

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JUNE 16th, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Luke moved to add item A. Staffing Study under Section XIII. Discussion Items, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote (Grimmer, NAY).

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

PUBLIC PORTION -

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Grimmer made a friendly amendment to page 5, paragraph 5, "Councilmember Zimmer stated..." should be corrected to read "Councilmember Grimmer".

Councilmember Abram made a friendly amendment to page 3 under Bill 6278; "second by Councilmember Norris" should be corrected to read "second by Councilmember Abram".

Councilmember Purcell moved to approve the June 2nd, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as amended, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

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

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Bettie Calvert (Ward 4)

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 21-2 A Resolution Adopting the City of Bridgeton Social Media Policy for Elected Officials
(Councilmember Luke)

Councilmember Luke stated that the proposed resolution recognizes the need to have an additional means of communications with the residents, and reminded the Council that communications will be one-way.

Councilmember Grimmer thanked Councilmember Luke for her work as Chairman of the subcommittee on social media.

Councilmember Hein thanked Councilmember Luke, staff and the city attorney for their work.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that the subcommittee meetings served as good training, and that he was pleased with the end result.

Councilmember Luke moved to approve Resolution 21-2, 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; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE, Zimmer, AYE. Motion passed 8-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Zach Greatens, Zoning Officer, reviewed the steps and statutes of the special use permit process with the Council.

Mr. Greatens stated that the applicant is seeking a special use permit to allow for an adult day care facility, to be located at 3417 N Lindbergh Blvd, the former Value Village space. Mr. Greatens added that the use is consistent and compatible with the neighborhood, and an appropriate use for the location. Mr. Greatens stated that the property is zoned B-2, and that the parking is sufficient. Mr. Greatens reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission is recommending as a condition, that the parking lot be properly maintained.

Councilmember Purcell asked how many current adult day care facilities there were in the City. Mr. Greatens stated that four facilities were open, and two had received approval from the Council but have not yet opened.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that he was concerned with the general appearance of the parking lot, and believed that it was critical that all paved surfaces be fixed.

Dr. Richard Briggs, applicant, addressed the Council stating that he believed that these facilities filled a necessary gap for seniors, that allowed for the socialization and care of the elders, while also allowing their loved ones to go to work. Dr. Briggs stated that he has been in the adult day care business for over five years; however, his current lease in Overland is being dropped. Dr. Briggs stated that this location provides great visibility, and the landlord is extremely helpful and providing assistance with parking lot repairs and updated signage.

Councilmember Norris stated that she was concerned with the facilities security measures, and its close proximity to a busy street.

Dr. Briggs stated that the clients will all be approved through Medicaid, and that the facility will offer activities and meals, with a care ratio of 8-1. Dr. Briggs stated that the facility is mandated to not have locks, as it is an at-will facility.

Councilmember Purcell confirmed that this will be Dr. Briggs only operating facility, and stated that he also had concerns with safety.

Dr. Briggs requested that the Council consider suspending the rules and allowing for a second reading due to financial concerns.

No other comments, for or against the special use permit, were offered.

Public Hearing closed at 7:36 PM.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, CONTRACTS, BIDS, LICENSES, ETC

- A. Liquor License Full Liquor License with Sunday sales
Change in Managing Officer
Olive Garden – 3552 Pennridge Dr
(Second Consideration; Councilmember Abram)

Councilmember Abram moved to approve the liquor license (change in managing officer) for the Olive Garden located at 3552 Pennridge Dr, second by Councilmember Norris. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE. Motion passed 8-0.

- B. Liquor License New Liquor License
Full Liquor License with Sunday sales
Chi-Louie’s Bar & Grill – 12344 Natural Bridge Rd
(Second Consideration; Councilmember Abram)

Councilmember Abram moved to approve the liquor license (new application) for Chi-Louie’s Bar & Grill located at 12344 Natural Bridge Rd, second by Councilmember Norris. A roll call vote was

then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE, Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion passed 8-0.

- C. Liquor License Full Liquor License with Sunday Sales
 Change in Managing Officer
 BMAC, Bridgeton Recreation Center, Berry Hill Golf Course
 (First Consideration; Councilmember Abram)

Councilmember Abram moved for first consideration of a full liquor license with Sunday sales *(change in managing officer)*, for the City of Bridgeton facilities, 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 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.
 (Second Reading; Councilmember Grimmer)

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

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6280 for the second time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved for Bill 6280 become Ordinance 21-21, second by Councilmember Purcell. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE;. Motion passed 8-0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

- A. Bill 6281 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri
 Establishing a Special Use Permit for "Adult Day Care Center" to
 Allow an Adult Day Care Facility Located at 3417 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
 (First Reading; Councilmember Grimmer)

Councilmember Grimmer moved for first reading of Bill 6281, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6281 for the first time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill 6281, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Bill 6282 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Amending Chapter 510, 2015 International Property Maintenance Code *(First Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)*

Councilmember Zimmer moved for first reading of Bill 6282, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6282 for the first time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table Bill 6282, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Staffing Study

Councilmember Luke stated that an independent staffing study was discussed last year during budget season, and that she believes that it would be beneficial to the City to look into the study to see if there were areas where the City was under or over staffed.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that he believed that the supervisors were capable of performing a staffing audit, and that a study would be a waste of time and money.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that he believed that a study would be well worth the money spent, and would review all of the positions.

Councilmember Norris stated that she would not be in favor of a study at this time.

Councilmember Abram stated that the City Administrator and Department Heads were capable of compiling their own study, and believed that this should be addressed during budget time.

Councilmember Purcell stated that a staffing study may be a good practice in the private sector, but the City doesn't have the money for a study at this time.

Councilmember Hein stated that a personnel cost study would provide a better understanding of our personnel costs in comparison to other municipalities that are similar in population and in size. Councilmember Hein added that other cities across the country were also having difficulty

recruiting and hiring officers, and would like to look at the starting salary for police officers. Councilmember Hein stated that he believed that this was the appropriate time to have this discussion, as it would allow Council to develop some parameters for the potential study, prior to the upcoming mid-year budget meeting.

Councilmember Webb stated that he agreed with Councilmember Hein, and that the study should look at staffing as well as compensation. Councilmember Webb added that the study would provide the Council with quality information.

Councilmember Abram stated that the City cannot compare themselves to other cities, as the needs are different.

Mayor Briggs stated that based off the split responses from the Council, staff would begin drafting a request for proposals for a staffing study, and that Council can make a decision based off the submittals received.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Linenbroker reminded the Council that in regards to email traffic, that if you send the email to enough council members that it constitutes a majority, the email communication is a public record.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Norris asked if a date has been scheduled for the mid-year budget meeting, and if the parking passes for the Independence Day event had been sent out to the members of the Boards and Commissions. Councilmember Norris stated that she had some questions related to the maintenance code. Mayor Briggs asked that she ask those questions at the next Council meeting. Councilmember Norris wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

City Clerk Mann stated that the parking passes for the Boards & Commissions were provided to the Department secretaries for distribution to the members.

Councilmember Abram asked the Council take into consideration, and give credit to the employees and Department Heads, and the work they do all year round. Councilmember Abram wished the fathers a happy Father's Day.

Councilmember Luke thanked the Council for passing the social media policy for elected officials. Councilmember Luke requested an update from the Director of Parks & Recreation on the pool capacity issue.

Councilmember Hein stated that the Police Appreciation Event was well attended. Councilmember Hein requested that the Zoning Officer give an update on the two adult day care

facilities that were approved by Council, but have yet to open. Councilmember Hein stated that he has been approached with the idea of adding an electronic reader board at City Hall.

Mr. Greatens stated that to the best of his knowledge the facilities were still planning on opening in the near future.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that he visited Tiemeyer Park earlier in the day, and was impressed with their interactive devices, and updated trails and pavilions. Councilmember Grimmer stated it's time to start investing more into our parks and bringing them up-to-date. Councilmember Grimmer stated that the residents of Bridgeton should always have access to the facilities, particularly the pool. Councilmember Grimmer stated that he would not be able to attend the meeting on July 21st.

Councilmember Purcell stated he believed that an electronic reader board at City Hall was an excellent idea as well. Councilmember Purcell apologized if he came across as being negative regarding the adult day care facility. Councilmember Purcell stated that he believed that the residents should be given precedence when accessing public facilities. Councilmember Purcell stated his opposition in regards to the study.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that many improvements are needed.

Councilmember Webb stated that he was in agreement with his fellow council members regarding an electronic reader sign outside of City Hall, and making improvements to our area parks to attract more visitors.

STAFF REPORT

Brendan Kane, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that since opening for the season the outdoor pool has reached capacity several times. Mr. Kane stated that the current capacity is 325; however, upon discussions with staff, the Parks Department has made the decision to lower the capacity to 275 to allow for a more enjoyable experience. Mr. Kane added that once two hundred people have entered the facility for the day, only residents will be allowed entry thereafter. Mr. Kane stated that the main slide is currently down, but anticipates it being up and running by the end of the week. Mr. Kane reported that there has been a reduction in available parking for the fireworks display, and that staff is trying to get additional spaces lined up for the event.

Robert Gunn, Director of Public Works, reported that concrete pouring was underway at Bridgeway Park.

Chief Hood thanked those that attended the Police Appreciation Event. Chief Hood announced that the Department has hired Police Officer Matthew Steel.

MAYORS REPORT

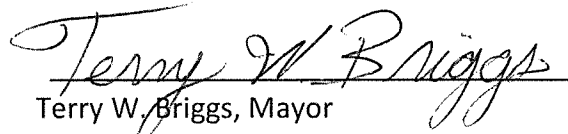
Mayor Briggs stated that residents will remain a priority, and that the popularity of the pool is an indication of the quality of the City's facilities. Mayor Briggs announced that over the past few years the City has received over \$2.2 million dollars in grant funding to improve the City's parks. Mayor Briggs wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Mayor Briggs asked the Council to provide the clerk with their availability for Tuesday June 29th and Wednesday June 30th, for a possible mid-year budget meeting.

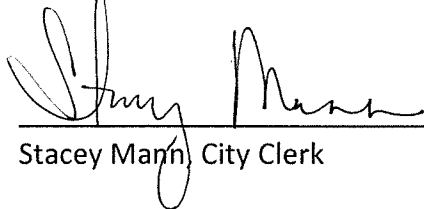
CLOSED SESSION – None

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 8:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Mann, City Clerk