

The regular City Council meeting began at 6:40 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Officers answering to roll call: Mike Kendall, Larry Hamant, Nancy Kienker, Mayor Jobe, Mike Denham, Tim Wartman and Gail Smith. All members are present. Attorney Vocke is also present.

Denham moves to accept the minutes from the June 2017 meeting. Smith stated that the Clerk was unable to determine, from the recorder, who made a motion on the vote to allow Kendall to sign the Fire Department contract and she asks for a new motion. Smith moves that Mike Kendall be permitted to sign the City/Bromley Fire Department contract. Kienker seconds. Roll call: 5 ayes. Kendall abstains. The motion carried.

Smith seconds the motion to accept the June 2017 minutes with the change. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

NO CITIZEN INPUT

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Joe Schutzman is absent.

The Code Enforcement Board (CEB) continues to monitor blighted properties while the Mayor and Council are looking into different avenues to pursue this matter in a manner that best suits the City.

Kendall reports that Schutzman was on site at the new Eatery. The fire suppression system was inspected. Kendall heard nothing negative from Schutzman. The hood has been delivered and is ready to be set.

Smith asked about the flower boxes that have been set in front of the property and asks if they are on the right-of-way. Kienker believes there was always some type of rock display around the bushes.

Smith said that it was brought to her attention that Kienker had requested that she (Smith) not be included when plans for the Eatery were sent out to Council members. Kienker stated that this was not true. She wants Smith to have a copy of the plan. Kienker felt that it was not fair, in the past, when meetings were held and all Council members were not involved and she does not want this to happen again. She just did not want Smith to be the sole Council person involved.

Kienker was told that Schutzman was at the Eatery a couple of Saturdays ago for over an hour and a half and went over everything. Kendall questioned the more stringent requirements being imposed on the owner. Kendall assumed it was due to the changes in the kitchen, which was the case, and Kendall feels that, if the new owner meets all requirements imposed by the Building Inspector, he should not be made to do any more than that based on any conditions that may have been in place during the occupancy of the previous owner. The Mayor agrees with this conclusion and that is the reason that he has asked Kendall to shadow Schutzman in regards to this business.

Kendall got the impression from Schutzman that the owner is meeting requirements and doing nothing wrong.

There is still a matter of a beer license and an occupancy rating. Per the Mayor, everything seems to be on the up and up.

The Mayor asks that the owner of the Eatery be contacted and a possible meeting be set at some point this Saturday.

Kendall moves that we allow the business to open, based on Schutzman's approval (including all inspections, licensing, etc.) and, as part of the motion, there be communication between the Mayor, Council and Schutzman. Denham seconds. Roll call: 5 ayes. Kienker abstains. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Stanley is absent.

The Chief reported to Mayor Jobe that nothing major is going on at the present time.

Bob France, Public Works, contacted dispatch due to an attempted break in at the park garage. A report is in the works and France will be replacing the lock.

Rick Grigson has been rehired.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

The fire department is in the process of getting rid of the license for the squad. In the process of submitting the paperwork an issue arose in regards to territory designation. When trying to remove the license the territory involved appeared to belong to Bromley. The KBEMS says that the territory has to be transferred to the department covering the territory for Bromley. The Mayor stated that, when the territories divided, the license went to the fire department because the City did not own the department.

Denham would like to have this in writing. He is not in favor of allowing this to happen. Denham asks if the Attorney can draw up a contract stating the Crescent/Villa will return the territory to our City department if we ever break the ALS contract between Bromley and Crescent/ Villa Fire Authority. The Attorney stated that he can prepare an amendment to the contract stating that if the current contract is cancelled the territory would revert back to Bromley. The Attorney will pursue this matter. The Mayor believes that another City can ask for the territory.

Hamant was informed that the City of Bromley would have to purchase all assets, etc. from the Fire Department in order to take it over.

Smith reports that Crescent/Villa raised the contract by 2 ½%, allowed in the contract, for an increase of approximately \$62.00 per month.

The Mayor will obtain a copy of the fire department budget at the request of Kendall.

HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Hamant reports that work has been done on the gutters.

Hamant will try to hire someone to repair the light in the Council chambers

Hamant will obtain prices on two new chairs for the Council table. Smith stated that \$1,500.00 is available under office supplies.

ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT

Denham reports that the electric work is complete at the park garage building. Duke Energy will finish tying in the electric to the service.

France reports that nothing was taken from the garage when someone attempted to break into that building.

Denham reports that 214 Pleasant Street will come down. Denham will inform Council of the date and time, which he is to obtain on Monday.

Hamant asks if the old trolley tracks in front of Denham's house can be patched. Bob France feels that blacktop patch will not work. The job will require more excavation.

Hamant was informed that the road and stop sign project is being pursued.

Hamant asked why the entire town was not notified of the City's suggestion to turn the one-way sections of Shelby Street into two-way traffic. Smith stated that only those who would be affected by the change were notified. It was suggested that, in the next newsletter, all citizens could be asked for their opinion to be sent to the City via letter.

Smith was approached in regards to parking on Boone Street. Kendall stated that a new resident has seven vehicles. Kendall will ask Dennis Elrod about residents of his building being made to park in the lot at the rear of the old school building off of Shelby Street.

France asks if it is financially possible for him to purchase a trimmer (\$150). The Mayor suggests that the trimmer be paid for from both the Park and Road Committee budgets. He was given permission to pursue this matter as there is \$3,000 budgeted in his Committee.

It was reported that residents are parking vehicles in the alleyway between Pike and Shelby Streets as well as using the City's lot as an egress where the Woods' property was removed.

