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The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:35 P.M. with a pledge to the flag.

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

The October minutes were approved on a motion made by Smith with a second by Dan. Roll call: Four ayes. Grimes is present, but not voting, due to her absence from the October meeting. The motion carried.

The Mayor deviated from the regular order of business to allow Ed Dietrich to speak to Council. Joe Tewes, a citizen of Bromley and our representative on the Board is also present. Mr. Dietrich is from KC Planning Commission (KCPC). He has passed out a flyer regarding the Comprehensive Plan and upcoming meetings related to the plan. The Comprehensive Plan has not been redone since the 70's and should be updated and/or revised every five years. KCPC is attempting to get public input in order to revise the plan. They answer questions and then have a discussion period. Mr. Dietrich stated that what happens in Kenton County affects all of us so we should try to take an active part. Mayor Radford plans to attend the next meeting. Mayor Radford reappointed Joe Tewes as our representative to KCPC. The Mayor stated that Mr. Tewes has been an active member for Bromley and has attended 39 of the last 44 meetings. Mr. Tewes stated that Bromley is not on the agenda a lot of times but our input is important just the same. NKPC has no input regarding funding for the Brent Spence bridge replacement, but they do cover land use, parks, and other forms of transportation, education, economy and health issues. The Mayor would like to see that the Lagoon Sports Complex and the River Trail are addressed at one of the upcoming meetings.

FIRST CITIZEN REPORT

No input

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The Code Enforcement Board (CEB) met at 6:00 p.m. this evening. The minutes from the previous meeting are available in the office for review and on our website as well.

Mr. VonBokern, new owner of the Thomas' Garage business on the south side of Pike at Pleasant, wants to meet with the CEB next month.

The business on the north side of Pike will be an auto-body business. They will need to add a restroom and will need to get with SD1 regarding tapping into a line.

Schutzman stated that a section of property behind Thomas' Garage on the river side has been sold off by SD1. The CEB is pursuing this matter.

Schutzman reports that the sewage problem on River Road by Hamant's Garage is an ongoing problem. No one wants to take responsibility due to the cost for a sewer system. We cannot remove tenants from the property from which the problem arises. Per Hamant, a letter from the State of Kentucky says that the problem has been there since 1977.

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Hamant stated that someone dug down and capped the line off again. Schutzman

believes that the problem gets fixed and someone goes down and messes with the line. No one can prove who that person could be. Schutzman feels that the fix would be to vacate all of the properties in the area but no one wants to do this. Hamant said when the treatment plant was in operation the problem was resolved. Schutzman said that if the system was changed we could make them comply with regulations.

A current lien list has been distributed for review.

1757 Highwater property is vacant. They are still in violation and they owe fines.

Schutzman told the Mayor that if a property is being sold on "land contract" it must be filed at the Courthouse or the person must pay a rental fee.

Also, if persons are renting to relatives who are paying a monthly fee a rental license fee must be paid by the owner.

LAW COMMITTEE

Donnie Jobe has no leads on the person who set the boat on fire at the playground.

Ben Johnson has no current report.

No problems arose on Halloween. The four arrests made were adults, not kids.

The Mayor will obtain monthly reports from Ludlow Police Department (LPD) from 2010 to compare the calls to the 2011 reports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A monthly report is available in the office for review.

The grease on the sidewalk at the park has been removed and most of the graffiti has been removed from the fire department's building at the park.

The old fire truck has not been sold. It will be moved to another location and off of the City street. B/P was suggested as the lot is secure and always monitored.

HALL COMMITTEE

Dan stated that the hall is not rented this month as yet. The fire department does have a couple of events planned.

Some money was held back by our insurance company until the roof replacement work was completed. That project is completed but no money has been sent to the City from the insurance company. Grimes will contact them to see when we should expect the money that is due to Bromley.

The Mayor has asked everyone who enters the building to make sure the lights are shut off when leaving as the utility fees continue to increase. The thermostats are set to return to 65degrees after two hours.

ROAD AND LIGHT

Denham reports that a light was repaired on Highwater Road very quickly.

Denham has met with Mr. Weiss at the southeast end of Main regarding a problem with his driveway being washed out. Denham wanted to know if we have an ordinance requiring that driveways be made of concrete. The Attorney stated that the gravel

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driveway at this location may be grandfathered in.

The dip in the road on Main Street has been repaired.

Denham reports that the striping of the roads is still a work in progress.

Denham is pursuing the matter of two missing street signs.

The Mayor reported that Shane Hamant's bid for snow removal was the lowest one of three at \$65.00 for the truck and \$.15 per pound for salt. Denham moves to accept Shane Hamant's bid for snow removal. Grimes seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. There will be some minor stipulations regarding snow removal. One was that no snow removal work was to be started until there was two inches of snow on the ground. Hamant and Denham will discuss other stipulations.

There is a low spot along Main Street at Highwater (southwest side of Main). Denham will look into obtaining packing to repair this rutted area. Howard Gaiser may be asked to bring a load into Bromley with his truck.

Smith reports that there is \$10,188.00 in the Municipal Aid fund currently. Denham would like to have all of the signs replaced. The State says there is no money available to assist us. The Mayor got a price for signs and brackets in the amount of \$3,800.00.

The Clerk informed Denham that there is a government department that will assist us with funding to resurface one street in town per year. Bob France received money for Main Street. Denham will pursue this matter.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Mayor has asked the Attorney to check on the status of the loan on the school building. Bromley will be in debt for this loan through it's duration. Smith believes that the current balance on the loan is \$113,000.00. After the fifth year Dennis Elrod was to try to refinance the loan so that Bromley's name could be removed but he could not get the funding. There should be about 5 ½ years left, per Smith.

The Attorney has informed the Mayor that the City has no ownership of the right-of-way at the north end of Steve Tanner. On the books it shows that the City closed Front Street and conveyed ownership to the owners of the abutting properties. He believes that the northern section of Steve Tanner is SD1 property.

The ordinance codification should be completed soon.

The Mayor reports that SD1 wanted to change the format on the agreement for use of the concrete pad for a recycling dumpster site. The Attorney would like to review this agreement before it is signed due to this change.

The Attorney read the summary of Ordinance 10-1-11 for the second time. This ordinance pertains to noise and is the same ordinance used by LPD. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Denham seconds. Discussion: Grimes wanted to know what LPD does regarding the noise coming from the Boat Dock. She can hear it at her house. Ben Johnson thought that the owner of the business had corrected this problem. He said that noise problems are handled at the discretion of the officer taking the call. He did report that the owner usually works well with LPD.

Roll call on the motion to accept the ordinance reading: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney has some suggestions, in writing, regarding the issue of setting aside some

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liens. He asks that the Mayor and Council review them and send him some feedback after which time he will prepare an ordinance regarding the matter.

The Attorney read Resolution 11-1-11 which closes a checking account for the Kenton County Mayor's Group and allows the money from the account to be donated to the 911 Memorial Park. Smith moves to accept this resolution. Jobe seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney has submitted the "conflict of interest" judgment paperwork to the Judge. She will look it over and make a decision.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor discussed the River Trail project. Currently this trail will run from Ft. Thomas to the Yacht Club.

A recreation complex project is being seriously discussed. The City of Ludlow will own the sports complex. Per Mayor Radford, part of the complex will be on Bromley property. There may be some issues regarding storm water. A culvert may have to be built. There is the possibility of a road wall running down Sleepy Hollow and over to Main Street. Ben Johnson named several activities that are being discussed for this complex and he is unsure if funding can be obtained. The Department of Transportation is being contacted for assistance. This project could cost over \$9,000,000.00. They need some help from the State Representatives.

Regarding the River Trail, the Mayor said that a two-year feasibility study with the Corps of Engineer is being done. There are to be nodes that come off of the trails. The Mayor hopes that, if we can't get a trail, we could possibly get a node. Villa Hills is not involved at this time.

