

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

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

The minutes from the November meeting were approved on a motion made by Smith and a second by Grimes. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Mayor deviated from the regular order of business to allow Tim Broering, the executive director of the Telecommunications Board (TBNK), to address Council in regards to the Insight/Time Warner merger. Mr. Broering is here, basically, to ask Council to approve a resolution which would transfer the old company to the new. December 27th. is the deadline for acting on the resolution. The resolution gives the Mayor the authority to sign all paperwork regarding this matter.

There is no franchise at this time as the old one lapsed in 2009.

Time Warner is the second largest company in the country. They are established in twenty other states, also out West.

Insight has good technology in place for easy transition.

Mr. Broering informed Grimes that the billing is in a fairly average range of prices (being in the \$50-\$60 range for most customers). It could take a number of months to change the billing to Time Warner.

Mr. Broering informed Grimes that TBNK is working on keeping service free for fire departments, schools and taped Council meetings.

Smith moves to accept the merger resolution of both cable companies. Dan seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Mr. David Millward is currently our representative on TBNK. The Mayor will appoint a representative from Bromley and inform Mr. Broering of this decision.

Mr. Joe Shriver from Kenton County Animal Control is here to ask Bromley to enter into an interlocal agreement with the County for this service. This matter was discussed at length. There is paperwork regarding this matter in the office for review.

Mr. Shriver stated that the old Dog Authority approached Kenton County in 2003 asking them to take over the operation. Grimes stated that what she heard took place was that Kenton County approached the administrators of the Dog Authority and took it over.

Mr. Shriver stated that if Covington joins they will have to pay their fair share as the other member cities do and they will also have to pay for one additional employee.

Kenton County absorbs the expenses for gasoline, pensions and benefits.

Per Mr. Shriver, there is an employee of the Animal Control on duty 24/7. Calls are prioritized. Covington would be paying for a five-person rotation. Kenton County would pay for two employees covering the other member cities.

Jobe stated that he called the shelter and was told that the pound was full and an officer was not available to respond. Judge Arlinghaus, when confronted at a later date, denied

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that this was what happened.

Mr. Shriver stated that one of their officers not promptly responding is no different than with police departments when officers are on other priority calls. They respond when someone is available to do so. Jobe feels that if Covington comes aboard the situation will only get worse.

Mr. Shriver stated that animals from Covington are currently going to the shelter and by KRS they have to have an animal shelter. Sixty-five animals go through the doors per month. Mr. Shriver would have had the executive director attend this meeting if he had been aware of the concerns of Council.

The Mayor feels that having an employee in the Covington area would give Bromley a quicker response time.

Another concern, presented by Kathleen Smith, was that the shelter will only pick up caged animals if their cages are used to contain the animal. Mrs. Smith asked why the animal control officer could not transfer an animal from a privately-owned cage into one of their cages for transport to the pound.

The Attorney was informed that the gain for Covington would be cost cuts. They currently pay Union rates, benefits and capital expenses.

Mr. Shriver stated that rate increases would occur in odd years. It would be capped at 5% or whatever the cost of living is at the time of the increase. Kenton County must justify any increase.

Smith moves that we enter into the interlocal agreement with Kenton County for animal control. Rob seconds.

Discussion: Grimes was concerned about the response time and the possibility of a child being bitten in some cases. Ludlow Police Department (LPD) has the authority to deal with vicious animal situations. Mr. Shriver answered Larry Hamant by stating that if Covington has three calls and Bromley has one they would deal with the priority situation first whether it be in Covington, Bromley or any other member city.

Joe Schutzman is concerned that adding Covington is not the best way to go. He was told that employees would be eliminated if Covington joined and then dropped out. Schutzman sees Covington getting all of the benefits. Mr. Shriver feels that the other cities will benefit if Covington joins.

Roll call on Smith's motion: Jobe-no, Grimes-no, Dan-yes, Rob-yes, Smith-yes. The motion carried. The agreement was signed by the Mayor.

FIRST CITIZEN REPORT

Greg Rehtin, Shelby Street, wanted to know if using a fire pit was considered open burning. Chief Don Weaver said it is not unless smoke becomes an issue. It is the responsibility of the person using the fire pit to watch the fire at all times. It also depends on what is being burned. Per the fire chief, only wood can be burned.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Schutzman reports a busy month. SD1 and the Health Department worked with Mr. Brooks, River Road, to repair a crushed septic tank line. The Health Department will

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reinspect this repair job and see if there was any damage caused by rain. This has been an issue presented by Mr. Hamant to Council for a number of months.

102 Pleasant Street has had issues regarding trash. Brett Gaspard from Rumpke has resolved this issue with the owner of the property. Schutzman would like for the Clerk to ask Mr. Gaspard to send, in writing, a report on what has been decided between Rumpke and the property owner regarding this matter.

The owners of the Thomas' Garage impounding lot property are working with SD1 in regards to tapping a line for a bathroom facility. Permits will be required.

Vehicles on the riverbank behind this property were the responsibility of another person who owns that property. The vehicles have been removed. Schutzman is not sure how this property was purchased, but, a driveway off of Route 8 has to be installed.

Per the Attorney, foreclosure is pending on 238 Boone. The owner is now deceased and the spouse cannot be located at this time. He has informed the Smiths that they can get a private attorney and file an injunction regarding this property. His other suggestion was that they contact the bank involved with the property.

The Attorney stated that a private foreclosure was filed by a savings and loan company on 214 Pleasant. He will pursue this matter if the bank does not. He stated that these foreclosure matters involve a long process. There are literally dozens of these houses at the Court house doors. Affidavits are filed which extends an already too long process.

Joe Schutzman left the meeting at this point (7:35 p.m.).

LAW COMMITTEE

Assistant Chief Johnson has presented the monthly report, which is available in the office for review.

The Safety Committee and the Mayor have met with the Police Chief and several matters were discussed. Johnson asks again that citizens be LPD's eyes and ears. If anything suspicious is seen please contact dispatch so that the matter can be pursued.

The Mayor asked about a "crime watch program" and Johnson feels that this is something that should be explored further. People need to get involved and they and LPD can work as a partnership. The Mayor will pursue this matter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The fire department report is available in the office for review. The fire department has 22 active members at this time.

HALL COMMITTEE

Dan reports that the fire department will have their Christmas party in the hall on the 17th. of this month.

Grimes reported that the City is not going to get any money from the insurance company regarding the wind storm. It has become part of the deductible that was paid to replace the roof of the City building.

ROAD AND LIGHT

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Denham is not present to give a report.

Compliments have been received regarding work done on Main Street.

The Mayor has met with someone from the State regarding curb work on Route 8. He was informed that, if the City had a project in place, there is a good chance to get curb work done. The SD1 project for the lot can also help us to get curbs. The Mayor will meet with Denham regarding the possibility of sidewalk replacement and street lights in this location.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney has a draft of the ordinance recodifications. He has been reviewing and will continue to review the proposed, highlighted changes. If we do not make any amendments to their changes by December 21st. they will continue with the completion of the recodification process. Per the Attorney, changes made to our ordinances are based on our ordinance adoptions and KRS changes. If we find any major glitz we can redo an ordinance. Hard copies and disc copies are provided upon completion. LPD would like to have a disc copy that can be downloaded to the computers in their department.

The Attorney read Ordinance 12-1-11 for the first time. This ordinance gives a list of factors to be used regarding reductions of CEB lien and fine amounts. Grimes moves to accept this reading. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor attended a meeting regarding the comprehensive plan. Phase 1 consists of several public input meetings. Two more sets of public input meetings will be held throughout 2012 after which time they will start putting this plan together.

Subdivision regulations were discussed and sent to Kenton County Planning.

The Mayor will leave all committee chairpersons in place for the upcoming year.

The Mayor will be our representative for NKAP with Denham as the alternate.

The Mayor asks for someone to represent Bromley at the Mayor's meeting to be held this Saturday in Crestview Hills at 9:00 a.m. Grimes may attend if Dan cannot.

NKADD has sent an invoice for our 2012 payment portion that is due annually. The amount is \$343.58. There is no objection to this being paid.

WAYS AND MEANS

The Attorney has advised the Mayor that he may enter into a six-month agreement with the fire department while awaiting a decision from the Judge regarding the declaratory judgment.

Grimes stated that it will be a while before the judgment is back.

Our Attorney has called the Attorney General's office and felt that we should have a decision from them some time this week.

We currently have a six-month agreement with the fire department for the first six months of the fiscal year. The Attorney said that money is budgeted for this service and the Mayor has the authority to pay the budgeted fee without exceeding this amount in lieu of a formal contract. The City currently has no signed copy of the addendum that was drawn

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up for the six-month period. The fire chief will get a copy for the City files.

Smith reports that once she removed the fire department payouts from her figures (after speaking to Charlie Foulks) the General Fund was running fine.

The Treasurer amended a couple of errors on the General Fund report and all is running as it should be.

The Mayor and Smith met with Dale Voelker regarding plans for the SD1 lot. Of the two plans that Smith prefers, one calls for one soccer field, a larger picnic area, a possible farmer's market and food truck storage area with landscaping and a playground area. The other is about the same with two soccer fields, smaller picnic area, less landscaping, farmer's market and food truck storage area, and a playground. Of course, SD1 would have to give approval before anything can be put on the lot. Our paperwork to Home Depot was lost. It will be resubmitted with the plans. If Kaboom Grant money is awarded materials are provided by Home Depot and the Bengals provide the work. Donnie Jobe will be involved with Smith on this project. **Mayor Radford will recluse himself due to his affiliation with SD1.**

The drawings are only concept drawings, which may be the only expense to the City if a grant is approved. Blight funds could be used to pay some fees. The Attorney states that all of this will depend on approval from SD1 and current lease agreements. The Church could be approached regarding parking if this becomes a reality.

PARK COMMITTEE

Jobe will purchase some equipment with money left in his budget.

LICENSE COMMITTEE

Rob will contact the Attorney regarding some license issues.

Rob may suggest that rental licenses be increased by \$20.00 per unit.

Schutzman has the list of delinquent rental licenses.

The Attorney feels that persons not paying the rental fees will do so if cited.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Grimes reports that our insurance renewed on Friday. After speaking with the Mayor, Smith and the Attorney, Grimes was given the okay to make an insurance decision.

Grimes reports that with VFIS we had a deductible. There is no deductible with Kentucky League of Cities (KLC).

With VFIS we were limited to six \$1,000,000.00 claims. With KLC there are unlimited claims.

Grimes feels that the coverage from KLC is better. We can apply for a safety grant with KLC. They will do free drug testing. If something happens to the City building they would replace the entire building. Regarding the declaratory judgment, KLC would have provided Attorney services to Grimes and Jobe.

The paperwork from KLC is available in the office for review and contains all matters discussed at this meeting.

Smith sees that the grand total is \$7,128.00. Grimes will contact our KLC agent, Marty

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Nemes. He does not work on commission. We can apply for whatever amount that we want on the Safety grant.

There is an additional \$100.00 premium for auto insurance. This covers any City Council member, Mayor or City employee who is using their vehicle to attend meetings or other official City business.

VFIS had a 5% increase on premium costs for next year.

KLC is self-insured and purchases insurance to protect their clients.

Smith moves and Rob seconds to accept all committee reports.

PARADE

Mayor Radford has contacted Mayor Wynn by email regarding next year's Memorial Day parade.

NEWSPAPER AND WEBSITE

Snow removal information will be published.

Ben Johnson suggests that citizens be asked to report suspicious activity to dispatch (727-2424). Feelers will be put out regarding a "block watch." This may also be put on the website.

SECOND CITIZEN REPORT/OLD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Rehtin will be the representative for TBNK. His information will be sent to Tim Broering.

BILLS

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

Mayor Radford has reported that Joe Tewes and Greg Rehtin are on our Board of Adjustment. We are attempting to find our third member. A request for volunteers for this seat will be put in the Ludlow paper.

The Mayor wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Smith moves to adjourn. Jobe seconds. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____