

TOWN OF BRIDGETON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16 AT 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF TOWN OFFICIALS: FOUR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT, (TYNDALL, ALEXANDER, WILSON AND TREMBLAY) MAYOR CHITTICK, TOWN ASSISTANT CLERK HOWARD, AARON ARNETTE, CHIEF BARNEY, SUSAN LUPER AND JEFF HOLZBACH

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER TYNDALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE – LED BY MAYOR CHITTICK

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall Second: Commissioner Alexander

Consider approval of the meeting minutes For the following Meeting:
December 12, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall Second: Commissioner Wilson

Police Report: Chief Barney read the included report. He reported that a small fire had occurred this evening at the Pine Street Apartments but that it was quickly brought under control. Additionally, he explained that the portable defibrillators would be in shortly and they will be training the staff on these. He did explain that there was an issue with the CPR certification for employees and that they had an issue with having time for the Red Cross to certify this, but they would still go through the training. Commissioner Alexander stated that he would check with the Methodist Church to see if the training could be held there as has been done in past years.

Financial Report: Assistant Clerk Bill Howard -Motion: Commissioner Tremblay Second:
Commissioner Tyndall.

Mayor's Report:

Billing, Planning and Zoning Report: Chair Chittick and Admin Howard

Administrative Report: Assistant Clerk Bill Howard

The renewal of Town Employees Positions was discussed next and included approvals for all positions. The board also sadly acknowledged the passing away of Mr. Alton Wilson, Bridgeton's beloved building inspector who had successfully filled this role for more than 20 years.

Jeff Holzback who was Alton's backup and close friend was asked to step in and fill this role which he agreed to do.

Mrs. Peggy Wilson accepted the role of Mayor Pro Tem once again for the Town.

Mrs. Susan Luper accepted the role of park administrator for the Town of Bridgeton.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no new information on the renaming of A, B and C streets except general conversation with the residents directly involved.

The Crown Victoria had been advertised, one bid of \$2500.00 from Reggie Willis was accepted, and the title has transferred.

ECC Contract Review – Assistant Clerk Howard explained that the goal of the ECC contract was to set an hourly rate for ECC Services to help us create a Minimum Housing Code Ordinance section and also enforce this code section as a method to condemn dilapidated houses. Instead, ECC created 2 \$5k contracts for the services. The board decided to not accept the contract and to ask ECC to re-submit the contract with a set hourly rate instead.

Consideration of amending the Cattery new lease information was discussed. Aaron Arnette stated that he has emailed the steps involved, which includes advertising the public meeting and other requirements, to Tonya. Mayor Chittick asked that Mr. Howard pass this information on to her.

There is consideration for a Spring Block Party to be held in April 2024. There is a line item available for this in the Budget. This will be a springboard for the Blueberry Festival in June 2024.

- The board decided to wait for the next BOC meeting to have Tonya present to discuss this.
- Jeff Holzbach volunteered to provide DJ services and equipment for the Block Party at no cost to the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Susan Luper reported that we had the Scout leader offer to check into the donation and setup of 2 new swing sets for the Vernon Blades Park. She added that he may be able to get concrete poured to prevent digging out the swings path or she may be able to brick the base if the concrete does not work out, all dependent on him being able to have this approved by the Scouts.

Susan asked for and the Board approved the building on a compost area for the park to better handle blowing leaves and to give us compost to use in the park. The enclosure will be built from railroad ties or something equivalent.

Mayor Chittick continued the meeting to January 23rd at the Methodist Church for the CPR Training.

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall

Second: Commissioner Wilson

Time: 8:18 PM

MINUTES ACCEPTED:

Mayor John Chittick

Assistant Clerk William Howard

Date: