

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:30 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Officers answering to roll call: Gail Smith, Mike Denham, Greg Rechten, Mayor Radford, Charlie Foulks, Donnie Jobe and Rob Gardiner.

The March minutes and the caucus minutes (3/17/14) were approved on a motion by Smith with a second by Jobe. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Sealed bids for trash collection were opened and read by Smith.

Republic Services: For 366 units the fee would be \$2.34 per household for one pickup per week. The cost with recycling would be \$6.44 per household. They would prefer a two-year contract and are not interested in providing a second day pickup per week.

Rumpke: For 366 units and up to a five-year contract (and a two-day per week pickup) \$14.82 per month per unit for 2014-15; \$15.34 per month per unit for 2015-16; \$15.88 per month per unit for 2016-17; \$16.43 per month per unit for 2017-18 and \$17.01 per month per unit for 2018-19. There would be no additional charge for the one-time annual large trash pickup, no charge for the apartment unit and the City is not being charged for the dumpster on Route 8 at Steve Tanner.

To add recycling one day per week (Thursday) the monthly charges would increase and be as follows: 2014-15 (\$17.32); 2015-16 (\$17.93); 2016-17 (\$18.56); 2017-18 (\$19.20); and 2018-19 (\$19.88).

Brett Gaspard from Rumpke stated that the first year of the contract is offered at no increase and the City can choose to accept this option and rebid at the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year if they choose to do so.

Citizens have not been polled to see if they would like the service to decrease to a one-day per week pickup.

The Mayor suggested that the matter be tabled until the May meeting (may be discussed at the caucus meeting as well).

**John Chamberlin from VanGorder-Walker** is here to present the audit ending June 30, 2013.

The audit report is available in the office for review.

Mr. Chamberlin commented that the City of Bromley has been doing a good job on budgeting.

Lack of segregation of duties remains an issue as is the case for small cities since they cannot afford to hire more employees to properly inspect the spending process. He suggests that the Mayor continue to review actions in the office carefully.

Journal adjustments must now be completed by the City Treasurer or someone hired by the City with the capacity to make these adjustments as the auditors cannot do them any longer.

Mr. Chamberlin stated that public entities cannot give bonuses. It is illegal to do so per the Kentucky Constitution. In the future, he suggests that raises be given in lieu of bonuses.

**PLEASE VISIT THE OFFICE TO REVIEW THE COMPLETE AUDIT REPORT.**

The Mayor informed Mr. Chamberlin that the Treasurer and Clerk would work with him or his appointee from our office on the next fiscal year audit, which was his request.

Dennis Gordon from Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) is here once again to answer questions regarding the services that they provide.

Per Mr. Gordon an Interlocal Agreement would need to be entered into between NKAPC and the City. There is a sixty-day option to opt out of the agreement. He stated that he is not here to force services on us but to help if we would like for them to do so.

The Mayor would like to open the floor for a motion.

Rechtin moves that Bromley disband their Board of Adjustment and use those services as provided by NKAPC. Smith seconds. Roll call: 4 ayes. Gardiner and Foulks vote no. The motion carried.

The Mayor would like for a motion to be made to either go with NKAPC in regards to Code Enforcement issues or to maintain our own Code Enforcement Board (CEB). The Attorney stated that a motion to go elsewhere for CEB services would be required. No motion would be necessary to keep our own CEB.

The issue died due to the lack of a motion.

Per Mr. Gordon, no Interlocal Agreement is required for Board of Adjustment services as provided by NKAPC. An ordinance will be drawn up by the Attorney disbanding our Board of Adjustment.

#### **BIDS ON THE TRAFFIC PROPERTY AT 104 SHELBY STREET AND OWNED BY THE CITY OF BROMLEY**

Sealed bids were opened and read by Smith. They are as follows:

\$4,600.00-George Bruns; \$4,555.55-Ken Steidle; \$5,600.00-Mike Schutzman; and \$4,400.00-Justin Bruns. Denham moves that the City accept the \$5,600.00 bid. Foulks seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Denham moves to adopt a Resolution that allows the Mayor to sign the contract which will be drawn up for the sale of this property. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN REPORT**

No input

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT**

Schutzman reported that the CEB met this evening. An updated list is available in the office in regards to properties with liens.

Mandi Moore resigned from the CEB tonight as she will be moving outside of the City. Schutzman publically thanked Mandi for her service on this board.

Nancy Kienker may be interested in filling this vacant seat.

Schutzman is authorized to get a dumpster to be used at both 509 Main and 117 Rohman. The cost should be approximately \$250.00. Rumpke has agreed to rent the dumpster at cost to the City.

Schutzman reports that Mr. Roberts has approached him in regards to purchasing the Hildebrandt property at Boone and Main. Immanuel Church would like to use the lot for parking. Schutzman would like to discuss this matter with the City Attorney. There are some issues, one of which is that persons using the lot could possibly be entering and backing out of the lot onto Main Street.

Schutzman will speak with the daughter of Mr. Wilder who owns 227 Boone where she resides. There are some fines due on this piece of rental property. Schutzman has the file on the property which he will send to the Attorney for processing.

Tim Bailey would like for the City to send a letter to the residents on River Road informing them that there is no funding available for the septic system that was previously discussed. Per Mr. Bailey, some of the residents in the area cannot afford to pay for their own septic tank system without financial assistance.

The Mayor stated that sewage problems in the area became a Board of Health issue. The City tried to assist but no CDBG funding was available and the properties do not meet the low to moderate housing

required to get the grant. The Mayor further stated that there might be a mitigation issue with FEMA that may be pursued at some point and he said that all efforts to assist with funding are exhausted at this time.

Mr. Bailey stated that one resident has someone from the State coming to dredge out the ditches. Schutzman stated that certification from the State is needed and we have to accept their certification. SD1 and the Health Department are aware of the situation and the enforcement required is the pumping of the septic systems.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

No written report is available at this time.

Webster is pursuing the theft of a credit card.

There are no suspects in the theft of a TV and an iPad.

Schutzman informs Park Hills Police (PHP) of anything on the street that presents a problem. PHP try not to tow vehicles if there is another avenue that can be pursued.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

It was reported that the fire department has three new members.

A copy of the new fire department contract has been signed and will be filed. The only change was a CPI increase of 1.3. Section 14 allows the fire department to appoint a member to attend City Council meetings.

The paramedics have not increased their fee for the upcoming contract year.

#### **PARADE**

The fire department will do the P.A. system for the parade.

Arnold Simpson will be the guest speaker.

Gardiner will do parade programs.

#### **HALL COMMITTEE**

Jobe did not see any mention of a time limit for use of the hall. A most recent renter wanted the hall from noon until 2:00 a.m. Jobe felt that that was too late. The Mayor stated that PHP would be notified if the late hour was disturbing residents. Smith suggested that midnight be considered as the deadline for hall use.

#### **ROAD AND LIGHT**

Gardiner is not pursuing the road projects due to budgetary issues. He suggests that, if we do proceed, the Orlando company be used as he has had no luck in obtaining bids from local contractors.

The Mayor pursued the matter of having the crosswalk paint refreshed when weather allows.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Attorney continues to work with Duke Energy regarding the franchise. He has not heard from their legal department as yet.

The Attorney may simply write to B/P regarding the sales factor that they are now using to determine the amount of gross receipts tax being paid to Bromley. Other matters that he may discuss with B/P are payroll taxes as it is reported that a contractor comes in and works for that company.

Ordinance 3-1-14 was read for the second time. This ordinance pertains to raises for the incoming Mayor and Council in 2015. Smith moves to accept this reading. Gardiner seconds. Roll call: 1 aye and 4 no. The motion defeated.

#### **MAYOR REPORT**

The Mayor has no updates at this time.

Plaques for the parade (Grand Marshall and guest speaker) may cost \$100 each.

Tim Bailey reports that repairs on the street sweeper are complete. Since the building addition is on hold Mr. Bailey does not have a place to store this equipment. B/P is not allowing parking on their property due to new policies.

Denham will work with Mr. Bailey on locations for decorative grass at the park. Dead trees along the SD1 lot by the river could be removed and the grass could be planted at this location.

Smith will check the budget to see if funds are available for continued lawn treatments at the park. The Beautification fund could be used for this purpose.

#### **WAYS AND MEANS**

Smith will have a draft budget prepared for the caucus meeting (third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.).

#### **PARK AND PLAYGROUND**

Denham met with Kenton County a few weeks ago. They were given a garage key along with measurements and layouts for the park equipment area. They are to spread the mulch and install the equipment for Bromley.

Denham reports that all ball field times are used except for Fridays. Soccer players are using the SD1 lot. Denham would like for SD1 to donate top soil to take care of some issues related to their lot.

#### **LICENSE/NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE**

Items for the newspaper include the Memorial Day Parade, the large trash date for the second Saturday of May, street sweeping and the compost pile location.

A notice will be needed regarding grass clippings being left in the street.

Rechtin will see if anyone else is interested, besides Nancy Kienker, for the CEB vacant seat.

#### **INSURANCE AND GRANTS**

Foulks reports that the insurance bill should be arriving in a month or so.

Per Foulks, insurance budget figures were \$8,300.00 last year. Smith has budgeted \$7,700.00 for the upcoming fiscal year.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Mayor stated that we would go with Kenton County for the collection of our City sticker fees until Summe's office does away with this service. We will make a decision as to what avenue we will take at that time.

#### **NO NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**BILLS**

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

Smith moves to adjourn. Gardiner seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

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