

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:28 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Officers answering to roll call: Gail Smith, Mike Denham, Greg Rehtin, Mayor Radford, Charlie Foulks, Donnie Jobe and Nancy Kienker.

The minutes from the November regular Council meeting and the special meeting, held on November 26, 2014, were approved on a motion made by Smith. Jobe seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

**NO INPUT ON THE CITIZEN REPORT**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

The Code Enforcement Board (CEB) met at 6:00 p.m. this evening.

Two former meetings were not held due to lack of quorum.

More information will be forthcoming after the January 2015 meeting.

Approval on the tower at the B/P property should be coming at the end of December. Schutzman is waiting on some paperwork.

The property at 214 Pleasant did not sell. The Attorney will elaborate during his report.

**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR REVIEW**

**HALL COMMITTEE**

A new flag was installed on the outside of the building.

Batteries were installed in the Council room clock. Kienker thanked Jeff Creekmore for both.

Kienker will try to have the broken Council room chair repaired.

**POLICE**

This report is available in the office for review.

Park Hills Police (PHP) are trying to resolve an issue at 420 Hayward. Numerous calls are being made to this location. The Chief is not at liberty to discuss the matter due to the situation.

**ROAD AND LIGHT**

Kenton County's Road Department will begin to install signs and posts at their earliest convenience.

They have keys for access to the materials. The City will be charged for whatever concrete purchases are necessary for this installation process. County stocks some materials that may be required and they will sell it to Bromley at cost.

Jeff Creekmore has been painting the curbs and running the street sweeper.

The Mayor sent a thank you out to the City of Dayton for use of their equipment to vacuum leaves throughout our City.

The Mayor informed Creekmore that classes are available which will enable him to use inmates to assist in work being done throughout the City of Bromley.

**ATTORNEY**

The Attorney was informed that five names were on the ballot. One person was not allowed to run as he has not been a Bromley resident for a one-year period. This matter is being pursued. If this person

steps down (resigns) two seats will have to be filled within a given period of time, otherwise the Governor will make the appointments.

Georgia Leslie will perform the swearing-in ceremony of the incoming Mayor and Council members following this meeting (as the members must be sworn in before January 1, 2015).

Amendments to our zoning ordinances (relating to hillside development) and a change from Northern Kentucky Area Planning to Development Services of Kenton County are necessary at this time.

The Attorney read a summary of Ordinance 12-1-14 addressing these changes. This is the first reading. Smith moves to accept this reading. Jobe seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Mayor asked that a Resolution be read and approved in regards to the proposal being made by the Kentucky State Auditor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to take away the ownership and control of the Airport. At present the citizens of Kenton County maintain ownership of the Northern Kentucky-Greater Cincinnati Airport. (The Mayor stated that if the Airport Board is dissolved any money involved would go to the Kenton County residents only).

The Attorney read Resolution 12-1-14 stating that the City of Bromley is opposed to such an action. Foulks moves that this resolution be approved. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

**In regards to 214 Pleasant, the Mack property**, the Attorney explained that, following the sale of the Hildebrant property in September, he was told to prepare an order of distribution which is something that the Judge signs telling the commissioner who sold the property what to do with the money that was taken in. He prepared that, and, as he has always done in the past, and in any other case where the person who filed the suit wins, they get their filing fees and any other fees back regarding the sale of the property. He submitted the motion and the order and then received a call from the Master

Commissioner who informed him of a similar case that took place over the past year to year and a half where a third-party purchaser (a group who buys tax bills) got into an argument over the Court costs and there was a Court of Appeals decision that said that if you file a suit you don't get that money back off of the top. It has to be thrown in with what you got from the taxes so you get less money back. This is what it basically says. That case involved third-party purchasers as well. Mr. Vocke told the Master Commissioner that he did not necessarily agree with this decision and he withdrew the original motion and filed a revised motion which explained that he was basically doing this because the Master Commissioner had instructed him to do so, but he did not agree with it and felt that it was wrong. This motion went before Judge Summe about a week ago and she wants to take a look at it. Mr. Vocke is hopeful that she will say that this other case does not apply to a motion filed by the City. The matter is still pending and he hopes to get a ruling some time soon.

The case filed against Mack, 214 Pleasant Street, was filed in 2010 by a third-party purchaser who has done nothing with the property since that time. They did file a motion to amend the complaint and when they did so there were a couple of defendants that they did not name and, if you fail to name everyone with an interest in the property, you end up with a property that has a bad title, so they filed a motion to bring in some of these other parties and they did not accomplish this. Mr. Vocke thought that they had when he went through the file. After Mr. Vocke filed the motion, he received another call from the Master Commissioner saying that some of the parties were not properly served before the Court. Mr. Vocke went back and checked the complaint again that they had filed and found it to be defective in terms of getting service over some of these defendants.

Mr. Vocke stated that the City has two choices. They can either do nothing (his opinion is that the third-party purchaser is going to do nothing) or, they can prepare the proper paperwork to get the other parties before the Court (this will cost some money) and then file the motion. He does suggest that we wait and see what happens with the Hildebrant motion (before Judge Summe) and, hopefully, she will say that we get our costs back and the money can get divided from that point because the Mack

property is in the same position with Judge Summe and, if that is the case, Mr. Vocke suggests that we spend whatever money it will cost to get all of these people before the Court and get the property sold and resolved once and for all. **(214 Pleasant issues were taken directly from the recorder).**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Radford and Mayor-Elect Jobe attended the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2014 at Crestview Hills.

The Mayor reports that Tim Bailey, in regards to a sewer issue on River Road, has installed a new septic system.

The Mayor thanked his Council for the past four years of service.

**By Executive Order, Mayor Radford is appointing Greg Rechtin as the cluster representative for Bromley to the TBNK board. It is a two-year term.**

**WAYS AND MEANS**

No Treasurer's report is available as the Treasurer has been ill.

Smith has renewed a Certificate of Deposit with the balance of \$18,000.00 and cashed in \$20,000.00 from the CD to pay for the street posts and signs.

Rechtin was informed by the Attorney that the Legislature won't allow cities to take too many chances with their money. Certificates seem to be the only investment option available.

**PARK AND PLAYGROUND**

Jobe reports that the portable toilet is to be picked up when Rumpke has the time.

No one is aware of who is destroying the trees at the park. It may be that vehicles are hitting the branches. It was suggested that the trees be trimmed next fall.

**LICENSE/NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE**

Rechtin feels that there are a few more tax delinquencies at present than in the past.

Rechtin is willing to assist anyone who replaces his committees when the new Council is installed.

**INSURANCE AND GRANTS**

Foulks suggests that the City may want to sell the Public Works' vehicle to eliminate an insurance expense. Mayor Radford stated that the vehicle is being used for public works and he does not feel that an employee should have to use their own vehicle to do this job for the City. Foulks was suggesting that the City could pay Creekmore for the use of his private vehicle. Foulks will bring the matter up after the first of the year.

**SMITH MOVES TO ACCEPT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS. JOBE SECONDS. ROLL CALL: ALL AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rechtin apologized if it was felt that he had tried to push the zoning issue on Council faster than was necessary.

He would like for Council to define what they would like the zone to be changed to and to specify the areas that are to be affected by the zone change.

He suggests that Council let the PDS define the text for us which is being prepared and should be ready for the January meeting.

Parking issues will have to be addressed along with signage matters.

Schutzman stated that putting a Neighborhood/Commercial into our area just does not work like it does in other cities (Ludlow and Covington). We need to define, for example, if we want a coffee shop to go in. We have a lot of single-family dwellings in the area. People cannot just add on in this location. They have to elevate due to the flood plain.

Some areas on Route 8 have no parking.

January is probably too soon for the zone change, per Schutzman, and these issues are why he would say "no" to the current proposal because they just do not fit.

The Mayor asks that Bromley make a donation to Crescent Springs' Memorial Park as a search through City records indicates that we have not done so in the past. Smith moves that Bromley donate \$300.00 for the Memorial Park. Jobe seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

**NO NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

CT Consultants show no increase in hourly scheduling rates. This paperwork will be recorded in our files.

**BILLS**

Smith moves to pay the bills. Jobe seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Radford wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Smith moves to adjourn. Jobe seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLERK** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LET THE RECORDS SHOW THAT ON THIS DATE, DECEMBER 3, 2014, GEORGIA LESLIE, A NOTARY PUBLIC, HAS SWORN IN THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT WILL BEGIN THEIR TERM ON JANUARY 1, 2015.**