

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
MARCH 18, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 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 revised agenda as posted yesterday and distributed. Motion to approve the revised agenda carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Joe Larrew, Municipal Judge for the City of Bridgeton, related how 34 years ago he ran into a gentleman named Ferd Fetsch who asked him if he would like to run for Judge; and if so, he would support him. They became friends and Judge Larrew said Ferd has been a mentor to him all these many years. He wanted to be here tonight to honor and congratulate him on his retirement from Council.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 4, 2020

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for approval of the Minutes of March 4, 2020.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to amend page 7, paragraph 5, by adding the following: **“Mayor Briggs said he would contact McBride and do what he can to get them to build the fence”**. Motion on the amendment carried by voice vote.

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

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

Item 1

ANNOUNCEMENT IN EVENT OF ABSENCE

Mayor Briggs announced there is one Councilmember absent this evening which means that no new item introduced may be acted on tonight.

Item 2

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Briggs had no appointments to make this evening.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Item 3

**RESOLUTION R-20-03 CONGRATULATING THE SSM DEPAUL HEALTH CENTER
AUXILIARY UPON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUPPLYING SUPPORT SERVICE
AND FUNDING TO THE CENTER**

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of Resolution R-20-03.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell

Item 4

**RESOLUTION R-20-04 RECOGNIZING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS AND
SERVICE FERDINAND "FERD" FETSCH HAS MADE TO THE CITY DURING HIS
TENURE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER ON THE BRIDGETON CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mrs. Abram, for approval of Resolution R-20-04.

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Each member of Council congratulated Ferd and thanked him for all his contributions to the City, his leadership and friendship, stating it was an honor to serve with him.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

Item 5

SIGN VARIANCE – FREDDY’S FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS; 947 NORTHWEST PLAZA DRIVE; SIGNAGE AND MENU BOARD

This was a request submitted to the Design and Review Board for signs for Freddy’s to be located at 947 Northwest Plaza Drive. Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele for approval.

The Design and Review Board forwarded this application with a favorable recommendation to City Council contingent upon the following:

- 1) removal of all six (6) of the “food” signs including “Chicago Dogs”, Patty Melts” and “Turtle Sundaes”;
- 2) removal of the pole sign and removal of the pre-sell menu board sign;
- 3) keeping the main menu board sign at thirty four (34) square feet, and keeping the “Cone” sign and the “Freddy’s Steakburgers” sign at the proposed submitted size;
- 4) keeping the LED light strip around the top of the building, and keeping the lights and speakers for the dining area, as well as the approval of the Special Use Permit.

The vote of the Design and Review Board was 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Roll Call Vote to approve the variance as recommended by the Design and Review Board:

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

NAYS None Absent: Purcell

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EMERGENCY LEGISLATION/CONTRACTS/BIDS/ETC.

Item 6

BILL 6240 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 115.255 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHANGING THE MANNER IN WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE ABLE TO USE ACCURED SICK TIME

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele for first reading of Bill 6240. Motion carried by voice vote.

There is not a full Council this evening; however, Mr. Linenbroker stated that in the Charter Chapter C, Article III, Section 3.08 “Emergency Ordinances”: it states:

SECTION 3.08 Emergency Ordinances.

To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace, the Council may adopt one (1) or more emergency ordinances, but such ordinances may not levy taxes; grant, renew, or extend a franchise; regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services; or authorize the borrowing of money.

An emergency ordinance shall be introduced in the form and manner prescribed for ordinances generally except that it shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing it in clear and specific terms. **An emergency ordinance may be adopted with or without amendment or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced, but the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members shall be required for adoption.** After its adoption the ordinance shall be placed on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. It shall become effective immediately. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand repealed as of the sixty-first (61st) day following the date on which it was adopted but this shall not prevent re-enactment of the ordinance in the manner specified if the emergency still exists. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner specified in this Section for adoption of an emergency ordinance.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to suspend Council Rules in order to enact this ordinance tonight. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for second reading of Bill 6240. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, that Bill 6240 become Ordinance 20-10.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell

BID APPROVAL – OUTDOOR POOL SLIDE RESTORATION

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, to approve the bid submitted by Bazan Painting Company in the amount of \$18,920.00 for the restoration of the slide at the outdoor pool. Motion carried by voice vote.

Item 7

FULL LIQUOR & SUNDAY LICENSE-CHI-LOUIE’S BAR & GRILL LLC; 12344 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD; JORIS SUTTON, MANAGING OFFICER. FIRST CONSIDERATION

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, for first consideration of the above liquor license. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Hien moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to table this item. Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

Item 8

BILL 6239 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REPEALING SECTION 130.060 AS SET FORTH UNDER CHAPTER 130 OF THE CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 130.060, FIXING THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Mr. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, for first reading of Bill 6239. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, to table Bill 6239. Motion carried by voice vote.

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker took this time to express his thanks to Mr. Fetsch. He stated he respects everyone who serves in this capacity and Ferd has been a great example of a public servant. Mr. Linenbroker stated he knows that every vote Mr. Fetsch has cast has been something that he has considered long and hard before casting his vote.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Saettele asked if staff could consider banning short-term rentals temporarily until we can hold a public forum on this item.

Mr. Grimmer stated he saw employees picking up trash in the City and was very impressed.

Mr. Grimmer also stated everyone should fill out your 2020 Census form. It's easy and takes no time at all.

Mrs. Norris thanked staff for changing the medical leave policy for employees.

Mr. Hein attended a Ward 1 Neighborhood Watch meeting and Officer Kevin Quinlisk gave an excellent presentation.

Mr. Hein suggested finding sponsorships for the flowers around the gazebo.

Mr. Hein thanked Mr. Fetsch for all the knowledge he has given to him in the years he has served with him.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hood reported they have been in constant contact with State and Federal governments as to how to react to this virus.

Please keep a distance of six feet from anyone and personal hygiene is extremely important. If you know of someone who needs assistance, please let the Police Department know. Chief Hood also thanked Mr. Fetsch for everything he has done for the City.

Mr. Gunn reported they are now sanitizing the building every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They clean all surfaces and door handles. This week the Street Department picked up 11 "wayward" shopping carts and six trash cans full of trash.

Mr. Kane announced the Recreation Center is closed until April 5th; they will be making a decision by March 27th as to how much longer it will remain closed.

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Mr. Kane stated he has only known Mr. Fetsch a short time but wanted to thank him for all he has done for the City.

Mr. Bookout stated a memo was sent to staff yesterday about several items and another letter will be sent relative to the approved legislation Council acted on this evening. Mr. Bookout also said it has been an honor to work with Mr. Fetsch.

Mayor Briggs stated the municipal election has been moved from April 7 to June 2. Council should consider how to fill Mr. Fetsch's seat at the April 1 meeting.

Mr. Fetsch stated he has received many calls from residents expressing their appreciation for all he has done for the City – sometimes they asked if they could get passes for the 4th of July!

He expressed his appreciation to all those who have served with him on Council over the years. "Thank you all so much."

The City of Bridgeton has good employees, and volunteers on the Boards and Commissions who give of their time.

He also thanked Mr. Linenbroker, Mayor Briggs, the City Clerk and staff who have helped him along the way and who he will really miss.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk