmember Saettele moved to table the request for a sign variance for Cell Phone Repair, second by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

**E. Sign Variance Request for a sign variance
La Tejana – 3157 N. Lindbergh Blvd
(Councilmember Zimmer)**

Councilmember Abram moved to table the request for a sign variance at La Tejana and for the sign committee to review the application, second by Councilmember Zimmer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Briggs stated that the applicant has submitted a letter from the property owner allowing for the wall to be used as a mural, as well as an updated design that removes the Bridgeton logo from the mural.

EMERGENCY CONTRACTS

**A. Bid Approval - Outdoor Pool Filter Pump Rebuild
(Councilmember Norris)**

Councilmember Norris stated that the recommended bid for the outdoor pool filter pump rebuild was below budget and met all bid specifications.

Councilmember Norris moved to approve the bid submitted by Westport Pools in the amount of \$13,403.21 for the outdoor pool filter pump rebuild, second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

**A. Bill 6269 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton,
Missouri (Application #21-PZ-01) Amending Chapter 410 of the
Bridgeton Code of Ordinances, Appendix IV-II, Planned Manufacturing
District, "M-3(E) District - A Portion of Bridgeton Square Business
Center" to Add "Medical or Dental Clinic" As a Permitted Use *(Second
Reading; Councilmember Grimmer)***

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for the second reading of Bill 6269, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6269 for a second time.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that the original zoning of the proposed property allowed for the use of medical and dental offices, and that due to an oversight during a zoning update years ago the use was removed. Councilmember Grimmer stated that this Bill was correcting that mistake.

Councilmember Grimmer moved for Bill 6269 to become Ordinance 21-10, second by Councilmember Purcell. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

- A. Bill 6270 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing the Acceptance of a Digital Scoreboard from the Bridgeton Athletic Association to the City of Bridgeton Parks and Recreation Department for the Use at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex
(First Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow for the first reading of Bill 6270, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6270 for the first time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to suspend Council Rules to allow for a second reading of Bill 6270, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow for the second reading of Bill 6270, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6271 for the second time.

Councilmember Norris stated that the Park Board recommends that the Council accept the donation from the Bridgeton Athletic Association, and gives the Council its unanimous support. Councilmember Norris thanked the BAA, and stated that along with the donation and the new playground that was recently opened, that BMAC was headed in a positive direction.

Councilmember Luke stated that she was thrilled with the improvements, and asked the Director of Parks for an estimate on ongoing maintenance for the scoreboard.

Mr. Kane stated that to run the electric it would cost approximately \$500-\$1000, and annual maintenance for battery replacement would be minimal.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that the fields at BMAC are always in top condition and that the scoreboard will be a positive addition.

Councilmember Zimmer moved for Bill 6270 to become Ordinance 21-11, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE;

Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE.
Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Mayor Briggs thanked Bob Totterer and the Bridgeton Athletic Association for their contribution.

DISCUSSION

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Linnenbroker had nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Grimmer stated that at the next meeting there would be a Public Hearing on a proposed rezoning of the former Capital Inn site. Councilmember Grimmer stated that the sign committee is currently gathering information from other municipalities and will draw comparisons from there. Councilmember Grimmer added that the proposed mural at La Tejana will be addressed directly.

Councilmember Purcell stated that the Mayors announcement at the beginning of the meeting regarding the resumption of capital projects was encouraging, and that it is to the credit of the Mayor, Council and staff that we have been able to get back on track.

Councilmember Saettele stated that there was recently a mass vaccination held at Pattonville High School. Councilmember Saettele reminded everyone of the upcoming election on April 6th.

Councilmember Zimmer asked for an update on the building next to Steak & Shake. Mayor Briggs stated that Mr. Gunn is working on something regarding this and more information will be available by the April 7th meeting.

Councilmember Hein asked that with the resumption of the capital projects if the street light requests can now be addressed. Councilmember Hein asked for an update on the proposed c-store. Councilmember Hein asked that an update or determination be provided on the escrow accounts and if any funds were available to go into reserves.

Councilmember Luke asked if there were any upcoming electronic take back events that the City would be hosting. Councilmember Luke stated that the Special Events Commission would like to begin purchasing the giveaways for the parade on April 8th, and the Commission would like a decision from the Council by its April 7th meeting, on if the parade would be moving forward.

Councilmember Abram wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilmember Norris stated that she is pleased that the City is moving forward with capital projects, and was please to read over the provided pension update. Councilmember Norris thanked the Bridgeton Athletic Association for their donation. Councilmember Norris stated that there were a growing number of utility and tractor trailers parked in business lots and in streets. Councilmember Norris announced that the Trash Bash hosted by Great Rivers Greenway will be held April 17th-24th.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Kane, Director of Parks & Recreation, announced the promotion of Wallace Foster to front desk operations. Mr. Kane stated that twenty five memberships were issued to St. Ann residents following the announcement of the partnership. Mr. Kane thanked Mr. Totterer for their donation, and announced that Leonardo DRS and Republic Services have been secured as sponsors.

Mr. Gunn, Director of Public Works, stated that staff is receiving a number of street light outage reports, and Ameren is estimating about two week weeks for repair. Mr. Gunn stated that street crews are beginning to work on potholes.

Chief Hood stated that there are currently no electronic take back events planned, but the City may host one later in the fall. Chief Hood stated the prayer breakfast is now scheduled for September 21st.

Chief Hood announced to the Mayor and Council his retirement effective July 30, 2021.

Mr. Bookout, City Administrator, stated the Land Dynamics has identified a c-store for the corner of Natural Bridge and St. Charles Rock Road, but nothing has been received at this time.

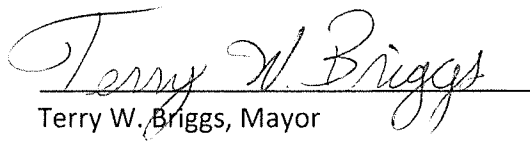
MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Briggs wished Chief Hood the best, and stated that more would be discussed on the subject in the coming months. Mayor Briggs stated that the General Municipal Election would be held on April 6th in which one council race was on the ballot as well as Proposition O. Mayor Briggs encouraged everyone to vote.

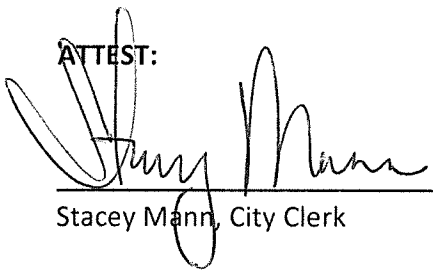
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Abram thanked Chief Hood for his work and leadership.

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Hein moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Purcell at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk