

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JULY 21st, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, July 21st, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Briggs requested that items, "Investment of Pension Funds" and "National League of City's Conference", be added under Section XIII Discussion Items. Councilmember Abram moved to approve the addition of two items under Section XIII Discussion Items, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Nancy Lupia, 3609 Bridgeton Valley Circle, addressed the Council regarding ongoing storm water issues she is having at her home. Ms. Lupia stated that with the new adjacent residential development the grade in the area has changed, resulting in water entering her home. Ms. Lupia asked if an elevation study of the development was evaluated prior to the approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Lupia asked that the City find a solution to the problem that is not only affecting her but neighboring properties as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Abram moved to approve the July 7th, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Briggs requested that the Council review and consider the following appointment:

Planning & Zoning - Pauline Tulloch (Ward 2)

Councilmember Hein moved to approve the appointment of Pauline Tulloch to the Planning & Zoning Commission, second by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 21-4 A Resolution of the City of Bridgeton Recognizing Chief Don Hood for his Years of Service

Mayor Briggs read Resolution 21-4.

Mayor Briggs stated that a formal presentation of the resolution would be provided at Chief Hood’s retirement ceremony on July 30th.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve Resolution 21-4, second by Councilmember Abram. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE, Zimmer, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

- A. Sign Variance Request for a Sign Variance – Wall Sign
The Brow Bar – 11977 St. Charles Rock Road

Councilmember Luke stated that Design & Review Board recommended approval of the proposed signage by a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Purcell stated that he hoped that the sign committee was continuing to work on updating the sign code to address these ongoing requests.

Councilmember Luke moved to approve the sign variance at 11977 St. Charles Rock Road, second by Councilmember Hein. 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. Motion passed 7-0.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, CONTRACTS, BIDS, LICENSES, ETC

- A. Bid Approval Sodium Chloride for 2022-2023

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve Compass Minerals America, Inc., and Morton Salt, Inc., as additional suppliers of sodium chloride for 2022/2023 in accordance with their bids dated July 1, 2021, second by Councilmember Webb. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

- A. Bill 6283 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Re-Adopting Section 105.500 through 105.540 of the City of Bridgeton Code of Ordinances Relating to Conflicts of Interest and Financial Disclosures
(Second Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)

Councilmember Zimmer moved for second reading of Bill 6283, second by Councilmember Webb. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6283 for the second time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved that Bill 6283 become Ordinance 21-24, second by Councilmember Webb. A roll call was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Hein, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

- B. Bill 6284 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to Execute a Consent For Entry & Access to Property Agreement, Substantially in the Form Attached Hereto as Exhibit A, Between the City of Bridgeton, Missouri and the West Lake Landfill OU-1 and OU-3 Respondents in Order for OU-1 and OU-3 Respondents to Access the Property, as more Particularly Described in the Agreement
(Second Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)

Councilmember Zimmer moved for second reading of Bill 6284, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6284 for the second time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved that Bill 6284 become Ordinance 21-25, second by Councilmember Webb. A roll call was then taken with the following results: Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Webb, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

- A. Bill 6285 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing the Engagement of Gilmore & Bell for the Purposes of Disclosure Compliance Services and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Documents in Connection with the Aforesaid
(First Reading; Councilmember Webb)

Councilmember Webb moved for the first reading of Bill 6285, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Webb read Bill 6285 for the first time.

Councilmember Webb moved to table Bill 6285, second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Bill 6286 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing an Agreement with "Contractor" LLC for the 2021 Concrete Pavement Replacement Project
(First Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)

Councilmember Zimmer moved for the first reading of Bill 6285, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6285 for the first time.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that the low bid was Raineri Construction at \$676,395.00. Councilmember Zimmer added that the Public Works Department was requesting a 10% contingency.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table Bill 6285, second by Councilmember Webb. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Recent Audit of Financial Statements – Year Ending December 31, 2021

Councilmember Zimmer requested that staff address the findings provided by Sikich in their Schedule of Management Comments and Recommendations, which included how items were recorded on the general ledger, escrow funds being co-mingled with other funds, and other accounting procedures.

Mr. Bookout stated that staff was reviewing these findings and recommendations, and added that the current Charter is very antiquated, and may not be consistent with best practices.

- B. Investment of Pension Funds

Mayor Briggs stated that at the Pension Commission Meeting held on Tuesday July 20th, the investment managers reported that the deposited funds from the refinancing in May were being held in savings account. Mayor Briggs stated that the investment policy for the City of Bridgeton only allowed for 2-10% of assets are to be held in cash, and current cash assets were at 19%.

Mayor Briggs reported that it was the advice of the investment managers, that these funds be slowly introduced into the market over the next 8-10 months.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow for additional funds to be held in cash assets over the next ten months at the advice of the investment managers, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. National League of Cities Conference

Mayor Briggs stated that a member of Council has shown interest in attending the national conference this November. Mayor Briggs stated that attendance at this conference was included in the budget.

Councilmember Abram stated that due to the increased spread of the COVID-19 virus that she would not be in favor of out-of-state travel at this time.

Councilmember Purcell stated that this conference was an opportunity to network and to receive additional training. Councilmember Purcell added that funds have already been allocated for this expense.

Councilmember Luke asked if a virtual option was available for this conference.

Mayor Briggs asked that the Council consider the request, and let him know by the next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Norris thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance with the tree limb pick-up, and reminded residents that yard waste pickup is on Wednesdays. Councilmember Norris asked if a date had been set for the Boards and Commissions Dinner. Councilmember Norris asked for an update on the construction taking place near Olive Garden, as well as an update on Matthews Park. Councilmember Norris congratulated Chief Hood on his retirement.

Councilmember Abram congratulated Chief Hood on his retirement, and wished him the best of luck.

Councilmember Luke congratulated Chief Hood on his retirement. Councilmember Luke stated that the Special Events Commission was looking to expand its memberships.

Councilmember Hein stated that he was concerned with the increase in panhandling. Councilmember Hein announced that the Ward III meeting would take place on Wednesday July 28th. Councilmember Hein thanked Chief Hood for his service.

Councilmember Purcell thanked all those involved in planning and executing the Independence Day events. Councilmember Purcell congratulated Chief Hood on his retirement. Councilmember Purcell expressed concern with Ms. Lupia's storm-water issues, and that Council should consider allocating additional funds to address storm water cases.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that a public hearing would soon take place regarding a proposed indoor shooting range. Councilmember Zimmer stated that he agreed with Councilmember Purcell, adding that many residents are affected by storm water issues.

Councilmember Webb stated that he was aware of additional storm-water problems within his ward, and agreed with his co-council that additional funding should be allocated to address storm water issues.

STAFF REPORT

Vicki Ventrella-Meyer, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that renovations at Matthews Park were underway with approximately 75-80% of the trails already excavated. Ms. Ventrella-Meyer reported that there was a cardiac incident at the recreation center, and that CPR was administered by Bridgeton employees which resulted in the resuscitation of the guest.

Robert Gunn, Director of Public Works, stated that the work taking place near the Olive Garden was a MODOT overlay project, which will also extend the sidewalks to make them ADA compliant.

Chief Hood stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the City of Bridgeton, and that it is his intention to continue to serve the City in another fashion.

MAYORS REPORT

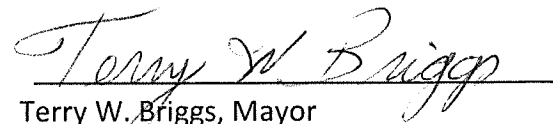
Mayor Briggs stated that he was still looking for volunteers to serve on the Charter Review Commission, adding that it is his intention to get this to the voters in April 2022.

Mayor Briggs reminded Council of the training session scheduled for July 22nd at 4pm.

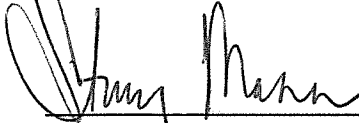
CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Hein moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Luke at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk