

City of Bromley

City Council Meeting

Wednesday August 14, 2024

The City of Bromley met in a regular session on Wednesday August 14, 2024 @ 6pm, with a pledge to the flag and Mayor Denham presiding.

Roll Call-Council members present: Mike Kendall, Andrew Clift, Dianne Wartman, Tim Wartman, Gail Smith. Absent Dave Radford.

Call to Order- Staff present: Kim Vocke City Attorney, Chief of Police Cody Stanley, Fire Chief Mike Steward, Public Works Bob France and Jack Dudley.

Approval of Minutes – Gail Smith made a motion to approve previous minutes, Tim Wartman seconded. All in favor with 5 yes

Citizens Report – No Report

PDS – Gail Smith reported – Four new cases this month most of them are weeds or vegetation. She reported that the only thing that can be done about 217 Boone Street is PDS would need body cam video showing how many people are living on the property. Gail brought up an issue pertaining to the renovation of the old school building. She indicated that she spoke to PDS and got a response that she did not like. She said that she was told that there were going to be an additional 17 units added to the current 17 units existing which is against the current Zoning ordinance. PDS told her that if we did something we would be heading to a lawsuit. A long discussion followed with the resulting decision for Kim to dig into the issue with a discussion with PDS for more details. Dianne indicated that there is an issue with 211 Moore Street. Gail will check into that.

Police Chief – Full report available upon request.

Fire Chief - Full report available. Two new paramedics, Internship program still on going, EMT and Paramedic classes are beginning.

Hall Committee – Carpet should be installed next week. Dianne Mayor Denham indicated that hopefully we will be back in the council chamber by next meeting. Kim indicated that we will probably need a special meeting before the next meeting.

Road and Light Committee – No report

Public Works – Bob reported he had to spend additional money for repairs on the street sweeper, battery for the zero turn mower and paint for a lot of street work needed for cross walks and parking spaces on Boone Street. Butler will be starting on the wall in the park in about two weeks.

Kim Vocke – The mayor and I have been talking about a vacation/sick leave policy and put something out which was handed out to everyone. Second reading ord. 7-1-24 Repealing the old zoning ordinance with the new Z21 project with wholesale changes to all our ordinance for future. Mike Kendall made motion to approve. Gail Smith seconded. All in favor with 5 yes. First reading of ordinance 8-1-24 new tax rate which has not changed (0.220) after a discussion with the mayor and will need a second reading prior to Sept 9<sup>th</sup> so we will need a special meeting to get this done. Gail

made a motion to accept 8-1-24. Andy seconded. All in favor with 5 yes. August 28<sup>th</sup> was decided for the special meeting. Kim started a discussion about adopting a vacation/sick leave policy which Mike Kendall wanted a month to think about this and questioned what brought to up? He stated that we already decided that this was not needed months ago. The mayor stated that it was brought up to him that we should develop these. Kim indicated that based on the information in the State Audit that we should have policies like this. Gail Smith asked if we should add the discussion about the school building to the special meeting. Kim sent another letter to 240 Shelby with no response. After a long discussion, it was decided to notify them that if the liens were not addressed within 10 days, the city will file for foreclosure. Short discussion about a fireworks ordinance he will bring back to the next meeting.

Ways and Means – Mike Kendall reported that the financials were ok with only one month into the new year. He indicated that as reported last month the money in the general fund was getting tight and he indicated that a issue developed at the bank and he took some of the blame for spending faster than Terri could keep up however we need to move money from another account to the General Fund. He made a motion to move \$75,000 from the Road Fund and then reimburse this account once the Grant money was received. Both Gail and Kim indicated that we could not do that, and Gail recommended to take it from the money market account instead. Mike then rescinded his original motion and made a motion to do that. Tim Wartman seconded. All in favor with 5 yes.

Parks and Playground – Dianne Wartman reported for Tim. She indicated that we need to think about future military recognition plus we need to put the two small monuments that were at the old location in the new one. The fence is complete, and Tim is working on the pickleball court which will be located between the houses and the maintenance building on Pike Street. Gail asked about the splash pad. Dianne indicated that it was too expensive, too much maintenance and liability.

Insurance and Grants – Andrew Clift indicated that there were no claims, and we have \$1,000,000 coverage for fireworks. Mayor Denham reported that Rhonda Chisinal has a grant for the City at no cost to have a person come in and work in the office to help us with our required Records Retention program. Andy gave a shout out to the fire department for everything they did at the street fair.

Mayors Report – Mike Denham report about a meeting he had with Lidia Watkins Chief Engineer with Sd1. They have decided to eventually install sewers from the last manhole west on Rt 8 to our city limits. A short discussion about this project. He indicated that he has received many compliments from citizens about all the improvements that he and this council have made in the city. He also said he received a message about the Southbank project that the project is all a go for the future of Bromley. He reported that Stephanie will be at the September meeting to go over the audit. Small discussion on the block party and how successful it was.

Committee Reports – Gail Smith made a motion to accept. Tim Wartman seconded. All in favor with 5 yes

Old Business – Andy Clift had a short discussion on the food pantry/library. Should be ready next month. Gail Smith asked if we could identify who damaged the basketball court with fireworks. Mike Kendall gave a brief explanation about the camera system.

New Business - Andy Clift recommended that we develop/design a city flag. We could solicit input from the citizens. Dianne suggested that we also design a Bromley shirt that we could display at Hatters in Ludlow. Mike Kendall recommended that we get Bob and Jack shirts with City of Bromley on them to identify them to the residents.

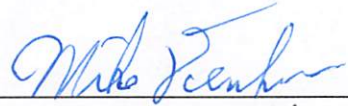
Communications – n/a

Bills – Gail Smith made a motion to pay the bills. Andy Clift seconded. All in favor with 5 yes.

Motion for Adjourn – Andy Clift made a motion to adjourn. Gail Smith seconded. All in favor with 5 yes.

Meeting adjourned – 7:28

Mayor



City Clerk

