

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
APRIL 1, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The regular City Council meeting was called to order Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. (Due to the Coronavirus-19, the meeting was held virtually).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Purcell (Mr. Purcell arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mrs. Hein moved, second by Mr. Grimmer, for approval of the agenda.

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, to remove Item #5, “Bid Approval for Out-front Mower for use by Parks Operations”. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Hein, to table Item #7, Authorizing contract with J. M. Marschuetz Construction Company for the 2020 Slab Replacement project. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

At this time, Mayor Briggs read comments that had been submitted by residents to be included in the Public Portion of this meeting.

Mr. Mel Leib, 11691 Donnycave Lane, Maryland Heights, congratulated Mrs. Luke on taking over the vacant seat in Ward 3. Best of luck and maybe we’ll get back in Randy’s office sometime in the future when this is all over.

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Mrs. Nancy Lupia, 3609 Bridgeton Valley Circle, Bridgeton, said she hoped that all elected officials, employees, staff and their families are healthy and safe. I'd like to remind and encourage my fellow Bridgeton residents to complete the 2020 Census, and to shop and conduct their business within the City of Bridgeton as much as possible. Our local government will need the tax revenue today and in the days moving forward. Staying strong in Bridgeton.

There being no other comments submitted by the public, the Public Portion was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 18, 2020

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote

APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 2

APPOINTMENTS

At this time Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Hein, to open nominations for the appointment of an individual to serve the balance of the term of Ferd Fetsch, who resigned as of March 31, 2020, in Ward 3. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Hein nominated Gretchen Luke, Ward 3.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Hein, to close nominations. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call Vote;

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

NAYS: None

The City Clerk then swore in Mrs. Luke. Mrs. Luke thanked everyone and said she looked forward to working with all of them. Mayor Briggs and members of Council all congratulated her and said they were glad she was officially on Council and looked forward to working with her.

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Item 1

ANNOUNCEMENT IN EVENT OF ABSENCE

Mayor Briggs announced that now Mr. Purcell has arrived, all members of Council are present and any item introduced this evening may be acted upon tonight at the discretion of the Council.

Mayor Briggs then made a statement about the Coronavirus-19 impact upon the City and its residents along with the actions the City is taking to help curb the spread of the virus among its employees. The City has put a freeze on hiring and is scheduling shifts in departments so all employees are not all working on the same days or same hours

Our sales revenue is taking a hit. Many of our retail stores have closed temporarily. BMAC and the Recreation Center are closed. Berry Hill is still open with restrictions. We do have a good economic base, and our local grocery stores and fast food restaurants are working to serve the public through pick-ups and deliveries.

Bids openings of \$10,000 or more will need to be signed off by administration.

A decision will have to be made relative to our day camp and whether or not we will be able to hold it this year. A decision on the Fourth of July festivities will be made in May.

Mayor Briggs thanked the citizens of Bridgeton for their support while the City is trying to make the proper decisions for our City in this crucial time.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

Item 3

**SIGN VARIANCE – A BETTER OPTION LLC; 11431 ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD;
WALL SIGN**

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of a request for a wall sign for A Better Option at 11431 St. Charles Rock Road. It was denied because it was too big according to the Sign Ordinance. The Design and Review Board forwarded this to Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

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EMERGENCY LEGISLATION/CONTRACTS/BIDS/ETC.

Item 4

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

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mrs. Luke, for final consideration of the above liquor license.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

PERFECTION OF BILLS

Item 6

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

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

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, that Bill 6239 become Ordinance No. 20-11.

Mrs. Norris said this was brought before the Park Board and they were against it. Mrs. Norris stated the original ordinance had been carefully reviewed and she saw no reason to amend it at this time.

Mr. Zimmer stated to amend this bill is not right. The Parks Director and other members of staff put a lot of thought and work into adopting the law.

Mr. Grimmer stated Council's concerns are logical and Mr. Kane was trying to look to the revenue needs of the Recreation Center; however, as witnessed by former Councilman Ferd Fetsch and former Parks Board Chairman Tom Schlag, a promise was made to keep the track open to residents free of charge.

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Roll Call Vote on Bill 6239 becoming Ordinance 20-11.:

AYES: Purcell, Grimmer

NAYS: Norris, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Hein, Luke

Bill failed.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

Item 8

BILL 6242 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, ADOPTING THE FAMILY FIRST CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT OF 2020 WITH EXEMPTIONS

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, for first reading of Bill 6242. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, to suspend Council Rules, in order to act on this tonight. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell for second reading of Bill 6242. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, that Bill 6242 become Ordinance 20-11.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Hein, Luke, Grimmer Hein

NAYS: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker welcomed Mrs. Luke to Council and looked forward to working with her.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of Council all congratulated Mrs. Luke on becoming a part of Council and looked forward to working with her.

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Mrs. Abram announced that Gussie Lorenzen, a former City employee and later a member of Council passed away this past week.

Mrs. Norris thanked the City staff for continuing to serve the City.

Mr. Zimmer thanked Mayor Briggs for his statement earlier.

Mr. Saettele stated the Steak & Shake dumpster is overflowing.

Mrs. Luke thanked everyone again for their warm welcome and she said she is looking forward to working with Council. This is a hard time, but it is wonderful that with modern technology we are able to keep in touch. Mr. Hein and she are looking to start a Ward 3 Facebook page so our residents can share their concerns.

Mrs. Luke stated she would like to echo the comments of gratitude to Mr. Fetsch which were made at the last Council meeting.

She also stated that she agreed with Mr. Zimmer that we should be looking at finances over the next several months.

Mr. Purcell thanked administration and staff for putting this meeting together tonight. He was grateful that we had an emergency fund and that the Mayor did not want to get into that just yet.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kane reported the Recreation Center and BMAC will be closed at least until April 22nd.

Berry Hill remains open, but for walkers only. No carts may be used and the clubhouse will be closed.

In answer to questions, Mr. Gunn stated Public Works is still accepting plans and requests for occupancies for commercial and residential. Inspections are still being made and a lot of things are actually being done by ZOOM right now. The City's phone is always being answered when residents call.

In answer to a question about the 4th of July, Mayor Briggs announced that the decision whether or not the festivities will be cancelled will be made in May.

Chief Hood announced the Police Memorial Breakfast has been postponed.

Officer Tom McWilliams while driving on the highway, saw an accident and removed the individual from the vehicle and started CPR immediately.

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Mr. Bookout thanked the staff for the past two weeks which have been very stressful for everyone. We will come out of this together.

Mayor Briggs stated that yard waste can no longer be left in bags; it must be put in receptacles, but not the recycling container.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Grimmer, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk