

TOWN OF BRIDGETON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13 AT 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF TOWN OFFICIALS: THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT, (TYNDALL, ALEXANDER AND TREMBLAY) MAYOR CHITTICK, TOWN CLERK TONYA, AARON ARNETTE, CHIEF BARNEY, SUSAN LUPER, CECI CHITTICK, DANE VINCENT, ROBERT TOLER, SETH ANDERSON, JEFF , CHEYANNE AND FIVE VISITORS

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER TYNDALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE – LED BY MAYOR CHITTICK

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall                      Second: Commissioner Tremblay

Consider approval of the meeting minutes For the following Meeting:  
January 16, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall                      Second: Commissioner Alexander

Police Report: Police Commissioner Tyndall read the included report.

Financial Report: Clerk Whitley Bell    Motion: Commissioner Tyndall    Second: Commissioner Tremblay

Mayor's Report:

Billing, Planning and Zoning Report: Chair Chittick and Admin Howard Approved the Zoning Board as presented by the Zoning Board. Motion: Commissioner Tyndall    Seconded By Commissioner Alexander. Grant Elwood, Pam Johnson, Margaret Wynne, Emily Saunders and Sean McGowan.

Administrative Report: Clerk Whitley-Bell

Attorney's Report: Motion made by Commissioner Tyndall and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to accept the gift of property from the county of 1314 B Street by Locklear as per information given by Aaron to the Board. Opioid Lawsuit filed by Aaron on behalf of the town in a class action suit. Recommendation by Aaron to file. Motion made by Commissioner Tyndall, seconded by Commissioner Alexander and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is new information on the renaming of A, B and C streets regarding the charge of \$25.00 Change Fee per road. Proposed names will be given and 75% of the residents on those roads will be required to sign the petition to change the name. The Powell Bill map will have to be updated if there are road name changes.

ECC review of contract has been cancelled because of costs and no funding in the budget.

Amendment of the cattery lease was heard, the notice will be sent for publishing and the 30 period is not up until March 18, 2024. The lease will be for same time stated in the first lease.

The Voluntary Employee of the Year program was not approved. Commissioner Alexander suggested awards by yearly Evals and Pay increases.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Rivers and Associates contract endorsement for the 65K Grant and assistance of the 1.2 Grant and its implementation. These grants do not allow for administrative costs of the Town hall. Adopt the acceptance of the funds. Motion: Tyndall Second: Alexander. Motion for the implementation of the contract: Motion: Tyndall, Second: Alexander Motions carry. Groundwork from Rivers and Associates allowing their assistance is at no charge. Then we will use their on call service contract for implementation. Randy will tell Kevin to work with Seth to get the necessary numbers to him tomorrow. RFQ has already been done for this contract.

The Bridgeton Block Party meeting will be held February 20, at 10:00 AM here at the Town Hall. Line Item in the Budget is \$750.00.

There will be a training meeting continued to February 27, 2024 highlighting Ms. Deanna Trebill from MPO regarding new information that directly affects our town. Town Hall at 7:00 PM

Duke Energy Small Business Energy regarding possible energy efficiency upgrades available to our town. Commissioner Tyndall said he is approached by people wanting to do this all the time and we can replace our own light bulbs. So tell him the BOC said no.

Posting for Hurricane clean up. We are now in a waiting/hold pattern for those bids.

Contract up for approval from Carr Riggs and Ingram for our annual audit and continuation of mutual service. Motion: Randy Alexander Seconded: Keith Tyndall Passed.

Cheyenne to be considered for classes directly related to her duties at the town hall. Maximum 2 classes per semester to be reimbursed after a successful passing grade. Also looking at online options for accounting classes. General approval from the Board.

Commissioner Tyndall would like to get back to Bills Against the Town for those bills that are not normal, monthly utility bills. That way, there is the possibility of approval or disapproval of before the invoices are actually paid for better transparency. Have Randy go over and sign off of the Sewer Invoices and Keith approve the rest of them. Motion: Commissioner Tyndall Seconded: Commissioner Tremblay Motion Passed:

Line Item Transfer to move money from Streets Vehicles to Streets for Mayo Invoice that was budgeted from last year's budget. Motion: Keith Second: Paul Motion Carried.

Line Item Transfer to reassign the part time salary of PD Officer to the correct number. Motion: Tyndall Seconded: Randy. Motion Carried

Approve training from FMS free training cap at \$ 800.00. Motion: Paul Second: Randy. Discussion: Randy said they would not record training. And that things Randy did not think was relevant to the Town Hall. Wants to cover training here. Poor investment. No training on payroll which is a need we have. Randy says the risk of not getting good information is not acceptable. No motion on the floor.

Citizen Input:

Pam asked if there was a cat number limit for the cattery and there was not one.  
Dane has bought waterfront property in Bridgeton on A Street. (Cuthrell and Cahoon) There is a house at 204 Hickory Street that has not had property taxes paid for 16 years. Is it possible for the town to put pressure on the county to collect these taxes or foreclose for non payment of taxes.  
Aaron will follow up with his contacts as per the Mayor.

Robert Toler: Who owns the ditch that borders his property. Can he fill it in or is there an engineering issue that prevents that. We need to have Kevin and Jack to give input on this issue.  
Tonya will ask Bill to work on that.

Motion to accept bid for retaining wall from Bruce Fary for 17,500.00 by Keith and seconded by Randy. Motion carried. Clerk will get approval and procedure from Reid .

Please note that the BOC will continue this meeting to March 26, at 7:00 pm here at the Town Hall.

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall  
Second: Commissioner Alexander

Time: 8.40 PM

MINUTES ACCEPTED:

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Mayor John Chittick

Clerk Tonya Whitley Bell, CMC

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