

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BRIDGETON
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
AUGUST 21, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to add Discussion Item 10a Life Insurance for Council Members. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Mrs. Judy Meyer, 12813 Spanish Village, spoke on behalf of the Historical Commission. Continuing their Historical Speaker Series, on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center, they will be presenting Stan Prater, a Ulysses S. Grant portrayer.

Dr. Derek Vadnal, spoke relative to Bill 6209, his petition to rezone 3710 Harmony Lane from "R-3" Single Family Dwelling District, to "B-5" Planned Commercial District. He will soon be forced to move from his current location and he has been looking for a new space. The office will be for one dentist, a one-story building with 20 parking spaces.

Mrs. Patty Gould, 3842 DePaul Meadows Court, spoke against the rezoning on Harmony. There is already a lot of traffic around this area and this will just create more.

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Ms. Theresa Fisher spoke against Bill 6209 to rezone 3710 Harmony Lane. She reminded Council members they are elected by the residents of Bridgeton and should adhere to their wishes.

Mr. Steve Gower, 10328 Lake Bluff Drive, spoke on behalf of Pinnacle Land Development who is requesting rezoning at 3170 Fee Fee Road from “R-2” Single Family Dwelling District to “PUD” Planned Single Family Residential Unit Development. He is available to answer any questions from Council.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 7, 2019

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the Minutes of August 7, 2019.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to amend Page 6, the first roll call vote should be changed for “Nays” to Hein, Saettele, Zimmer, Fetsch, deleting the second “Hein”. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to amend Page 9, fifth paragraph to read: “Mr. Hein also asked if the hotel room tax revenue is going down.” Motion carried by voice vote.

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

APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gunn introduced Joe Marquez as a new employee of the Street Department. He has 12 years’ experience and is a welcome addition to the Street Department.

Item 2

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Briggs nominated the following individuals to the respective Commissions:

PARKS COMMISSION

Luke Bland

New Appointee

Ward 4

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Jim Gaston

New Appointee

Ward 4

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for approval of the above nominations. Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Item 3

RESOLUTION 19-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, SUPPORTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF MATTHEWS PARK

Mrs. Norris moved, second by Mrs. Abram, for approval of Resolution R-19-02.

Mr. Kane stated they have to make one correction. In the third paragraph the phrase "newer more modern playground equipment and surfacing" should be deleted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

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 DURAN, MANAGING OFFICER. FINAL CONSIDERATION

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, for final approval of the above liquor license.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

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PERFECTION OF BILLS

Item 5

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

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, for second reading of Bill 6209. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, that Bill 6209 become Ordinance 19-13.

Mr. Purcell stated that he has had people calling him to say they were in favor of this but were threatened about attending the meeting.

Mr. Purcell moved, second by Mr. Grimmer, to send this back to Planning & Zoning for their reconsideration.

Following further discussion, Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, to call for the question.

Roll Call Vote to Call for the Question:

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

NAYS: None

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

AYES: Norris, Purcell, Abram, Grimmer

NAYS: Saettele, Zimmer, Fetsch, Hein

Because of the tie vote, Mayor Briggs broke the tie and voted “AYE” to send it back to the Planning & Zoning Commission because of misinformation that has come to light.

Item 6

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

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

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, that Bill 6211 become Ordinance 19-13.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Item 7

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 second reading of Bill 6212. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, that Bill 6212 become Ordinance 19-14.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Item 8

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 second reading of Bill 6213. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram moved, second by Mrs. Norris, that Bill 6213 become Ordinance 19-15.

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Roll Call Vote:

AYES: None

NAYS Abram, Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein, Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer

Bill Failed.

Item 9

**BILL 6214 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GERSHENSON
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE BRIDGEPORT PLACE DRIVE STORM
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Grimmer moved second by Mr. Purcell, for first reading of Bill 6214. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to table Bill 6214. Motion carried by voice vote.

DUSCUSSION

Item 10

STORMWATER COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Grimmer stated that the Storm Water Sub-Committee talked about going ahead with the contract with Gershenson Construction Company for the Bridgeport Place Drive Storm Water Improvement Project. The two residents whose homes are involved have agreed to contribute \$10,000-\$15,000 together to ensure the project goes forward.

They also discussed that the Stormwater/Parks tax that was approved has gone mostly to Parks. The City has been having stormwater issues and the committee recommended the City should take 3% of that tax revenue for stormwater problems; this would amount to about \$94,500. This would be a good base to begin working on some of the stormwater problems in the City. Some members stated they were not sure about having residents pay part of the cost for a stormwater project. Would all residents in the future have to pay something towards a project to improve stormwater problems?

Several members of Council expressed concern over stormwater problems in various wards that have been going on for some time and Council never approved a project to correct them. Mr. Zimmer showed a video of a problem that has been going on in Ward 1 for several years.

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Item 10a

LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Briggs reminded Mr. Grimmer that at the last Council meeting, it was decided to hold off on this discussion until budget time. Mr. Grimmer said he would do that.

Item 11

COLDWATER CREEK WATERSHED

MSD has asked the North St. Louis County cities that are within the Coldwater Creek Watershed to reactivate the 10 cents tax to be used for stormwater and sanitary sewer work. Two years ago they decided to postpone collecting this tax (now 8 cents).

The only part of Bridgeton that is within the Coldwater Creek Watershed is east of Fee Fee. The only entities that would be taxed are those who would be affected. This would provide funding, but would only apply to projects east of Fee Fee Road in Bridgeton. The Mayor stated the City has to decide if they want to participate or not.

Mr. Fetsch asked if this could be delayed until the next meeting which is September 4th. The Mayor said it could, but a decision needs to be made at that time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Zimmer stated he wasn't sure we should be charging people for a portion of a stormwater project.

Mrs. Norris reminded everyone to lock their cars and keep the garage door closed and the opener with you.

Mrs. Abram asked that the Council vote on the new look of the agenda sent in their packets this past week.

Mayor Briggs asked who was in favor of the new look. Two Councilmembers responded they were. Six members voted no on the new look. The City will continue with the old one.

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Mr. Hein stated the Backstoppers event at Sports Café was a big success. He met several police officers and members of other fire districts.

Mr. Hein attended the Police Commission meeting on Monday night. The subject of body cameras was discussed.

Mr. Hein asked who trains members of the Boards and Commissions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kane thanked the Council for supporting the Resolution for the Parks and Recreation Department's application for Municipal Parks Grant Funds for the renovation of Matthew's Park.

Chief Hood reported the Backstoppers event was very successful.

He also reported that he has notified REJIS that we intend to drop out of the body camera grant program because of the lack of progress and inability to answer fundamental questions concerning cost.

They recently met with Utility, the company that just received the St. Louis County Police Department contract, to discuss body and in-car camera systems.

Mayor Briggs also stated the Backstoppers event was very nice and successful.

He reported he and Mr. Bookout met with someone with Power Plax. They would like a tax abatement and sales tax incentive, in addition to using some of our fields on the weekends. He is not confident this will still go through but we are going to be frugal as to what we are going to provide in this project. He admonished members of Council to be cautious if contacted by anyone from this organization.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Purcell, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Terry W. Briggs

ATTEST:

Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk