

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**BRIDGETON CITY HALL**  
**12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD**  
**JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Commissioner Judy Meyer, Historical Commission, thanked the Mayor for hosting a luncheon on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Payne-Gentry House. Ms. Meyer stated that prior to the luncheon Mr. Beau Brauer with Hunter Engineering presented the City of Bridgeton Historical Society with a restored painting. The painting was done by Mary Lee Payne of the Payne-Gentry House.

Ms. Meyer announced that the Payne-Gentry House would be re-opening to the public on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, for the first time in a year and a half. Ms. Meyer stated that the house celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Abram moved to approve the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**PERMITS, WAIVERS, AND APPEAL REQUESTS**

- A. Sign Variance                      Quality Inn – 12705 St. Charles Rock Road  
    Requesting variance for size of allowed pole sign  
    *(Councilmember Luke)*

Councilmember Luke stated that the requested sign was the standard Quality Inn sign, as seen at other locations.

Councilmember Luke moved to approve the sign variance at the Quality Inn at 12705 St. Charles Rock Road, second by Councilmember Hein. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Webb, AYE, Zimmer, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

- B. Solar Panel Variance              3107 Smiley Road  
    Location of Solar Panel  
    *(Councilmember Zimmer)*

Councilmember Abram stated that she was opposed to the request as the ordinance prohibits the placement of solar panels in the front of the home.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that he was opposed to the request as he believed that it could negatively impact property values.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that he was opposed to the request as it would distract from the character of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to affirm Public Works’ denial of Application #21-0136, submitted by Engineered Solutions for the Nelson Residence at 3107 Smiley Road, second by Councilmember Hein. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke; AYE; Norris, AYE; Webb, NAY; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE. Motion passed 6-1, request for a solar panel variance was denied.

**EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, CONTRACTS, BIDS, LICENSES, ETC**

- A. Bid Approval                      Field Conditioner  
    *(Councilmember Norris)*

Councilmember Norris stated that the purchase of the field conditioner/groomer would come out of capital improvement funds, and the bid price was within the \$23,000.00 budget approved by Council.

Councilmember Norris moved to approve the bid submitted by MTI Distributing in the amount of \$22,686.07 for the Field Conditioner/Groomer, second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Bid Approval                      Outfront Mowers

*(Councilmember Norris)*

Councilmember Norris stated the mowers would be purchased out of the capital improvement fund, and the bid price was within the \$45,000 budget approved by Council.

Councilmember Norris moved to approve the bid submitted by Art's Lawnmowers in the amount of \$44,620.00 for two outfront mowers, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Liquor License            Full Liquor License with Sunday sales  
   Change in Managing Officer  
   Olive Garden – 3552 Pennridge Dr  
   *(First Reading; Councilmember Abram)*

Councilmember Abram moved for first consideration of a full liquor license with Sunday sales for Olive Garden, located at 3552 Pennridge Dr *(change in managing officer)*, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abram moved to table, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. Liquor License            New Liquor License  
   Full Liquor License with Sunday sales  
   Chi-Louie's Bar & Grill – 12344 Natural Bridge Rd  
   *(First Reading; Councilmember Abram)*

Councilmember Abram moved for first consideration of a full liquor license with Sunday sales for Chi-Louie's Bar & Grill, located at 12344 Natural Bridge *(new license)*, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abram moved to table, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERFECTION OF 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 *(Second Reading; Councilmember Norris)*

Councilmember Norris moved for second reading of Bill 6278, second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Norris read Bill 6278 for the second time.

Councilmember Norris moved for Bill 6278 become Ordinance 21-19, second by Councilmember Abram. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

- B. 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 Sixty Cents *(Second Reading; Councilmember Norris)*

Councilmember Norris moved for second reading of Bill 6279, second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Norris read Bill 6279 for the second time.

Councilmember Zimmer asked what percentage the City would be paying. Mr. Kane stated that the City would pay for approximately 5% of the total project cost.

Councilmember Norris moved for Bill 6279 become Ordinance 21-20, second by Councilmember Abram. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS**

- A. Bill 6280                      An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Approving a Minor Commercial Subdivision, “Bonfils Subdivision”, to subdivide approximately 4.24 acres into three (3) lots, zones “B-2” Community Business District located at 12147 Natural Bridge Road/4200 Bonfils Drive. *(First Reading; Councilmember Grimmer)*

Councilmember Grimmer moved for first reading of Bill 6280, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6280 for the first time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill 6280, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Norris stated that there was a recent accident involving a car entering a residence on Bridgeway, and that she spoke to the resident who was very thankful that no one was hurt. Councilmember Norris promoted the upcoming Kiwanis Club golf tournament to be held on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Norris stated that she attended the luncheon at the Payne-Gentry House the day prior, and thanked Mr. Brauer for his donation. Councilmember Norris congratulated Mayor Briggs on his installation as President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

Councilmember Abram congratulated Mayor Briggs on becoming the President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

Councilmember Luke congratulated Mayor Briggs on becoming the President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis. Councilmember Luke announced that the Social Media Committee will present to the Council at their next meeting a resolution adopting a social media policy for elected officials. Councilmember Luke stated that the Special Events Commission will continue to accept parade entries through June 15.

Councilmember Hein congratulated Mayor Briggs on becoming the President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis. Councilmember Hein stated that he also attended the luncheon at the Payne-Gentry house, and found the details of the painting to be interesting. Councilmember Hein stated that he was pleased to see the home on Old St Charles Road was recently demolished. Councilmember Hein asked for an update on parking passes for the Independence Day fireworks display.

Councilmember Grimmer congratulated Mayor Briggs on becoming the President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis. Councilmember Grimmer stated that members of the Planning & Zoning Commission expressed concern over the appearance and condition of N. Lindbergh Blvd.

Councilmember Zimmer requested an updated on the Casual Male store on Lindbergh. Councilmember Zimmer asked that in the future, amendments to the agenda be marked as "revised". Councilmember Zimmer stated that the Payne-Gentry House was in need of attention, particularly the entrance, and renovations may be something that the Council should consider during the next budget. Councilmember Zimmer requested that the signs regarding masks be updated at City Hall. Councilman Zimmer asked for an update on mid-term budget meetings.

Councilmember Webb had nothing to report.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Robert Gunn, Director of Public Works, provided a timeline and history of the vacant properties along N. Lindbergh. Mr. Gunn stated that the property owners were in court regarding several

property maintenance violations. Chief Hood added that the property was being monitored by the Police Department following concerns of access to the building.

Brendan Kane, Director of Parks & Recreation, announced that the pool has yet to open due to cooler temperatures and mechanical issues. Mr. Kane stated that Evan Stoll, has been hired as the new Athletic Supervisor, and will start on Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Hood reminded the Council of the police appreciation event scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Chief Hood stated the Officer Goldstein has submitted his resignation effective June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Briggs stated that the parking passes will be provided to Council prior to the next meeting. Mayor Briggs thanked everyone for their comments, and stated that he was looking forward to serving the municipalities of St. Louis County as President.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021.3, hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public government body when personal information about the employees is discussed or recorded, second by Councilmember Grimmer. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Norris, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:44 p.m., and reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

### **RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Briggs announced his recommendation of Major Mark Mossotti as the next Chief of Police.

Councilmember Hein moved to approve the appointment of Major Mark Mossotti to Chief of Police, second by Councilmember Abram. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Norris moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Grimmer at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Terry W. Briggs  
Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacey Mann  
Stacey Mann, City Clerk