

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began with a pledge to the flag.

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

The December minutes were approved on a motion by Smith with a second by Rob. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

FIRST CITIZEN REPORT

Mr. Baker, owner of 238 Boone Street, attended the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) meeting and remained to address Council.

According to Mr. Baker he has never received any communication from the CEB or Building Inspector at his home address regarding any violations for 238 Boone Street. Notifications were left at the 238 Boone location or with former tenants.

At one point, Chief Don Weaver informed Mr. Baker to contact the Building Inspector. Mr. Baker claims to have done so several times with no response. On the third time, per Mr. Baker, he was told that the matter had been resolved. Schutzman stated that Mr. Baker is calling the dispatch unit not Schutzman personally.

Mr. Baker said that he repaired a problem with the deck eight to ten years ago. Schutzman's involvement with the property was to have the deck removed. The property is Section 8 Housing and they have their own inspectors who evaluate their properties.

The Mayor stated that the problems with this property go back four to five years.

The Attorney stated that foreclosure papers have been filed against 238 Boone Street. No rental fees have been paid for several years and there are taxes delinquent for four years. Fines alone on the property are approximately \$14,000.00 and with taxes add up to \$19,000.00.

Mr. Baker's wife has passed away. The property is in her name. He said that he receives mail in her name from the City often, but has received no violation notice. He is asking Council to assist him in this matter. He wants to sell the property on land contract.

The Attorney mailed letters regarding the property to Regina Baker and Schutzman hand-delivered the fine notification papers to Mr. Baker and to all tenants that have resided in the property. Schutzman stated that the Baker property is listed on page two of his report to Council and the Mayor. It clearly lists the citations and when they were sent. He went every night to try to keep tenants from moving into the property. The legal process allows for two months to get a residing tenant out of the property. In the meantime, Schutzman has cut the grass three times this past summer and sprayed the property.

Grimes verified with Mr. Baker that he is receiving ordinance mailings from the City, but, Mr. Baker claims to have never received any mail from Schutzman.

Mr. Baker stated that his Attorney is Greg Colston. Schutzman will bring paperwork regarding this property to our Attorney who will contact Greg Colston. If he is, indeed, Mr. Baker's Attorney the matter will be discussed between the two attorneys. Attorney Vocke stated that proper procedures have been followed regarding 238 Boone. Notices have been sent.

Schutzman informed Mr. Baker that he can sell the property on a land contract when the property is up to code, all fines are taken care of and the property is put into the new owner's name.

Schutzman has informed the proposed buyer of the property about the condition of the property (rental was not approved, no permits were issued and no inspections were made). Schutzman will not authorize this person to live at the property. It is dangerous.

The Mayor stated that Schutzman is doing his job and the Attorney stated that the property is not habitable.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Schutzman has an updated monthly report. This file is available in the office for review.

Schutzman stated that Rumpke will take care of the trash collection and the billing for 102 Pleasant.

The Adam Robinson property at 1753 Highwater Road has been sold.

Schutzman is comfortable with the procedures used by the CEB. Section 8 Housing sends him all reports. They inform him of Section 8 violations. Notice can be issued to someone on the property who is in care of the property involved.

Schutzman stated that the CEB is not ignoring a cited property (Mr. Young). They are just not back to him yet as several other important issues are being dealt with at this time.

POLICE REPORT

Assistant Chief, Ben Johnson, has the October report which is available in the office for review. November and December reports will be available next month.

All went well at the Safety Committee meeting. Several burglary issues have been resolved and arrests have been made.

Johnson reports that only one accident took place during the recent ice squall on Monday evening. Rob will continue to publish articles regarding "neighborhood watch" programs. Johnson has given Rob a website to go to for crime prevention information. The contact person is Bob Douglas. Johnson said that the neighborhood watch program is a good program if used properly. It should not be set up as a "complaint" session. Its purpose is to be the eyes and ears for the police. Seniors are good participants in the program as they are available to see more activity during daytime hours. Brian Richmond is the new City Administrator for Ludlow.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The fire department report is available in the office for review.

The Mayor has the six-month contract ready for signatures. Ken Sefakis will sign the contract.

HALL COMMITTEE

Dan reports that two persons asked to rent the hall but did not do so.

Dan will hold off on office equipment for the time being.

ROAD AND LIGHT

Smith has contacted Denham regarding a couple of street signs that are missing. Mark Rodgers has signs on order.

Denham will check the Municipal Aid fund in the spring to see how much money is available for road work.

Denham asks to be contacted by email with any road-related issues.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney has contacted the Attorney General's office and she has nothing on her index regarding an opinion issued by the Attorney General.

Ordinance recodification is complete. The Attorney will try to round up the old ordinance books to replace the old ordinances with the new ones. He will try to get several disc copies.

The Attorney read Ordinance 12-1-11 for the second time. This ordinance pertains to CEB lien settlements. Smith moves to accept this reading. Dan seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

There is an interlocal agreement ready to sign by the Mayor. This agreement pertains to the project regarding trails. Grimes moves that the Mayor be permitted to sign this agreement if he deems it necessary. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Donnie Jobe attended the Mayor's meeting.

Senator Thayer discussed some 911 issues.

A copy of the Sanitation District's (SD1) audit was a topic of discussion.

Funding for TANK was discussed.

ALS updates were presented. Independence is not renewing their contract with Rural Metro.

Revenue shortfalls were discussed and what can be done to resolve these shortfalls.

Mayor Radford reported that SD1 hired a General Manager. Dave Rager is that person, and he assumed this position on January 1, 2012.

WAYS AND MEANS

Smith reports that figures are as they should be for this time of the fiscal year. She is to meet with the

Treasurer regarding some adjustments that need to be made. Smith will begin the budget preparations in a month or so. The Audit will be presented at the February meeting. The Auditor will meet with Smith regarding carry over figures after the audit is approved. The Mayor reported that the dispatch charges that we were to incur are approximately \$1,000.00 cheaper than anticipated.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Jobe has no report. Smith is pursuing the soccer field project for the SD1 lot. The plan that was decided upon allows for one soccer field, a food truck and a farmer's market. This will allow for more green space. The KABOOM grant should cost the City no matching funds. Home Depot and the Bengals work together and supply all materials and labor free of charge. The Cincinnati Reds do the same for baseball fields. We are in competition this year with the Boy's Club.

LICENSE COMMITTEE

Rob is to obtain an updated list from the Treasurer regarding the vehicle licenses. Rob is not sure about increasing the rental fees, but would like to set a fine of \$500.00 for persons who rent to new tenants without proper inspections. Schutzman believes that a CEB ordinance allows for \$100 per day fines for this violation. The Attorney also believes that this fine is within the umbrella of the CEB's jurisdiction. Grimes suggests that a letter be sent with the rental licenses informing the owner of this violation. Schutzman suggests that the violation be made a part of the rental license form. Rob will check with other cities to see if an increase in our rental license fee is in order.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Grimes has received paperwork from KLC. The Attorney will check the forms to see whose signature is required. Grimes informed Denham that KLC provides much better coverage with an increase of about \$1,000.00. We can apply for a Safety Grant (\$3,000.00) annually.

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

PARADE

The Mayor has had no volunteers from Bromley to assist him. He will meet with Chief Turner in February.

NEWSPAPER AND WEBSITE

Rob will advertise for a Board of Adjustment member again. He will also ask for volunteers for the "neighborhood watch" program again. Grimes moves to allow Greg Rehtin to purchase 300 refrigerator magnets displaying the website address for Bromley. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. Magnets will be sent with tax bills.

SECOND CITIZEN REPORT

Mr. Baker suggests that, if there is a violation on a property, it be sent to the property owner, not the tenant, who will not see that the owner receives the paperwork. The Mayor will evaluate this suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS

The Attorney has an ordinance regarding the "joint and cooperative program for self-insurance for KLC. This is to be read as an emergency reading allowing for only one ordinance reading. The Attorney read Ordinance 1-1-12 regarding this matter. Grimes moves to accept this reading. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The ordinance will be mailed to citizens between seven and ten days.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Rehtin attended the TBNK meeting. He has been appointed as our representative on this board. Our current representative was appointed as Bromley did not appoint anyone in the past. His active time will not begin until January of 2013, but he will attend the meetings and will sit in if our current representative is unavailable. At this time he is considered to be an alternate.

TBNK at this time is in the process of changing over officers, preparing contracts and working on the merger procedures involved with Time Warner.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk has received a notification from the State regarding TBNK distribution fees. Due to lawsuits and other matters the distribution fee will be 2% less for the time being.

BILLS

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

Smith moves to adjourn. Jobe seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____