

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began with a pledge to the flag.

Officers answering to roll call: Gail Smith, Mike Denham, Rob Gardiner (Rob) Mayor Radford, Dan Gardiner (Dan), Patty Grimes. Donnie Jobe is absent.

The June minutes were approved on a motion by Smith with a second by Rob. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

FIRST CITIZEN REPORT

Larry Hamant, Pleasant Street, asks about watercraft taxes that were sent through the PVA office. The Attorney explained that the City limits went to the river and the State Revenue Cabinet allows for this tax. It is not enforceable, but it is done annually at their suggestion. Schutzman stated that boats going up and down the river within 25 yards can be taxed on an ad valorem basis per KRS.

Hamant was under the impression that HEX was 50% of the assessed value of the property. The Attorney stated that the Federal Government sets the HEX each year and this year it is approximately \$34,000.00.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Schutzman stated that issues with some properties keep coming up. A new one for the Attorney is the Stadtmüller property on Short Street

Fines are imposed first, then liens and then foreclosure. The Attorney only pursues foreclosure on properties that he knows we can collect on. If \$70,000 is owed and the property is assessed at \$75,000 he would not pursue.

Schutzman can only clean up on the outside of properties. He cannot do the inside.

Schutzman will pursue 401 Main Street again. The owner is not maintaining the property as promised.

As of June 8th, the KRS was amended now allowing notices from Schutzman to be sent by general mail instead of certified mail. He will post the notice on the door and also send by mail.

Grass cutting will be done this weekend

The Attorney is pursuing 238 Boone and NuWay (Jim Haggard/Rohman Avenue) regarding foreclosure.

The tree was removed from City property on Shelby Street. Schutzman mentioned that the City is not in the tree-removal business and only removes trees that are located on City property.

Another property on Pleasant has been added to the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) list.

LAW COMMITTEE

The Ludlow Police Department (LPD) report for May is available in the office for review.

CONVERSATION REGARDING THE POLICE CONTRACT

Brian Houillion, City Administrator for Ludlow, is present to answer questions.

Smith did not agree with the figure that Houillion sent to her as an hourly payment from Bromley for LPD services (\$10.59). Houillion claims that Ludlow residents pay \$110.00 per hour. Smith felt that if Bromley was only using 19% of the hours per the LPD report that is all that we should be paying. Houillion said that Bromley is only paying 9% and getting 19% of the service and has LPD service 24/7. He also said that if an officer is in Bromley he is not in Ludlow and then Ludlow does not have 24/7.

Smith comes up with \$48.29 per hour for Bromley and stated that LPD is in Bromley no more than 4 ½ hours per day. Smith stated that Bromley should only pay for LPD services in general and not for insurance, repairs, etc. and she feels that Bromley is paying a fair price for this service. Houillion stated that with other companies, for example, trash collection, the cost of insurance, repairs, gas, etc. is included in the price.

Denham was informed that the LPD detective is available and provides the same service for Bromley as for Ludlow.

Grimes said that Houillion has stated that there is only one officer on duty at a time when he said that if the officer was in Bromley he was not in Ludlow. Houillion said that he never mentioned that there was only one officer on duty at a time. Grimes requested that the tape recording be reversed to hear the statement. The new recorder cannot be reviewed in this manner. Grimes would like for the minutes to be revisited following the meeting to hear Houillion's exact wording. She felt that he was not being honest. Houillion asked that we move on at which time Grimes informed him that he was not in charge of this meeting.

BRIAN HOULLION'S WORDS FROM THE RECORDER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

If they're on your streets, they're not on ours, so we don't have 24/7.

LPD contract was discussed. LPD is agreeing to only take the CPI increase for 2011-12 fiscal year. They want the administrative duties to be removed (delivering delinquent notices, parking to watch stop signs). They would like for the officers to be able to patrol without those distractions. HB 413 money stays in Bromley's budget. Denham moves to accept the LPD contract. Rob seconds. Roll call: 4 ayes. Grimes votes no. The motion carried.

Rob asks how we can justify to the citizens that LPD provides service to the Ludlow School as part of their service and wants to cut services to Bromley. Ben Johnson stated that Ludlow School pays for this service and the rate has increased by 20% to 25%. The officer works about 5-6 hours at the school and is on call the rest of the time.

The Attorney will be sent a copy of the signed contract before the end of July so that the contract is received by the State before the deadline for HB 413 funding.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The report is available in the office for review.

The new truck is up and running and is only in need of a radio.

The old truck will be gone as soon as the title is straightened out.

Dan and Rob met with Don Weaver and Ryan Grimes regarding the contract. There is a six-month contract in place until the declaratory judgment is settled. The Attorney stated that this can be done by the Mayor who has the legal authority to enter into this contract to provide this service to the citizens as the money has been budgeted.

HALL COMMITTEE

Dan reports that the hall is rented on the 25th of this month.

The roof work is completed, but the patio fence is still on order and they are waiting to do the gutters until the fence arrives.

There is a drain pipe on the patio that is overflowing during a hard rain and the water is undermining the patio and allowing water to run into the building. The contractor has proposed enclosing the pipe and allowing the water to run into the patio drain. Mark Rodgers and Denham will put dye in the line to see where the pipe drains. There may be another way to fix the problem without paying additional money to enclose the pipe.

ROAD AND LIGHT

Denham reported that the Water District filled in a sink hole on Kenton that was their problem.

Bledsoe will put a temporary concrete patch in the alleys when he is doing curb work in Bromley.

Larry Hamant stated that there is a hole at the end of the alley where his business is located on River Road. Ideal brings concrete to his business. With the City's permission he will have them fill the hole when they are down there. City gives

permission.

Denham has repaired the AC unit in the Council room.

Denham is pursuing a location for a dumpster for recycling for Bromley.

Denham will be doing a sign inventory in the near future. Larry Hamant has a vinyl cutter he will donate for this purpose.

Denham is waiting for budget figures to see what is available for street work.

The Attorney has sent "entry of appearance" paperwork to all Council members regarding the declaratory judgment that is to be filed. If the papers are delivered by the Sheriff a \$50.00 fee per each delivery would be charged. By signing the paperwork provided by Mr. Vocke the \$50.00 fees are not charged.

The Attorney read Ordinance 6-1-11 for the second time. This ordinance is for approval of the budget. Smith moves to accept this reading. Denham seconds. Roll call: Dan and Rob are present, but not voting. There are three ayes. The motion carried.

Ordinance 7-1-11 was read for the first time. This ordinance allows for the Mayor to make various committee appointments instead of Council making them. Smith moves to accept this reading. Denham seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Resolution 8-1-11 was read. This proclaims 7-6-11 as Clarence Junior Creekmore day in Bromley. A plaque has been made for Mr. Creekmore. He is not in attendance.

Resolution 7-1-11 allowing for the use of the park by the fire department for their festival was read. The grounds are to be used between August 1st. and August 8th. Smith moves to accept this resolution. Rob seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney will be out of town for the September meeting. He asks that the date be changed. August 31st. was set for the new date for this one-time change. The Attorney read Ordinance 7-1-11 regarding this change. Smith moves to accept this reading. Dan seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney stated that the City can publish or mail ordinances. The Clerk can send an ordinance to the Enquirer requesting a "quote" only to determine which way is more economical. Greg Rehtin was informed that, per KRS, the website cannot be used for ordinance publications. They have to be published in the paper with the largest general circulation or sent through the mail.

MAYOR REPORT

Rob attended the Mayor's meeting for the Mayor. Crescent Springs hosted this meeting.

Gabrielle Summe had a list of services that Kenton County provides to the cities. There are fees involved.

Kenton County maintains a Veteran's memorial. There is a candlelight vigil on Veteran's Day. Cities may donate to this memorial.

A 2' X 4' piece of the Twin Towers is at Crescent Springs Fire Department. They are trying to get a historical marker for I-75.

The League of Cities is pursuing the reclassification of cities.

The next Mayor's meeting is scheduled to be held in Ft. Wright on 7-16.

WAYS AND MEANS

Smith reports that we are up about \$1,000 in expenses.

The roof check was cut in June. The insurance check for this project was received.

Checks and payroll were delayed until tonight's budget ordinance reading and approval.

The Treasurer and the Auditor are going to set up the computer making the general, municipal aid and the road fund

accounts all separate. This will make it simpler. The auditor is coming again tomorrow to transfer all balances. Fees for their services should be under \$500.00. Any account having a zero balance will be eliminated. A CEB receivable account and a parking fine account will be set in place. We will be able to find out what is outstanding in these accounts.

Smith asks that committees keep within their budgets and if they feel they need to go over budget they should approach Council for more money.

Smith will be working on amending the 2010-2011 budget.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Jobe is absent.

SD1 is working on the repair of sink holes on the lot across from the park that is being leased by the City. This lease has been approved by SD1.

Jobe bought seed for the park.

The bleachers will be ready tomorrow.

LICENSE

Rob is still adding data to this report.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Grimes has no report.

Smith suggests pursuing grant money for the SD1 lot to purchase bleachers, trim some trees for a river view and possibly a ball field.

Ben Johnson stated that there is not a lot of grant money in Federal and State funds. He suggests going to private foundations for money. There is a website listing the foundations.

Smith moves to accept all committee reports. Denham seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

NEWSPAPER AND WEBSITE

Rob will put information in about tax bills and delinquent dates. He will also put notice in there about the change in date for the September meeting (website and paper) and information about the SD1 lot being available.

Greg Rehtin stated that the minutes were posted on the website and an updated employee list was posted. The hall rental form is also on the website and a calendar with available dates will be set in place.

SECOND CITIZEN REPORT

Larry Hamant asked the Mayor if SD1 was going to do anything about the corner where he lives (Pleasant and Boone). The Mayor said they were not. He stated that if some erosion takes place they may come back, but, this is very low in order on the "things to do" list.

Nancy Kleinker, owner of the old Keyhole, would like an occupancy permit for a friend to open a Chicago-style hot dog business at 18 Pike. She has an ABC license to sell beer if this is permitted. The business would run out of the rear of the building. There may be a walk-up window. She hasn't much room for indoor seating. The business owner may put some tables up. Her place has a rented apartment in the upstairs. Schutzman asks for diagrams, proposals and health department approval and feels this is okay with City approval. The City would restrict the hours and make zoning restrictions. A beer license is also required for the City.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Denham asks if there is any way that the City could purchase a pickup truck so that Mark Rodgers does not have to use his own vehicle to do City work. Mike Kendall's truck is also being used. The Mayor stated that, if a truck is purchased, the City could possibly do snow removal. Additional fees would include insurance, maintenance on the vehicle and gasoline. The Attorney felt that the money could not be taken out of Municipal Aid money. Denham will look into this matter with a \$5,000.00 figure in mind. Smith stated that a C.D. is coming due in September. These funds could possibly be used.

The Mayor would like to appoint a committee to work with the Police Committee to discuss and look at options that the City has regarding police protection. Smith and Dan volunteered to work with the existing committee. This would constitute a quorum. Denham agreed to step down from the committee allowing for this three-member board to operate.

The Attorney read Resolution 8-3-11 appointing an agent for Bromley regarding the disaster funding (FEMA). Grimes and the Mayor will sign this resolution. Steve Hensley has informed Grimes that the City will be getting their \$1,000.00 from the last disaster. Smith moves to accept this resolution. Denham seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Grimes will be getting her own Attorney regarding the declaratory judgment. She has hired Paul Fiser. She stated that he would be representing her personally and not as a fire department member as he is the fire department's Attorney.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk has a letter regarding Erlanger wanting to merge the dispatch centers.

BILLS

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

Grimes moves to give the old fencing from the park to Larry Hamant at a cost of \$1.00. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The \$1.00 was collected from Mr. Hamant.

Dan moves to adjourn. Rob seconds. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

MAYOR



CLERK

