

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BRIDGETON
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
AUGUST 7, 2019
7:00**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Abram, Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein, Norris, Saettele, Zimmer

Absent: Purcell

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to table Item No. 10, authorizing an agreement with Gershenson Construction for the Bridgeport Place Drive Storm Water Improvement Project and refer it to the Council Storm Water Sub-Committee.

Mrs. Abram said this has been going on for a long time and she does not know why we are doing this now.

Mr. Fetsch stated he supported Mr. Zimmer because when this project was chosen for this amount of money, there were other projects that needed to be handled also.

The fact that drawings had not even been seen on this project by residents or Council was discussed.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to call for the question.

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Roll Call Vote to Call for the Question:

AYES: Grimmer, Hein, Norris, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Fetsch,

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell:

Roll Call Vote to table Item No. 10:

AYES: Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein, Norris, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell

Motion to table Item No. 10 passed.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Briggs announced that he had received several cards from individuals who wished to speak and he would call them according to category. Each individual has three minutes and no derogatory comments will be tolerated.

Mr. Mark Hahn, 3283 Bridgeport Place Drive, and Mr. Scott Wedig, 3287 Bridgeport Place Drive, spoke about the Bridgeport Storm Water Improvement Project. They have lived in Bridgeton for over 20 years and have never had any problems with storm water until now. When a new building was built behind them water began coming into their yards and lawns that were once straight and level are now filled with holes and some exposed tree roots; it is dangerous to maintain the lawn and even walk through it. Only their two yards have been affected by the water. Mr. Hahn invited anyone to come and walk with him through his yard and discover what he is talking about. They both stated they want their families to stay in Bridgeton but need help and would appreciate any assistance the City can provide.

Mrs. Susan Tellmann, 3729 Midview, asked if the Council would review the Bridgeton Code on Peace Disturbance (Chapter 205.200). They have had problems and have talked to the Police. They have found the Ordinance to be very vague relative to certain issues about disturbing the peace.

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Mr. Ken Poteet, 11870 Melody Lane, stated they have just purchased this property last year and put a lot of money into it. They thought it was strictly a residential area and do not want that to change.

Mr. Ron Holland, 3864 DePaul Meadows Court, stated the members of Council are elected by the residents in their ward and are expected to listen to what their constituents want. He urged his Councilmen Mr. Fetsch and Mr. Hein to vote “no” on the rezoning issue on Harmony

Mrs. Veronica Young, 3775 Harmony, stated they bought their home to raise a family and this rezoning will increase traffic and bring others into the area causing them to lose a lot of their privacy. The developer could easily locate in one of the many vacant buildings in Bridgeton instead of in an established neighborhood.

Ms. Cathy McGinity, 3813 DePaul Meadows, stated she is against this because it will impact traffic which is already bad. The developer should have realized this was a residential area.

Ms. Thersa Fisher, a resident of Bridgeton, stated that the people who spoke tonight were all against this rezoning. They have made it very clear they do not want this in their neighborhood. It is very dangerous.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – JULY 17, 2019

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mrs. Abram, for approval of the Minutes of July 17, 2019.

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to amend the Minutes on Page 7, where it states that “Mr. Hein asked if the owner could contribute to the cost.” It should be added that the Mayor stated they could ask. Motion on the amendment carried by voice vote.

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

APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1

ANNOUNCEMENT IN EVENT OF ABSENCE

Mayor Briggs announced that because a member of Council is absent, no new bill introduced tonight may be passed this evening. Mr. Purcell is absent due to a death in the family.

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Item 2

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Briggs introduced Ms. Christine Bodus, the new Finance Officer for the City of Bridgeton.

The Mayor then asked Chief Hood to introduce the two new Police Officers in Bridgeton.

Chief Hood introduced Josh Forbes and Zack Koch. They both graduated from the Police Academy in July.

Mayor Briggs then nominated the following individuals to the respective Commissions:

POLICE COMMISSION

Adam Donahue	New Appointment	Ward 3
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HOUSING BOARD OF APPEAL

Barry Palmer		Ward 1
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FINANCE COMMISSION

Judy Pickett	New Appointment	Ward 1
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Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for approval of the new appointments. Motion carried by voice vote.

Item 3

PRESENTATION BY MIKE WILLIAMS FROM HOCHSCHILD, BLOOM & COMPANY – 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Mike Williams from Hochschild, Bloom & Company, auditors for the City of Bridgeton, gave a brief summary of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year that ended December 31, 2018. His report included a Profile of the City, Economic Conditions and Outlook, Major Initiatives, Long Term Financial Planning, Accounting System and Budgetary Control, and Independent Audit. He also reported the City of Bridgeton has received a Certificate and Achievement Award for excellence in Financial Reporting.

RECESS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED (Items 8 & 9 on the Agenda)

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At this time the Regular Council Meeting recessed for the Public Hearings scheduled and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, CONTRACTS, BIDS, ETC.

Item 4

PACKAGE LIQUOR LICENSE – CHARLES E. MADINGER D/B/A/ GARLAND WINES; 13761 ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD, SUITE 120; JUAN DORAN, MANAGING OFFICER. FIRST CONSIDERATION

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, for first consideration of the above liquor license. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to table this item. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

Item 5

BILL 6209 PETITION FOR REZONING A PARCEL LOCATED AT 3710 HARMONY LANE FROM “R-3” SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO “B-5” PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. PETITIONER: VADNAL PROPERTIES, INC.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to remove Bill 6209 from the table. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to send this back to the Planning & Zoning Commission to look at and review.

The Commission did not know at the time of the vote that the Charter requires that there be 13 people on the Commission and you have to have a majority (7 out of 13) to pass an item. There are not 13 members on P&Z at this time and there were only 5 aye votes and 2 nays.

Mr. Linenbroker verified that there is nothing to prohibit Council from sending this back to P&Z.

Some members of Council felt this was the only fair thing to do as this was not discovered until after the meeting was over. Others did not agree.

If the petitioner withdrew his petition tonight, he could resubmit it tomorrow. However, if it is defeated, he will have to wait six months to re-submit.

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Roll Call Vote to send Bill 6209 back to Planning & Zoning:

AYES: Norris, Abram, Grimmer

NAYS: Hein, Saettele, Zimmer, Fetsch,

Absent: Purcell

Motion was defeated.

Following further discussion, Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to table Bill 6209.

Roll Call Vote to table Bill 6209:

AYES: Abram, Grimmer, Norris, Saettele

NAYS: Fetsch, Hein, Zimmer

Absent: Purcell

Motion to table passed.

Item 6

BILL 6210 PETITION TO AMEND MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF THE BRIDGETON ZONING ORDINANCE TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES. PETITIONER: THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for second reading of Bill 6210. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, that Bill 6210 become Ordinance 19-12.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein, Norris

NAYS: None

Absent: Purcell

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CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

Item 7

BILL 6211 AMENDING CODE RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for first reading of Bill 6211. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to table Bill 6211. Motion carried by voice vote.

Item 8

**BILL 6212 PETITION FOR REZONING APPROXIMATELY 6.03 ACRES OF LAND AT 3170 FEE FEE ROAD FROM “R-2” SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO “PUD” PLANNED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT.
PETITIONER: PINNACLE LAND DEVELOPMENT LLC**

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for first reading of Bill 6212. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to table Bill 6212. Motion carried by voice vote.

Item 9

BILL 6213 PETITION TO AMEND THE “B-5 (r) 4530 NORTH LINDBERGH BOULEVARD” PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO ADD “AUTOMOBILE PARKING LOTS AND GARAGES” AS A PERMITTED LAND USE WITH A SPECIAL USE PERMIT. PETITIONER: STL AIRPORT TOWER HOLDINGS LLC, C/O ULKA PATEL

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for first reading of Bill 6213. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to table Bill 6213. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION

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Item 11

Grimmer

INCREASED SECURITY

Mr. Grimmer began by asking the Storm Water Sub-Committee if they could meet at 5:30 prior to the next Council Meeting on August 21st. The members are Mr. Saettele, Mr. Grimmer, Mr. Hein, and Mrs. Norris. They all agreed to the meeting.

He has met with Mr. Bookout and Chief Hood about increased security for Council meetings. Because of the sensitive nature of some of the options, Mr. Bookout will be meeting with each Council member individually on this subject.

Item 12

Grimmer

WORKER'S COMPENSATION/LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Bookout stated he has been informed that when any member of Council is involved with City business, he/she is automatically covered under the City's Worker Compensation.

Relative to Life Insurance, the City has a group plan for employees. They would need to create a new class for elected officials and the Judge. The cost would be \$40 per month for the entire group of ten individuals. The amount per person could be taken out of their stipend.

Some members stated they felt they did not need this and it would be an additional cost to the City.

When you are no longer on the Council, etc., the insurance is dropped. Also, if you are over 65 the amount of the insurance begins to decrease.

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to postpone this subject until budget time. Motion carried by voice vote.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Zimmer stated he would be happy to meet with Chief Hood or anyone else relative to the Peace Disturbance Ordinance in the Code which needs some work because it is very vague. This was brought up by Susan Tellmann in the Public Portion.

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Mrs. Norris reminded residents that only three dogs are permitted per household and boarding is not allowed.

Also, garbage cans are to be brought to the curb for pick-up.

Mrs. Abram stated that Mr. Holland said the elected officials are elected by the people and that is true. However, she votes for what she thinks is right for the City.

Mr. Hein stated he would like to know how many summons were issued for fireworks used illegally this year.

Mr. Hein also asked if the hotel room tax revenue is going down.

He asked Mr. Kane about the TV channels in the workout room at the Center.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hood stated he could safely say 6-10 summons were issued for fireworks used illegally and some were after the 4th.

He also talked about the group that has been breaking into cars. Most of the cars are left unlocked, so please be sure you always lock your vehicle.

He also announced an event to be held at the Sports Café for the benefit of the Back Stoppers organization. It will be tomorrow night (Thursday, August 8th) from 5:00-9:30 p.m.

Mr. Kane said they looked at River Roads and there is still a lot of mud and debris on the trail. They are working to get it cleaned up and hopefully by the end of this week they should know when it will re-open to the public.

Mayor Briggs stated they met with the Director of the EPA who filled us in where they are with the Westlake landfill. They updated us on the plan which has been changed somewhat . They will try to pinpoint the hot spots and then will dig until they hit it. It could be five feet or 20 feet. The material will be taken out and moved outside of Bridgeton. The bad part is the engineering part will take much longer than the actual process.

The property at 3170 Fee Fee which is being proposed for a subdivision has a house that sits on it which was built around a log cabin. The bricks on the house surrounding it date back to the Civil War era. The developer on this property is very historically minded and at no cost to the City he has a plan to remove the cabin without dismantling it. Hopefully it will be put in Matthews Park. It will predate the Gentry House by 50-60 years.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk