

These minutes are specific pieces of information taken during the live Council meeting. For a full, word-for-word, accounting of the meeting please review the tape recording.

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

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the tornado from this past Friday.

Roll call: Gail Smith, Mike Denham, Rob Gardiner (Rob), Mayor Radford, Dan Gardiner (Dan), Patty Grimes and Donnie Jobe. All members are present.

The February minutes were approved on a motion made by Grimes with a second by Smith. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

FIRST CITIZEN REPORT

Grimes moves that Council approve Larry Hamant's building permit in the absence of Schutzman. Schutzman is to follow up on the project. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. Mr. Hamant will come into the office to pay the fee.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Schutzman is absent.

The Mayor reported that 11 and 13 Boone have been cited for dilapidated buildings and debris.

Our Attorney is trying to work with Mr. Baker's Attorney regarding 238 Boone. The tenant was to be out by February 29th. He is not.

Stiedle, 101 Pike, is putting up a fence and pouring concrete but is not in compliance and was sent notice of this violation. There was to be a secondary concrete drive.

A certificate of occupancy was issued to "Simpler Times" at 18 Pike. The fire chief usually issues these types of certificates. Chief Weaver has one prepared on his desk. The Mayor will inform Schutzman of this fact.

Smith has an online copy of the business license obtained by Ms. Kienker from ABC which states that the business is a bar. Smith said that Council specifically told Ms. Kienker that she could have the restaurant for the sale of hot dogs with beer, but a bar was not permitted. Chief Johnson, Ludlow Police Department (LPD), stated that he is the ABC agent for Ludlow and all of the State licenses are the same. The Chief also said that the City Clerk, by ordinance, is the agent for Bromley. He charges the same fee for Ludlow that the State charges. Ms. Kienker did not come to the City to purchase her beer license. Smith stated that there is a sign on the business that states no one under twenty-one is allowed to enter. Council was told that this was to be a family restaurant. Grimes stated that Bromley allowed for the business to be closed down at 11 p.m. but in the Ludlow newspaper it states that it is open until midnight. The Attorney's understanding was that it was to be a business that sold hot dogs and beer.

The Attorney suggests that Schutzman be contacted to find out what restrictions were given and see if she is complying. The Mayor will email Schutzman regarding this matter.

LAW COMMITTEE

Jobe met with Chief Johnson. Smith had complained about an issue at 240 Shelby. As it would be a misdemeanor the Police would have to witness the incident. Smith believes that they are working on motorcycles and dune buggies and running them up and down the hill. They were riding the vehicles on the SD1 lot and were asked by Jobe to leave. The Mayor suggests that LPD be contacted when the incidents are taking place so that action can be taken.

Smith reported that Brian Dehner and the Police Contract Committee met. Dehner asked Jobe to mention the

contract at the safety meeting. Ludlow's City Administrator, Brian Richmond, stated that an annual fee of \$125,000.00 was on the table until March 1, 2012, at which time the offer would be removed. Mayor Radford understands that Mayor Wynn told his Administrator not to offer a bid to Bromley. Grimes would like to have any bid or desire not to bid on a contract with Bromley in writing. The Chief will relay this message and see that the letter is sent to Mayor Radford and a copy to Brian Dehner.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The report is available in the office for review.

The Mayor reports that the Declaratory Judgment was reached. There is no conflict of interest.

Grimes moves that the City approve the fire department contract following this decision. Dan seconds. Roll call: Smith is present, but not voting. All other members vote yes. The motion carried.

Grimes is pursuing ALS service. Ludlow wants to go ALS, but is waiting to appoint the new fire chief before any meetings will be held. Ft. Wright and Ft. Mitchell are pulling out as of October 1st. The current contract with Rural Metro is valid until October 1st. Ft. Wright is willing to assist Bromley but they would take over our squad. Erlanger is an option. Grimes is waiting to hear from their Chief. Grimes said that if Ludlow goes ALS and we go with them our squad is gone.

Her goal is to keep the fees the same. In the meantime, the Mayor will speak about this matter with Linda from Erlanger at the next Mayor's meeting. He will give her Grimes' phone number.

HALL COMMITTEE

The leak has been repaired. Jobe may be able to obtain free ballasts for the lights.

ROAD AND LIGHT

Denham reports that the contractors for the Water District have had six problems with road work. Five have been repaired. They may have to come again.

SD1 will deal with damage done to the pad where the contractors parked their equipment. It is their property.

One of the two handicapped parking signs will be removed from the area across the street from the city building and reinstalled in front of 232 Boone Street.

A truck from Devon Auto Sales has been located. Denham suggested that, since \$5,000.00 was approved in the past for such a vehicle, this truck be purchased by the City and used for street maintenance. Denham moves that this be allowed. Grimes does not believe that a motion is necessary as the money was approved several months ago.

The truck will not have a snow plow. Snow plow trucks cost in more than \$12,000.00.

Some repair work has been done to the truck. It has 62,000 miles and is a 2002. There would be a three to six month warranty attached to the sale. The only use for the vehicle would be for City operations. Credit cards were discussed as a means of purchasing fuel.

Smith stated that the truck was to be paid for from CEB fees collected. This was discussed at a former meeting.

Grimes moves that the purchase be allowed. Denham seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Official State plates will be purchased.

Denham asks for permission to do curb work in the amount of \$10,000.00. There is \$9,800.00 currently in his budget. If necessary, any overage can be paid from the General Fund and paid back when the money is back in the Road and/or Municipal Aid funds.

Denham has spoken to a gentleman from NKAPC regarding our road program. He was told that no funds are available at this time. The man is to contact Denham if any funding surfaces. It was suggested that Denham contact Arnold Simpson. This is who Bob France went to for information regarding this matter.

Denham will be calling about three street light problems (two won't go on and one won't go out).

Mark Rodgers will fix a street decorative flag and pole that is twisted or broken.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ordinance 3-1-12, adopting the recodification of City ordinances, was read for the first time. Grimes moves to accept this reading. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The Attorney will update the ordinance books.

Ordinance 3-2-12, increasing the rental fee from \$40 to \$50 per rental unit and adding a \$30 penalty on motor vehicles delinquencies, was read for the first time. Smith moves to accept this reading. Rob seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Our Attorney is having some issues with Attorney Colston, representing Mr. Baker, owner of 238 Boone. Apparently, there is still a \$47,000.00 mortgage on this property. It is, according to our Attorney, doubtful that any lien money will be collected from this property. We will get the property tax money. We will proceed and try to sell the property to someone who will take care of it. Smith feels that there is a business at this address as two to three vehicles are always being worked on at the same time. Someone suggested evicting the resident at 238 Boone. He was to have been gone by the end of February. Eviction was discussed. Chief Johnson said that Ludlow can vacate a property in twenty-four hours when it is inhabitable. He suggested that the City pursue the matter through the County. The Attorney feels that LPD can assist as there is a criminal offense. The Attorney stated that the recorded owner of the property is Regina Baker, who is deceased. Cases such as these can stay open in probate for years until sold. The Attorney suggests that LPD cite the resident as he has been told to leave and he refuses. The Mayor will contact Schutzman and inform him to pursue this matter with LPD and our Attorney and try to evacuate the property within seventy-two hours. Foreclosure has started on 238 Boone.

The Attorney has read a proclamation regarding Brain Injury Awareness Day. This day is to be on March 14, 2012. The Mayor has signed the proclamation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Several State and House Bills were discussed. None really pertain to the cities at this time. They mostly pertain to Police departments and other agencies.

The next meeting is to be held at NKAPC on March 17th.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for "Simpler Times" will be held at 5 p.m. on March 16th. There will be refreshments from 5-7 p.m. after which time the business will open to the public.

WAYS AND MEANS

Smith has several proposals from committee members for funds. She would like all requests by April so that she may begin preparing the 2012-13 budget.

Smith reports that Dennis Elrod owes \$63,000.00 on the Senior Building. He pays \$25,000.00 per year. He will have the building paid off in about 2 ½ years.

Smith has resolved several concerns that Grimes presented last month regarding the Treasurer's report. She has left the \$1,654.00 in the Workman's Comp.

The Treasurer feels that current-year property tax amounts are accurate, but, Smith is not sure. She will pursue this matter.

Smith will check with the Auditor regarding a debit balance on liability.

Smith will make adjustments regarding CEB expenses in the amended budget.

Stephanie Wallace's CEB check from February was voided because she was unable to attend the meeting. This is how the stipends were set up when the CEB was established. The Mayor will set up a meeting with Smith to review the budget prior to its presentation.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Jobe reports that Mark Rodgers will be spraying weed killer at the park.

Jobe will replace some old, rusted signs.

Milford Baptist Church has some plastic-type equipment for sale. They have lowered the price to \$850.00. The cost to

purchase similar equipment brand new is over \$10,000.00. It is good condition. The equipment is already pulled out of the ground and ready to be moved. Larry Hamant has offered his roll back to assist in moving the equipment to Bromley's park. The equipment would replace the wooden equipment. Jobe will pursue the purchase, removal of old and replacement of new equipment, and mulching for this project.

The portable park equipment will be serviced next week.

Smith will set up a maintenance and fuel account in the budget separate from the park committee budget.

Jobe will pursue replacing the seating on the park bleachers.

Jobe is pursuing soccer practice locations also. SD1 lot may be used.

The Mayor discussed a Farmer's Market and possibly a flea market at the SD1 lot location, possibly to be set up one time per month. Kenton County Conservation will be contacted to see if they can advertise for us. A food truck is another possibility. The Attorney felt that no ordinance was necessary for this to take place. He feels the only thing necessary is to get the approval of SD1.

Bicyclists have asked for a spot on SD1 lot for parking and to change clothes.

LICENSE COMMITTEE

Rob has no report.

Grimes wants to know what we can do to get sticker fees paid. If the fee is increased more people will not pay. Rob will contact Gabrielle Summe's office to see what more can be done, besides adding the \$30.00 penalty, to collect the fees.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Grimes contacted FEMA and gave them Steve Hensley's name as a person who could comment on the working relationship between FEMA and the City of Bromley.

Grimes has signed renewal paperwork for Workman's Comp. She informed them that our fiscal year payroll is unknown until July 1st.

Smith moves that Grimes be given approval to purchase the cameras for the park at a cost of \$3,292.65. Denham seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. This motion is being made because the camera order with an invoice is a requirement in order for the City to obtain the approved grant money from KLC for this project in the amount of \$1,600.00. If no proof of purchase is presented we lose the grant money. In order for LPD to have access to the cameras they need a website with an IP address. The cameras are from ADT.

Grimes moves to accept all committee reports as presented. Denham seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

PARADE

The Mayor and Chief Johnson are working on getting the Color Guard to participate.

The Mayor would be grateful for any suggestions. He will begin meeting with groups next week regarding parade matters.

Our fire department will have a hospitality tent for the Memorial Day event this year.

NEWSPAPER AND WEBSITE

Rob has spoken to Greg Rehtin. Greg has given him a contact from TBNK who can put Council information on the public access channel.

Rob will republish information regarding the Citywide yard sale and the large trash collection date.

Supposedly, per Greg, if you have a Google account you can put events on their calendar.

Cincinnati Bell offers service that can backup p.c.'s. The cost is about \$5.00 per month. Rob will pursue.

Greg has suggested that the new business and other businesses may want to advertise on the City's website which could help to defray any operating expenses.

Grimes moves that a \$100.00 gift certificate be purchased for Greg Rechten as a thank you for all of his assistance to the City. Rob seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

SECOND CITIZEN REPORT

Larry Hamant asks if the contractors for the Water District are going to do any replacement work to the road. The contractors will not do replacement work unless ordered to do so from the State. The Mayor stated that in the original design they were to do curb to curb replacement on the State Route and they got away with only doing restoration. The only requirement they had for Pleasant Street was restoration to a trench cut. The Attorney felt that Bromley has a lengthy ordinance in place that requires specific replacement procedures when road work is done. Denham feels that we need to review this ordinance.

Larry Hamant suggests that someone look at Hayward near his business as there are cracks in that road. The Mayor stated that, at a NKAPC meeting, subdivision codes were being reviewed regarding maintenance of the upper surfaces of the roads by the cities. Cracks, etc., need to be filled and other surface work done to prevent erosion beneath the surface of the street. The Mayor suggests that we need to do under drains the next time we redo one of the City streets.

OLD BUSINESS

Rob contacted Jerry Knochelmann from the Court House at the request of the Mayor. He was to get information regarding the preparation and collection of our property taxes through the County. Rob used our budget figure of \$65,609 for property taxes. We pay our tax preparer \$715.00 per year. County has to charge at least 1 1/2% and can charge up to 4 1/2% as their fee, based on this budget figure. Using the 1 1/2% they would get \$984.00 which could go up to over \$2,000, depending on the percentage they want to charge. If we have a \$400 delinquent bill and charge 25% penalty the bill is now \$500. With 1% monthly interest we could get that bill up to \$560. Our Attorney gets about \$115 if collected (penalty and some interest) and the City still gets the tax bill's original amount plus possibly \$45 extra. Rob feels the County would charge more.

Our Attorney is not ignoring our delinquencies. Foreclosures are filed when required. They seem like a lot because several are multiple years. The general consensus is to leave things as they are at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob has checked on the "Paint The Town" program. According to his source, the Ludlow/Bromley area is very much on their radar. They will probably do work in Ohio this year, but we are a possibility for 2013. Rob will continue to pursue.

Grimes and Denham will not be at the June meeting. Dan, Rob and the Clerk will not be at the meeting in April, but there will still be quorum and the Mayor will tape record the meeting. The July meeting may need to be changed as it falls on the 4th.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

BILLS

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

The Mayor stated that a good chunk of money was approved for spending this month, but it is well-appropriated.

Grimes moves to adjourn. Smith seconds. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

MAYOR _____ CLERK _____