

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

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

### **MINUTES**

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

### **FIRST CITIZEN REPORT**

Tina Donahue, a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, was present requesting a stand-alone, weighted, removable parking space for the church. The sign could possibly state that the space is to be used between the hours of 9:30 a.m and 12:30 p.m. Grimes moves that this be allowed if permission is obtained from TANK by the church and given to Mayor Radford. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. Chief Weaver stated that there would be no issue with fire department equipment.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

An updated report from the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) is available in the office for review.

A closing was held on 15 Shelby. A new porch and sewer tap were added. The City could not recover any money on this property as it went through HUD. Schutzman has issued permits for work.

A closing was to be held on 12 Shelby. Both Mr. Vocke and Schutzman called as there is a lien on the property and fees are due to the Attorney in the amount of close to \$5,000.00. Schutzman will cite anyone who purchases this property on the Courthouse steps.

There is a problem with leaking through two floors at 200 Boone. There are children in the downstairs apartment. Schutzman will work on this matter with Dennis Elrod, the owner. The CEB has issued three citations.

Mr. VonLehman, owner of 1757 Highwater, came to Council a year or so ago, had no occupational license for work, no rental license and no other permits. This is being pursued by Schutzman. On March 17<sup>th</sup>. he went to the property. Those working at the location spoke no English. He noticed exposed wires and issued a citation. This matter will go through our Attorney. There was a boat, car and trash in the yard.

Schutzman stated that 1754 Highwater Road is owned by three different people. The Police removed someone from this location due to some criminal activity.

Per Schutzman, 218 Boone is vacant. There is a boat in the driveway and high grass. Schutzman will knock on the door when he is in town and will give notice. He can't do anything more unless the neighbors begin to complain.

**At this point, Mayor Radford introduced Chief Rob Dreyer to Council and those present. He is the newly appointed Chief of the Fire Department in Ludlow. Chief Dreyer said a few words prior to leaving the meeting.**

## LAW COMMITTEE

Ludlow Police Department (LPD) report is available in the office for review. Chief Ben Johnson reported that there were no issues from the Safety Committee this month. The "miscellaneous others" on the report refers to a number of items combined as there are too many to mention individually.

Mayor Radford reported that Park Hills Council voted to accept the proposed police contract between Bromley and Park Hills and he asks that Bromley vote to move in favor or not in favor of the issue this evening. Park Hills Police (PHP) Chief, Cody Stanley and Mayor Catchen are both present tonight to discuss this matter.

Grimes felt that the \$32.00 rate (this being the lowest) and the \$52.00 rate (being the highest) for any overtime work should be acceptable by a vote from Park Hills or Bromley.

Chief Stanley stated that his rate was the \$52.00 per hour and he would not work on a special duty project as his fee is too high. He would assign the duty to a part-time officer.

Grimes did not approve of the section stating that all matters go through the Mayors as they have no police background and neither do Council members. Mayor Radford stated that the clause about police matters going through the Mayors was in the LPD contract for years. Grimes stated that we did not pay LPD for extra services. Chief Stanley stated that overtime pay would only be expected if an officer exceeded his forty-hour per week shift and he did not anticipate this happening.

Chief Stanley stated that there would be constant patrol all of the time. He currently has four part-time officers and is planning on hiring two more. It is possible that overtime would come into play if PHP were asked to work extra hours writing tickets, watching stop signs or working a festival.

The Attorney stated that if an officer worked two or three hours of overtime Bromley would only get charged for that two or three hours and nothing more. Chief Stanley stated that if a detective exceeded his forty hours on a Bromley case Bromley would be charged for the amount of overtime hours worked by that detective. The Chief can schedule an officer if there is a speeding problem possibly without any overtime being charged at all.

Jobe wanted to know if Mayor Radford would have to approve overtime. Grimes feels that our Mayor should be called if it looks like an office would exceed his forty hours.

The Chief stated that PHP has no crime scene department and cannot provide specialized detective work. Mayor Radford stated that Kenton County provides these services at no charge.

Mayor Radford wanted to know why Grimes had so many questions now. Her answer was that she has received numerous calls from concerned citizens regarding this matter.

Chief Stanley informed Jobe that he has with him a detailed spreadsheet regarding overtime rates. Off-duty officers being hired is considered to be special duty and fees would apply. Overtime fees are built in for when a crisis arises. Chief Stanley stated that if his department was working on a crisis in both cities Bromley would

not be charged extra fees unless it was obvious that the work was Bromley-related. PHP has two officers on duty from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 a.m. every day. Chief Stanley stated that if Bromley feels they are not patrolling enough he will amend the situation.

Mayor Catchen stated that Bromley would not be charged any overtime unless Bromley would request extra help.

Chief Stanley stated that it would be discussed if a lot of manpower was needed and it would be very rare to get to the point where overtime was used. Their detective works forty hours and works on his own schedule. The hours are flexible.

Grimes asked Chief Stanley what he would do for backup as Chief Goodenough from Villa Hills and Chief Johnson from Ludlow have been heard to say that they would not provide backup service. Chief Stanley stated that he did not believe that this would be the case with Chief Goodenough. Chief Johnson stated that LPD will only backup PHP in the event of an injury or if someone is killed. Chief Stanley stated that Covington would back them up and they can take care of themselves.

**Denham moved to accept the contract with PHP for police protection. Smith seconds. Roll call: Jobe-no, Grimes-no, Dan-yes, Rob-yes, Denham-yes, Smith-yes. The motion carried.** The Attorney stated that, as of July 1, 2012, PHP will take over police services for Bromley. Park Hills will submit all paperwork relating to this matter to the office of the Attorney General.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Dan and Rob met with Chief Weaver regarding the 2012-2013 contract. As we have reached the \$60,000.00 point the CPI rate, which is currently 2.2, will be imposed allowing for an increase of \$1,323.00. The only question that arose was what will happen if ALS comes in and takes the squad away. The fire department can still offer BLS but cannot offer paramedic services. Rob has spoken with the Attorney about an exit clause in the event that ALS takes the squad.

Grimes reported on ALs at this point. She has met with Rural Metro and Ludlow Fire Department together. Crescent Springs is going ALS. They discussed the possibility of the three departments going together to provide ALS services. Crescent Springs is not interested. Crescent Springs hopes to go ALS by October. The Attorney is working with Grimes regarding the current Rural Metro contract. Other departments have opted out. Bromley has not. Mr. Vocke feels that Rural Metro will have a hard time proving that they should get paid for services that they are not providing. Grimes stated that Bromley does have protection from Rural Metro through June. Grimes has spoken to Chief Dreyer from Ludlow and Crescent Springs would like to talk to Bromley. Another meeting is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. with Rural Metro. Ludlow will not attend. Grimes will set up appointments with Ludlow and Crescent Springs. She will make a recommendation next month. She will use the \$8,000 that is in our budget as a base figure.

#### **HALL COMMITTEE**

Dan reported that the hall is not rented to date for May.

Recent heavy rains caused some flooding in the building. Mark Rodgers cleaned off the gutter guards. He reported a rubber piece that needed to be glued on the roof. He will take care of this. Dan would like to purchase a wet/dry vacuum for the basement. There is no drain in the main hall and it is difficult to clean up the water with a mop.

**ROAD AND LIGHT**

Denham has Paul Bledsoe in town working on curbs. The work should be completed by the end of the week. He may not have the funds to do more curb work at this time.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Attorney stated that a check was received from Allstate for the damage done to the City entry sign on River Road.

A tangible tax issue was resolved and taxes were received by the City after the Attorney spoke to Mike Baker from the Revenue Cabinet and sent him a copy of the City ordinance regarding this matter.

The Attorney read Ordinance 4-1-12 for the second time. This ordinance changes both the June and July Council meetings to the second Wednesday of the month. Smith moves to accept this reading. Jobe seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Traft property is scheduled to be sold at the Courthouse on June 5<sup>th</sup>. at 10:00 a.m. Grimes moves to allow the Attorney to bid \$3,700.00 on this property in behalf of the City in an attempt to retrieve money that is due to Bromley. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Resolution 5-1-12 which allows Bromley to enter into an interlocal agreement with Park Hills Police Department. Smith moves to accept this Resolution. Dan seconds. Roll call: Grimes and Jobe vote no. Smith, Denham, Rob and Dan vote aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney reported that every time that he tries to take action on 238 Boone someone files a motion and stops the process. He would like to have the resident move out of the property before he contacts Mr. Baker's Attorney again.

**MAYOR'S MEETING**

Denham attended the Mayor's meeting for the Mayor and the main topic of discussion was that NKAP is raising rates on everything. They will divide expenses and pass the cost on to those using their services.

**WAYS AND MEANS**

Smith has prepared a draft budget. She believes that we may be \$20,00 over budget for this fiscal year. Figures for different line items were discussed. Smith asks that spending be held to a minimum for the next two months. Smith anticipates expenditures for the 2012-13 fiscal year to be \$340,000.00. The current budget will be amended at the end of the fiscal year. In order to keep from losing income, Smith would like to increase the tax rate from .261 to .266 per \$100.00. The tax revenue will increase by about \$1,100.00 if this is done. She can go as high as .271 and not exceed the 4% increase allowed by KRS. Smith has increased the Park and Playground

budget to \$1,500.00. She has added a line item for the "public works" department allowing for \$600.00 for truck maintenance and \$600.00 for fuel. The Police contract will increase by approximately \$4,230 so Smith budgeted \$5,000 allowing for some overtime fees. Fire department fees will increase about \$1,300 based on the 2.2 CPI figures, ALS is staying at \$8,285. \$13,000 has been budgeted from the Municipal Aid fund for snow removal and \$6,200 is for maintenance and repairs. \$16,000 will have to be paid back to the general for the last payment for the work done on Main Street. Grimes has asked for money for matching grants. Smith will add \$3,000.00 to the budget for this line item. The Mayor stated that there appears to be \$13,369

in the Municipal Aid fund. Smith wants to hold some money in reserve for a possible bad winter. **Grimes moves that we adopt the budget and the tax rate as proposed. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.**

The Attorney read Ordinance 5-1-12 for the first time. This ordinance approves the 2012-13 budget. Smith moves to accept this reading. Dan seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Ordinance 5-2-12 for the first time. This ordinance establishes a tax rate of .266 per \$100.00 for 2012-13. Smith moves to accept this reading. Rob seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The next reading of these ordinances will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. (the rescheduled meeting date).

#### **PARK AND PLAYGROUND**

Jobe reports that a new mower was purchased for the park. The tractor will be used to drag the ball field. The part for the tractor is on order. Smith stated that the mower had been purchased under an emergency clause so no bids will be brought before Council. Per Jobe, all other grass cutting equipment is operating fine.

The cameras have been installed. There is a problem. ADT will be looking at the software.

The person who bid on the train and fire truck at the park will be picking these items up soon.

Mark Rodgers has been working with the inmates. They have been helping at the park and with street cleaning. He should have them again tomorrow or Friday.

Credit cards for the purchase of gasoline have been approved and are being used.

Jobe moves that he be allowed to purchase an LED light for the City truck. (He will get bids and bring them to the June meeting. He anticipates spending \$200.00). Grimes seconds. Roll call: five ayes. Smith votes no. The motion carried.

#### **LICENSE COMMITTEE**

Rob has no report at this time.

#### **INSURANCE AND GRANTS**

The Clerk will complete a form for FEMA for Grimes. The Mayor has signed this form.

Grimes has submitted a bill for insurance for the truck in the amount of \$491.00.

Mayor Radford stated that NKADD has put possible grant funds for the sewage system on River Road in the “on hold” file at the present time.

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

#### **PARADE COMMITTEE**

A meeting will be held next week. Grimes will be out of town. Paula Graszus, Cindy Powell, Rob and the Mayor met. Major Jefferson wanted a letter on the City’s letterhead regarding the Color Guard. Rick Robinson will be the guest speaker. Robert Hauck will be the Grand Marshall. The Mayor will meet with Chief Weaver regarding placement for the food and the tent. The Bromley Vets have donated \$150.00 for this event. Grimes mentioned that the City made a donation in the past. No action was taken at this time regarding this matter.

#### **NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE**

Rob asks for any articles for the June edition of the newspaper. He will mention the recycling bin located on Pike at Steve Tanner. He will also mention that citizens should clean up grass clippings. Rob will also advertise that, per order of the Judge Executive, there is to be no open burning from May 1<sup>st</sup>. through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Small campfires are permitted.

The website would like to give City businesses the opportunity to advertise. A small fee of \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 per year would be required.

The Citywide yard sale will be held this weekend due to a rainout last weekend. The large trash day will be held on Saturday-May 12<sup>th</sup>. Both events have been advertised in the local paper several times.

#### **SECOND CITIZEN REPORT**

Jerry Elliott, 7 Shelby Street, complained about the vacant house next door (9 Shelby). The property was abandoned several months ago. Schutzman was informed by the Clerk about this complaint when Mr. Elliott came into the City building a couple of months ago, per the Clerk. According to Mr. Elliott a section of roof has collapsed (daylight can be seen through the opening), mold is growing inside and field mice and rats are present. The Mayor will follow up with Schutzman and copy Mr. Elliott an email. Mr. Elliott wanted to know why Bromley could not get grant money to assist people in fixing up their properties. The Attorney stated that Bromley should be part of a consortium with Covington and several other river cities. The Mayor stated that Bromley pulled out of the consortium and he has written a letter asking that we be accepted back in.

Rob will pursue the “paint the town” project to see if we can get assistance through that organization. Toyota and Kroger are involved with this program.

#### **THERE IS NO OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor thanked Chief Johnson for LPD’s service to Bromley and informed him that the decision to go with PHP was strictly a business decision.

Jobe reported that dirt was dropped off at the ball park. We may be getting a bill for the dirt, but Howard Gaiser spread it out and Mark Rodgers dragged the field.

**THERE ARE NO COMMUNICATIONS**

**BILLS**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLERK** \_\_\_\_\_