The Attorney will pursue the matter of preparing a letter to be sent to the properties that abut these areas (the alleyway and the Woods' property).

The Mayor has given Bob France permission to drive his vehicle into the park, and park at the garage, as it pertains to his job with the City.

MAIN STREET PROJECT

Kendall will meet next week with Duke Energy to see what the holdup is in regards to the Main Street Project. They have been given the go ahead on the design for the street lights and we have asked for a price estimate based on the design and have had no response.

Kendall stated that the original 50/50 estimate between the City and SD1, regarding the storm water problem, was determined to be low by the engineer for SD1 and they would like to raise the estimate to \$45,600.00 (to make sure the SD1 budget will allow enough money for the job). Based on how the bids come in we may be able to add some trees at the location.

Kendall stated that outlets can be added to the poles that are to be installed by Duke Energy. The Mayor was told, by Duke, that the Contractor would add the outlets if we want them.

Kendall was asked to have a survey done on the Moore & Rohman location to determine what, if any, responsibility belonged to the City in regards to the drainage issue. Berling did some research (at a small cost) and, using that information, Kendall has drawn up a plan that he feels will show that the City may be responsible only for a 146 foot section (he personally feels that the City has no responsibility).

Kendall suggests that we hold off on the actual survey for the time being. The Mayor reports that the Water District has a major \$1,000,000.00 project taking place at the present time and they have been digging out the hillside, putting up retention walls, and installing new drainage pipes.

There has already been some damage to Moore Street due to this drainage situation.

The drain near the bottom of the Mayor's hill has been filled in for years. Kendall stated that this is not what is causing the problem but it is not helping the situation either.

No survey will be done at this time.

Kendall has gotten a comparison price on street sweeping from Ludlow. That City pays \$5,000 per year which includes one sweep of Route 8. Their employees are responsible for posting "no parking" signs during street sweeping. They have purchased attachments to their equipment to continue the process of cleaning the streets throughout the year. Kendall feels that the lease to purchase over a 36 month period is the most attractive option other than outright purchasing the piece of equipment. The Mayor

asks why we do not keep the Bobcat and purchase an attachment to do the job as the Bobcat can be used in other capacities as well. Denham stated that an experienced operator is needed to run the Bobcat. Smith asks why we couldn't just rent a Bobcat with an attachment several times per year to clean the streets. Bob France stated that, if the City is unwilling to purchase the equipment, he will just continue to clean sections of the streets 3-4 times per week. Smith feels that, if we want a Public Works Department, we need to be able to supply that department with equipment necessary to do the job properly.

Smith moves that we purchase the street sweeper under the "lease to purchase" option over a 36 month period, contingent on the sale of the Bobcat. Wartman seconds. Roll call: 5 ayes. Hamant votes no. The motion carried. Kendall will pursue this matter.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney is in the process of obtaining all required signatures on the Park Hills Police contract so that he can send the paperwork to the State in order to obtain HB 413 funding.

The Attorney and Chief Stanley are still in the process of locating the accident reports regarding the guardrail and the pole on Steve Tanner and Pike.

NO MAYOR'S REPORT

Hamant asks who complained to the Mayor regarding some concrete work being done at his (Hamant's) business location. The Mayor stated that Doug Adams felt that Hamant needed permits for the work that is being done. Hamant believes that no permit is necessary as he is replacing something that is already there. The Mayor stated that another complaint was that Hamant was using a residential property to expand his business and causing a blight condition as he is parking 4-5 cars on that property. The Attorney will pursue this matter.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Smith reports that there is no General Fund report due to delays on end-of-year deposits.

The Road Fund budgeted \$24,000.00 and has taken in \$29,000.00.

The Municipal Aid Fund has budgeted \$14,000.00 and received \$16,000.00. \$10,000.00 has been spent from this account.

Rhonda Seibert has been hired to help close out yearend accounts. The Mayor asks that Ms. Seibert's emails be sent out separately so that she is unable to see other email word exchanges.

Kendall and Smith met with a KLC representative a week or so ago and discussed bonding of people who handle money in the office. Bonding needs to be set in place. The Mayor is able to sign the insurance policy but bonding is a separate issue. The Attorney will check to see if there is an ordinance in place regarding this matter.

Denham stated that he will look at pricing for the repair of several streets and alleys that are in bad shape. Grants that were available at one time are no longer available. In the past, Dave Radford secured a USDA loan and all streets were repaired. That loan charged only 1% interest. Denham will ask Radford how he went about obtaining the loan.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT

Wartman reports that he, France and Kendall worked to distribute the mulch at the park and the spreading of the dirt on the baseball field.

Wartman will pursue the painting of the new garage building (anti-graffiti paint was suggested). France extended the retainers in the play area and more mulch will be needed at this location.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Kendall reports that NKADD will study the City and come up with a vision plan that will meet Bromley’s needs. The cost to move forward is \$2,475.00. Their plan will give us some direction. They do the study and try to find grants that meet our needs. Kendall moves that the City spend the \$2,475.00 and move forward with the plan. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Kendall reports that he is attempting to get church volunteers to deliver “Bromley hates Heroin” door hangers. The scheduled date is August 26th. Signs are supplied.

Hamant asks that the Attorney draft a letter to be signed by the Mayor and delivered, with the ordinance, to persons who blow their grass clippings into the street and do not clean up the debris.

Kendall will find out if the City is still under lease with SD1 on the lot where the dumpster was located. The Mayor stated that the concrete is in bad condition and it could cause a safety hazard.

COMMUNICATIONS

Smith moves that the City buy a \$25.00 gift card for the Kenton County Senior Picnic. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

BILLS

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

Smith moves to adjourn. Denham seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____