Ben Johnson informed Grimes that some homes would be removed if the above projects are approved. The Sports Complex, per Johnson, would be top-rate. There would be baseball, football, soccer. Ludlow School is behind the project 100%.

Kenton County Animal Control was discussed at this time. Fees for this service are currently being based on the first interlocal agreement. Covington was not part of the original agreement. They want to join and are willing to pay the fees to get caught up.

Ben Johnson advised the City of Bromley to be careful. Animal Control is discussing a decrease in services. If Covington was not willing to join they would gauge the other member cities for their funding. Per Johnson, there are 42,000 residents in Covington and only one employee.

The Mayor stated that Kenton County Animal Control claims to be operating at an annual loss of \$120,000.00

Ben Johnson feels that the quality of service has decreased after Kenton County took over. Services are decreasing and funds are increasing.

The City Attorney will look into this matter for Bromley.

Donnie Jobe called about a violent dog and was told there was no room in the kennels at the shelter for animals. He was also told that the employee was on a priority call. When this was reported to Judge Arlinghaus he said that this was "not true".

Grimes stated that there is a lot of area to cover for the number of employees. If

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Covington joins they may increase to five employees.

Ben Johnson feels that the cities would be better to have their own department due to the current situation with the Kenton County Animal Control department and we should be careful of what we get into.

WAYS AND MEANS

Smith reports that LPD and Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) were paid this past month.

\$25,000.00 was received from County for B/P gross receipts.

General and Municipal Aid monthly spreadsheets were divided into separate accounts.

Smith reports that the audit should be presented in January.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Jobe reports that construction equipment is being stored on the SD1 lot leased by the City.

The Mayor will pursue grass cutting at the park and the raking of leaves.

LICENSE COMMITTEE

The Mayor met with Rob regarding rental licensing. Rob is reviewing the licenses, rates, and contract wording. Schutzman is to inspect rental properties between tenants. He is not being informed by the owners about changes. Possible fines to the landlord could be imposed under such circumstances.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Grimes stated that our insurance expires around the first of December. She is to meet with Clay and a representative from KLC to get premium quotes.

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

PARADE

No report

NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE

Greg Rehtin has placed information on the website regarding links to call SD1 for heavy runoff and he has information regarding what can and cannot be put into the recycling dumpster when it is in place.

SECOND CITIZEN REPORT

Larry Hamant, owner of Hamant's Auto Body on River Road, asked the Mayor what Schutzman looks for when he inspects rental properties. The reply was that he looks for safety and health issues and life safety issues. Hamant feels that the raw sewage issue would be a health issue. Smith and Denham agree as do other Council members. Grimes can't understand why this matter cannot be pursued. It seems that since 1977 something needs to be done. Smith would classify it as a life issue. Hamant asks the Attorney if it

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would help if he filed suit against the City. The Attorney feels that he should file suit against the property owner at the location where the sewage problem originates. It could be filed as a "public nuisance" case.

Denham asked Mr. Hamant if he has documentation. He replied that Channel 19 has the documentation on file. Hamant reminded Council that, years ago, two boys were killed after hitting the frozen sewage on the road and running into his truck at his business location.

The Mayor stated that there are other locations throughout the County with similar problems.

Grimes feels that as the City has done everything possible to get the problem corrected we should be out of it at this time.

Shane Hamant asked if the City would make the citizens aware of the changes in the guidelines regarding snow removal.

Grimes wanted to know why the City was waiting until there were two inches of snow before having the streets treated. The Mayor stated that it was a cost-cutting issue.

It was stated that if LPD called for snow removal due to road conditions Shane would be called to start treating. Danham felt that snow on the hills should be removed early. The Mayor stated that we would be looking at the guidelines, forecasts and temperatures.

OLD BUSINESS

Grimes would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting regarding some personnel questions that she has.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The Attorney has looked into a communication regarding a premium insurance overpayment. Per KRS these funds are to be reimbursed to the company involved. The Attorney did not feel that a request for a refund was being made at this time and that there is an application process that is to be followed in order to obtain a refund.

BILLS

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

Grimes moves to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. **The Council meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____