

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**BRIDGETON CITY HALL**  
**12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD**  
**JUNE 3, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 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: None

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Purcell, to table Bill No. 6241 authorizing an agreement with J. M. Marschuetz Construction Company for the Concrete Pavement Replacement project, and Bill No. 6243 authorizing an agreement with Bi-State Utilities Company for the Bridgeport Place Drive Storm Water Improvement project. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Ms. Joell Aguirre, Manager of Municipal Services for Republic Services, provided the Mayor and Council with her contact information and asked that they call her if they had any questions or concerns. In answer to a question about senior citizen discounts, she answered there is none because of the contractual language in the current contract.

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

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 15, 2020 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 20, 2020 (both held virtually).**

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of the minutes of the Special Council meeting on May 15, 2020 and the Regular Council meeting on May 20, 2020 (held virtually)..

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to amend the Minutes of May 20, 2020, page four, the fourth paragraph from the top, by changing the word “bumps” to “dips”. Motion on the amendment carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Council meeting on May 15, 2020, and the Regular Council meeting of May 20, as amended, carried by voice vote.

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

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#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Briggs announced there would be appointments being made in June.

#### **PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS**

#### Item 3

#### **SIGN VARIANCE – SELF STORAGE WORLD; 10817 ST. CHARLES ROCK RD. – WALL SIGN**

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to approve a sign variance for a wall sign at Self Storage World, 10817 St. Charles Rock Road.

At the Design and Review Board meeting of May 19, 2020 the Board considered the request to install one flush mounted channel letter wall sign with proper attachments. The wall sign is 146 square feet over what is allowed, however, due to the setbacks and property lines, Mr. Dempksi stated there is a portion of the ordinance that allows them to have an extra fifty square feet, making a total of 130 square feet more, but that would still be larger than the permitted size.

The request for a sign variance was denied by the Design and Review Board by a vote of one Aye and four Nays and forwarded to City Council with an unfavorable recommendation.

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Members discussed how no one else showed any interest in this location and they should support the petitioner wanting to locate in Bridgeton. Following discussion a Roll Call Vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

### **PERFECTION OF BILLS**

#### Item 4

**BILL 6245 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, (APPLICATION #20-PZ-04) GRANTING A MINOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS “3145 SMILEY ROAD ADDITION” TO SUBDIVIDE 2.332 ACRES INTO TWO (2) LOTS ZONED “R-1” SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 3145 SMILEY ROAD (A FINAL PLAT) PETITIONER: JOHN GROSS**

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for second reading of Bill 6245. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, that Bill 6245 becomes Ordinance 20-13.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time; however, he did congratulate those members of Council who were elected.

#### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Each member of Council and staff congratulated those members who had been re-elected and Ms. Luke who had been elected to Ward 3 to replace Mr. Fetsch. They also thanked the voters who had voted in this election.

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Mr. Hein asked if mosquito fogging had started yet. Some residents have been asking. He also asked if it was necessary to use the street sweeper now.

Mrs. Luke stated she is happy finally to be here in the Council Chambers as part of Council. She and Mr. Hein are going to try to reach out to the community and keep our residents informed.

Mrs. Abram stated the City of Bridgeton has wonderful employees and we should not be talking about getting rid of some of them.

She stated she liked the street sweeper and felt it did a good job of getting rid of a lot of trash.

Mrs. Norris stated she was glad the same team of Council was present; our City needs stability now.

Mr. Zimmer stated he thinks there were more residents who voted in Ward 1 than we have had in a long time.

Mr. Saettele stated he appreciates the Banner and the fact that Mayor Briggs explains to the residents what is going on in the City. Saettele also commented that we were to form a Charter Review Committee in the spring and we should be thinking about that.

Mr. Purcell stated we should look into using the metal detector at Council meetings. When previously discussed it was stated we did not have enough personnel to do that, but he would like it to be re-evaluated.

He also reminded everyone that Bio-Life opens June 13<sup>th</sup>. He also would like an update on the high grass list.

Mr. Grimmer stated he and his wife visited their son and family in Wisconsin and they were able to dine out. It wasn't like what we are all used to, but it very nice and felt good to get out. He is looking towards moving forward in the near future.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gunn referred to the tall grass at apartments. There was a hearing and following that they got bids to cut the grass. Today he signed the lien on the property. It was about \$10,000 to cut the grass twice which was necessary because of its length.

The street sweeper belongs to the City and we are using it as we always have in the past.

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The best time to spray mosquitos is at dusk and that means overtime, so it hasn't been done.

Mr. Kane gave a report on the re-openings of the facilities and activities of the Parks & Recreation Department, i.e. outdoor swimming pool, Recreation Center, physical fitness area, concerts in the park etc. This latest information may be found on the City's website and Facebook.

Major Mossotti, attending in place of Chief Hood, stated it's been a very busy time for the Police Department. He did inform everyone that the department will put on their twitter page any information they feel the residents need to know. There are too many items on Facebook that are just rumors about what is happening. The Police Department checks on everything and anything they can verify will be put on their twitter page.

He also reported their schedules have had to be adjusted so they can have more officers on at night.

Mrs. Luke asked if there was another way people could get information if they don't have twitter.

Mr. Bookout stated they are looking at an e-mail chain for businesses and residents to keep everyone updated on important information.

Mayor Briggs stated the City is planning a plant give-away on June 13 on the parking lot of the recreation center, as well as a canned food drive at the same time and location.

Mayor Briggs announced he is now Vice-President of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk

