

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, Tim Wartman, Dixie Meyer, Mayor Jobe, Attorney Vocke, Charlie Foulks, Nancy Kienker and Bob France. All members are present.

The October 2016 Council minutes were approved on a motion made by Smith with a second by Foulks. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

CITIZEN REPORT

No input

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT

Schutzman is not present.

Any questions in regards to Building and Zoning may be made to the Mayor or Schutzman via email.

POLICE REPORT

The written report is available in the office for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The written report is available in the office for review.

Smith reports that the ALS (Advanced Life Support) Committee met with Crescent/Villa Fire Authority (CVFA) about a week ago in regards to ALS coverage. CVFA proposed the option of operating under a multiple-year contract or under a contract using the Evergreen clause, which means that the operating contract would stay in effect under the contract terms from year to year unless both parties agree to renegotiate or cancel. Either option would contain a six-month-notice-in-writing clause for either contract party to opt out of the contract or renegotiate the terms of the contract. This go round would include a price escalator. Right now the cost for coverage would start at \$30,000.00, but, in the process of CVFA doing their budget, if they need to have an increase, that increase would be passed on to the City of Bromley beginning on July 1st. of the fiscal year. An example that they gave would be that this coming year we would pay \$30,000.00 for January through May and, if they propose a 1 ½ % increase, then beginning July 1st. we would pay \$30,450.00 annually. That price would remain in effect until the next fiscal year.

Meyer proposed that they put a cap on the annual increase in order to alleviate any budget concerns that we might have. Smith has sent this information out to everyone to review and they would like an answer for the CVFA meeting on the third Monday (Nov. 21, 2016) as to whether we are interested in going with this proposal or not.

Kienker asks if Smith has a copy of the ad that was sent out. Smith will text that ad to Kienker.

Kienker asks if there was a clause in the ad that required that the party responding to the ad have two ambulances (yes, it was part of the criteria in the ad) and was that clause in the first ad that was sent out. The Mayor stated that in the first process that we did last year there was no bidding. That's why it was put out for bid this year. Meyer stated that, actually, Bromley received no bids in regards to the ad for ALS services. Kienker stated that, it wasn't that no one was interested in bidding. It was that no bid was submitted based on the criteria in the ad. The Mayor stated that the two-ambulance condition was put in there was because if their ambulance is out of service on another call if the department does not have a second ambulance we would be in the same situation that the City of Bromley finds themselves in now. Kienker stated that if the City of Bromley has an ambulance and we are requiring a two-

ambulance department then that makes us a three-ambulance City. The Mayor said, "negative". The Mayor said that Crescent Springs is only going out as backup or ALS. You can't count it as three because they are only responding because Bromley could not make it out or if it is a true ALS run. If Bromley cannot get out on a call and Ludlow is out on a run they have no ambulance to provide service to us. Kienker said that, with that two-ambulance clause, it eliminated anyone else from bidding. The Mayor said Ft. Wright could have bid, Rural Metro and several other departments could have bid as well. Kienker said this is a touchy subject and she thought that we were going to be above board and true to ourselves and, no accusations, but, with that being put in the ad it eliminated Ludlow. She said that you know it did and I know it did. The Mayor stated that they could have put in a proposal of any sort. You did not have to meet the exact specs.

Meyer said that everyone on Council should have been aware of what the ad was going to say if it was going to eliminate Ludlow or to consider them in contention. The Mayor said it was not put out there to eliminate them. If they wanted to put in a bid they could have done so. Meyer and Kienker both said that Ludlow did not meet the criteria. The Mayor stated that Crescent Springs did not put in a bid either. They came back with a contract. No bids, no responses were made to the ad. The Mayor has no problem with putting out the ad again. This was not done to eliminate anyone. It was done in the best interest to the City. When Ludlow is on a run, either Crescent Springs, Covington, or Ft. Wright is going to have to back them up. Kienker said she is just asking for an open, honest bidding process. The Mayor said this was not an unfair bid. If we are looking for what is in the best interest of the citizens of the City and for a service that can be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, then Ludlow does not qualify. The criteria was put into the ad to try to get the service that was in the best interest of the City. In answer to the Mayor's question, Kienker stated that she was looking for the best service to the City.

The Mayor stated that it is not a matter of how many times Ludlow is required to use backup. They only serve their City at present. If they took on another City for ALS services they not only provide service to their City but now have to provide backup to another City. Meyer stated that Bromley would only add an additional 800-900 people to their service list.

France stated that the size of the City doesn't matter. That stipulation in the ad makes a lot of sense because if we contract with another fire department to cover our ALS runs and they have another call and don't have the equipment to cover our run our residents are in trouble so it makes perfect sense to stipulate that you have to have enough equipment to cover your City and still cover ours. There could be an instance when both of your departments are out on a run but France cannot remember a time when CVFA has not been able to get down here.

The Mayor said that if you contract with Ludlow you are not looking at three ambulances. Ludlow asked specifically for Bromley's equipment and so you are left with no equipment to make a run.

Smith stated that, in the past, the City did not get involved with ALS services. The fire department did their negotiating. CVFA would only negotiate with the City as the City was writing the check for the service.

Smith stated that, per the stats of a call list, a call went out at 12:12-CVFA arrived on the scene at 12:17. Another time the call time was 12:40-CVFA arrived on scene at 12:44. Their stats show that they can respond quickly to Bromley.

Fouls suggests that we hold off on making a decision until our December meeting. He felt that this issue was sprung on the other Council members at the last minute. Smith stated that copies of the contract proposal were given to each member as soon as the meeting was over and there was plenty of time for members to read over the material and form an opinion.

Smith moves to accept the CVFA proposed contract using the Evergreen clause. No second was made to this motion.

France feels that we have no problems with CVFA, but we may have issues with Ludlow due to an insufficient amount of equipment to cover our City. France does not like the terms of the Evergreen clause. It was decided that the Mayor would schedule a special meeting inviting persons who are not in attendance today and are on the ballot running for Council seats.

The Attorney suggests that, if a special meeting is to be set in regards to ALS service, a vote should be made at that meeting in order to allow CVFA to have their information available for their Nov. 21, 2016 meeting.

Kienker stated that, perhaps someone from Ludlow could be invited to the special meeting as well. France stated that if Ludlow had been interested they should have been looking for the bid. The Mayor said once again that the bid was put out there and no one submitted a bid proposal, not even CVFA. The Mayor will pursue the matter of setting up a special meeting.

HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Foulks stated that we will continue to use Perfection Pest Control until the first of the year as they have taken care of the bug issue in the building.

ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT

France has been sent a copy of the school bus route and distributed a chart that he has made pinpointing areas at intersections where bus-turning is a problem. There are only a few places that, in his opinion, we can designate a certain time frame for "no parking" signs to be posted. Other areas must remain "no parking" at all times. He feels that we may only need three to four signs. Chief Stanley (Park Hills Police) said that, in order to enforce, the signs should specify the area to be a "no parking" location, curbs should be painted as well, and he suggests making the areas involved "a tow-away zone" as this usually gets the driver's attention.

France informed Wartman that the school bus does not do door-to-door anymore. They only stop at designated areas on a street. The Mayor will send France the name of a sign distributor. We can also purchase signs from Kenton County. France moves that the Attorney begin preparation on an ordinance regarding this matter. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney read a summary of Ordinance 10-1-16 for the second time. This ordinance adopts the Kentucky Building and Residential Codes. Smith moves to accept this ordinance as read. Foulks seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Ordinance 11-1-16 for the first time. This ordinance amends the 2015-2016 budget. Questions were presented but dismissed as they were not related to the fiscal year 2015-16 budget, which is the one that is being amended. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading as presented. Foulks seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Ordinance 11-2-16 for the first time. This ordinance spells out the responsibility of tree ownership and maintenance policies (whether City-owned or residential). Foulks moves to accept this ordinance reading as presented. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney has received a check from the Master Commissioner for the Mack property at 214 Pleasant.

The Attorney also has a check for delinquent taxes on the property located at 107 Rohman Avenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

France was asked to price time capsules for the 509 Main Street location. Prices for stainless steel capsules ran up into the \$700.00 range.

France made a capsule from 4-inch PVC pipe with each end being sealed. He feels that this type of pipe would be better than using stainless steel. He suggests installing a concrete vault to house the capsule. Council members liked his presentation. He suggested that the capsule could be made 6-inch or 8-inch in order to contain more data. The Mayor would like the capsule project to be ready within the next year. The matter will continue to be pursued.

Kienker obtained pricing for pavers for the 509 Main street location. The bricks are 4x8 and can have three lines inscribed with 14 characters per line. Kienker received a price of \$.50 per brick. The Lewin Company was suggested for the engraving process. \$30.00 per brick, complete with the inscription, was suggested. The City will make no money on this project. There is no limit to the number of bricks that can be bought by an individual.

The Mayor reports that the house at 509 Main is down. Meyer will continue to pursue the LED board sign. It has to be purchased from a State-contracted business. The Mayor has a proposed diagram of plans for the wall in which the sign will be placed (16' curvature in length, 7' high and 8' where the sign goes). There will be flowers, park benches, areas for the bricks and time capsule, a possible water fountain with a water spout for watering flowers.

We are waiting for the blueprints from Berling Engineering.

Duke will do the lights and then a decision will be made as to where the trees will be placed.

Conventional and LED lighting was discussed. LED was cheaper (\$4.00 month difference in cost) but it was felt that they may be too bright for the residents. Duke's contract specifies the types of poles and wattage that is to be used. The Mayor will email the light patterns out to Council. The poles will have electrical outlets for Christmas decorating, as requested.

The Mayor stated that the removal of the house at 214 Pleasant will be the next project. The property owners on either side will be asked if they want to purchase ½ of the lot for \$1.00 each. The Attorney feels that we will have to bid out the property first. The new property values, with the additional lot, will be determined by PVA.

The State will not pay off any expenses incurred by the City for the Main Street Project until the blueprints have been presented to them. Smith estimates approximately \$45,000 has been spent to date on this project by the City, which includes the purchase price of 509 Main Street.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Smith reports that she, the Treasurer and the Clerk will meet with the Auditors on the 14th. of this month to begin the audit process.

General Fund year-to-date: \$155,500 in income and \$195,000 in expenditures.

Road Fund: No expenses

Municipal Aid Fund: \$1,400 in receipts and no expenditures.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Wartman will finalize the plans for the park garage addition project.

LICENSE/NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE

Meyer will pursue the LED sign which will have a 16' rock wall base (509 Main Street). A lighted flag pole may be placed behind this sign.

INSURANCE REPORT

Kienker has found out that the sidewalk grant application period is currently closed. She has obtained an application and August 2017 is the next application date and no decision will be made until the year following the August 2017 date.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor will meet with France in regards to the bid for snow removal and other various jobs around the City. Only one bid was received. One came in late but there is a huge variance between bid prices. Shane Hamant will continue to do snow removal in the meantime.

NO NEW BUSINESS/NO COMMUNICATIONS

BILLS

Wartman moves to pay the bills. Foulks seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Wartman moves to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____