

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
MAY 19TH, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Norris moved to remove item A. Bid Approval under VIII. Emergency Legislation, Contracts, Bids, Licenses, per the recommendation of the City Attorney, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Purcell stated that under section VI. Approval of the Minutes, it read that a Special City Council Meeting was held on May 5th, 2021, and should read Regular City Council Meeting. Councilmember Purcell moved to amend the agenda to reflect the correction, second by Councilmember Hein. The friendly amendment was approved 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 Hein moved to approve the May 5th, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Briggs announced that the Council has been informed by memo of the committee members assigned to the interview panel for the Chief of Police position.

Mayor Briggs requested that the Council review and consider the following appointments to Boards & Commissions:

- Board of Adjustment - Kathy Ioannou (reappointment; second term) Ward 2
- Board of Adjustment - Ron Abernathy (moves from alternate to full-time) Ward 3
- Planning & Zoning - Carolyn Creswell (new appointment) Ward 3
- Police - Jim Hartog (reappointment; third term) Ward 3

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

Mayor Briggs recognized Matt Elliot, Street Superintendent, and new Maintenance Worker II employee, Quintin Lumpkins in the audience. Mr. Elliot introduced Mr. Lumpkins to the Council, and stated that Mr. Lumpkins comes to Bridgeton with fifteen years' experience in the field.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, CONTRACTS, BIDS, LICENSES, ETC

~~A. Bid Approval ——— Matthews Park Grant — Phase I
(Councilmember Norris)~~

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

- A. **Bill 6278** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Repealing Ordinance 20-23 and Adopting a New Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Other Compensation of the Classified Employees of the City, as Provided for in Section 8.04 of the Charter and Section 115 of the Code of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri for the Fiscal Year 2021

Councilmember Norris moved to allow for the first reading of Bill 6278, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Norris read Bill 6278 for the first time.

Councilmember Norris moved to table Bill 6278, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

- A. **Bill 6279** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton,

Missouri Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement, Substantially in the Form Attached Hereto, with Byrne & Jones for the Matthews Park Improvement Project (Phase I) in the Amount of Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Zero Cents

Councilmember Norris moved to allow for the first reading of Bill 6279, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Norris read Bill 6279 for the first time.

Let the record reflect that Byrne & Jones was not the low bid, however, Article II of Section 120.125, states that the City should give preference to local businesses in good standing, if the bid does not exceed the price by the non-Bridgeton business by more than the lesser of ten percent or \$5,000.00.

Councilmember Norris moved to table Bill 6279, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Webb had nothing to report.

Councilmember Zimmer had nothing to report.

Councilmember Purcell requested an update on staffing levels at the recreation center.

Councilmember Norris reported that the recent Ward Four Meeting was well attended, and at that meeting the stop sign at Old St. Charles Rock Road and Falcon was brought up again, as well as speeding on Smiley Road. Councilmember Norris asked Public Works for an update on the street replacement schedule. Councilmember Norris wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day. Councilmember Norris asked if City Council would once again receive shirts for the parade.

Councilmember Luke thanked the Street Department for their assistance with the street light installation. Councilmember Luke reminded the Council to reach out to local businesses regarding the Independence Day Parade, as the theme of the parade is "Honoring the Best of Bridgeton's Businesses". Councilmember Luke thanked the Parks & Recreation for the update on the tree project underway at Hickory Woods, and requested that the Director follow-up with the Department of Conservation regarding the care and maintenance of the existing trees, following the removal of the dead trees.

Councilmember Hein asked if there was enough work currently for the Planning & Zoning Administrator and Secretary, and if those positions could be part-time. Councilmember Hein suggested that the Council reconsider the personnel study.

STAFF REPORT

Brian Peterson, Assistant City Engineer, stated that this year the slabs would be replaced in the DePaul Hills subdivision. Mr. Peterson reported that the project is currently out to bid, and the Department should have something to Council at their next meeting.

Brendan Kane, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the recreation center, and in particular the pool, was close to 100% staffed, and orientation was underway. Mr. Kane stated that staffing wise the biggest area of concern was at BMAC, where they are currently seeking individuals old enough to pour and serve alcohol. Mr. Kane stated that he would contact the Conservation Department regarding Councilmember Luke's concerns.

Chief Hood stated that arrests had been made in relation to the shooting events that took place on Mother's Day. Chief Hood announced the passing of long-time resident, George Weber. Chief Hood stated that on June 17th the department would be assisting at the DePaul Hospital Food Bank. Chief Hood added that the event was not open to the public, and was only available to those with vouchers. Chief Hood reminded the Council of the appreciation event scheduled for June 12.

Kevin Bookout, City Administrator, stated that staff was working on council shirts for the parade. Mr. Bookout recognized Mayor Briggs for his recent appointment to President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Briggs recognized City Administrator Bookout on being named President of the St. Louis Area City/County Management Association.

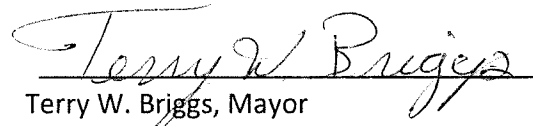
Mayor Briggs announced the passing of long time employee and volunteer, Stephanie Carver. Mayor Briggs stated that the visitation would be held on Friday.

Mayor Briggs stated that the mid-year budget meeting would be scheduled for some time at the end of June, as well as training for City Council and some Boards and Commissions.

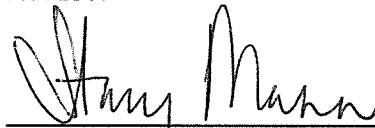
CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

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 7:25 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk