

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Roll call: Mayor Denham, Mike Kendall, Dianne Wartman, Nancy Kienker, Attorney Vocke, Tim Wartman and Gail Smith. Dave Radford is absent.

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

The Bromley Veterans, Chuck Pierce and Ken Due, addressed the Mayor and Council. This group has decided to disband. There are only three active members remaining (Joe Cross is absent). They have taken their financial assets and are presenting a check to the City of Bromley in the amount of \$14,205.77 to be used to maintain the memorial which was dedicated in 1946 (a copy of the memorial dedication was given to the City).

Mayor Denham thanked the Bromley Veterans for this donation to the City which will be used to maintain the memorial site. The Bromley Veterans exited the meeting at this time.

The Mayor would like to dedicate a plaque to the last three members of this organization. Dianne will pursue the purchase of a plaque.

The Mayor opened the one sealed bid received by the City of Bromley regarding the sale of the Telecommunications franchise.

The bid is from Mcimetro Transmission Services, LLC. The Attorney stated that the City of Bromley adopted a Resolution last month regarding this bid process. This company has already paid a fee in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Attorney stated that he would contact Verizon and review the model agreement and prepare an ordinance regarding this matter.

#### **CITIZEN REPORT**

Charlie Foulks asks once again about the City taxes. He was informed that Bromley taxes will be based on a fiscal year as has been the policy in the past. Trash collection is being billed to citizens separately on a quarterly basis by Rumpke. Assessments are provided by PVA on a calendar-year basis. Tax bills for Kenton County and Bromley will be combined and billed together.

#### **PDS REPORT**

Smith was approached by a woman on Kenton Street regarding a tiny home. Smith contacted Rob Himes from PDS who informed her that a tiny home with wheels is considered an RV and cannot be lived in. Without wheels it is considered a manufactured home and Bromley, per Himes, is not zoned to permit this type of dwelling. Per Smith, Bromley does not have an ordinance to support it either.

Ft. Mitchell has an ordinance regarding manufactured homes. The stipulations of this ordinance are:

- 1) Have to be manufactured after 2002.
- 2) Minimum of 900 square feet.
- 3) 20 feet wide.
- 4) Placed on a permanent foundation.
- 5) Meet evaluations of other homes in the area.

Smith, personally, does not want to go down that route.

Dianne stated that Bromley has a number of lots that are just sitting vacant. This idea may give people an opportunity to have a place to live who might otherwise not be able to afford something else and who want to stay in Bromley.

The Mayor stated that, if we decide to pursue this avenue, we need to draft an ordinance that requires the homes to have water and sewer lines. He further stated that we need to make sure that the buyer is also the person that will reside in the property and that the homes not be used as rental properties. Kienker suggests that some of the vacant homes that need to be rehabbed could be fixed up and used by people who may need a place to live.

Smith stated that 1 Pike Street is a vacant home with over \$52,000.00 due in CEB fees, delinquent taxes, etc. and is in flood zone where restrictions apply and, if the house is more than 50% gone, it cannot be rehabbed.

Smith explained to Kienker that a prefabricated home is built in the factory, brought into a City, and then put together on site.

The Attorney will check with PDS regarding restrictions.

Dianne will research this matter for the City. The existing trailers are grandfathered in so they can be updated, but not replaced.

The Mayor would like to make sure that, if we proceed, the homes are not used as rental properties.

Smith feels that the City needs to set foreclosure limitations on properties so that fees do not get as high as the ones at 1 Pike Street (\$52,000.00). She recommended \$10,000.00 as the threshold.

Kendall stated that the Lien Committee did recommend \$10,000.00 as the threshold mark after which time the foreclosure process begins.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

Chief Stanley informed Smith that the Park Hills Council will be getting back with him in regards to collecting citations for Bromley. They would prefer not to handle cash transactions.

Covington Police recovered a stolen trailer at the corner of Rohman and Pike.

Our speed control sign has been purchased but has not been delivered.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Denham is working with BFD in regards to vacating the building.

#### **HALL COMMITTEE REPORT/DIANNE HAS THANKED LUDLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR REMOVING THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

#### **ROAD AND LIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Kendall made a report for Radford.

- 1) Radford spoke with Duke Energy regarding frequent power outages. Duke's response was that the outages were not scheduled maintenance but were a few common outages within a short time frame.
- 2) Radford is finalizing the process of obtaining bids for snow removal for the upcoming season.
- 3) Radford has contacted the Ludlow Historical Museum re: the trophies in the basement hall. He has received no response from them.

Bob France, Public Works, reports that he and Radford hand-dug the hole for the post at Hayward and River Road using a foam rubber material to keep the post in place. France filled the hole with dirt and concrete.

France reports that the next post to be replaced will be at Pleasant and Pike Streets. He will try to remove the old post using the tractor.

France stated that he owns some equipment that the City is welcome to use as opposed to purchasing the equipment which will not be used often.

France will purchase equipment as needed if the budget allows. He can also rent equipment.

France thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to keep a well-stocked garage.

Smith stated that France provides and updates an itinerary of stock in the garage. It is filed in the office.

Larry Hamant reported a stop sign that was loose. France will make repairs.

Kendall stated that Radford was obtaining bids for snow removal. He believes that Radford is not checking on fees for grass cutting at this time.

Kienker reports that parked vehicles are causing visibility problems coming from Kenton onto Main.

France reports the same issue from Moore onto Main.

An accident is inevitable.

Smith suggests that vehicles be made to park on the east side of Main and eliminate the parking on the west side.

It was also suggested that stop signs on Main Street might help the situation. Traffic mirrors might help as well. Chief Stanley will check with the State in regards to stop signs.

Kendall stated that sidewalks are going to be installed on the east side of Main. If stop signs are installed we will need crosswalks.

#### **LUDLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Chief is not available due to a death in the family.

This report is available in the office for review.

LFD thanked Bromley for the use of their hall for a CPR class that was well-attended.

LFD will change out the banners at the request of Kienker.

#### **NO LICENSE REPORT**

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Vocke contacted Attorney Wheatley, BFD Attorney, regarding the transfer of their license to LFD. He received no response. Mr. Vocke replied that an audit can be done as BFD does not meet the requirements needed to hold the license. Kendall will pursue this matter.

The Attorney is looking into a claim from the owner of 117 Rohman who states that he took care of liens on this property before any action was necessary. The Attorney will review old Code Enforcement Board minutes. Smith stated that the State still has those records. The Attorney suggests that the City release the lien on 117 Rohman.

Smith moves that the lien be released on 117 Rohman. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney will hold the ordinance regarding the date changes for rental licenses. Smith is still checking on the County's delinquent tax dates.

Smith has contacted Cincinnati Bell regarding a 5% charge for "government video service provider fees" that we, as citizens, are being charged. Cincinnati Bell informed her that this is a monthly video charge that is determined by the municipality in which you reside. She does not ever recall the City passing an ordinance for such a fee. She is going to contact the Legal Department and ask that they provide a copy

of this ordinance. The Attorney stated that the City should be receiving this collected fee from Cincinnati Bell and we are not.

Smith and Dianne have been reviewing City ordinances and will meet with the Attorney in regards to codification.

Smith stated that they came across some fees regarding Alcoholic Beverage Licensing. The Attorney stated that there has been a Comprehensive Liquor License change. He will pursue this matter.

**WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

Smith has no written report at this time.

VanGorder is sending someone down on the 17<sup>th</sup>. to assist with the payroll.

**PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT**

The swing is in. Tim has ordered some floor mats for under the swing. Other material was getting kicked out.

A 12' X 18' slab of concrete will be poured next to the play area and a canopy and picnic table will be installed.

**NO INSURANCE OR GRANT REPORTS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Kendall reports a Main Street delay due to Duke's requirement to submit for a lighting permit through the State. Frankfort has been reviewing this and has come up with some issues regarding the design. Kendall, Palmer and Duke met last Thursday to go over some of the issues.

Prior to this, Kendall and Will, from Palmer, tried to get the State to divide the project into two pieces, primarily because the wall at 305 Main Street continues to move. Another reason for requesting two phases was that Duke's permit delay could push everything into next year.

Will approached Nikki from District 6 and presented the idea of two phases for the project. She said that this would be feasible.

Kendall and Will set up sidewalks, all walls, and storm system as the first piece of the project and let Duke slide into Phase II of next year. This proposal was refused. The primary reason was that conduit is required in the contract for the sidewalks to be provided for Duke. So, they don't want to allow this if Duke's permit is refused.

This brought about the meeting with Duke. One particular issue of the seven items is that the State is requiring a quick electrical disconnect at the base of the lighting poles (requires a pole change from type C to type D) to get the breakaway. Duke has agreed to this change. The State is requiring Duke to provide an electrical disconnect in case a car hits a pole and it goes down it automatically disconnects any live electric. Duke has never had to do this.

Will feels that the person down State is under the impression that, since the project is State-funded and Main Street is a State Highway, the lighting equipment will belong to the State. This is not the case. It will belong to Duke who will be responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement when the project is completed. This request could push Duke's portion of the project well into next year or even kill it (which Kendall does not see happening).

The State is requiring that the existing poles remain and be switched over to LED lighting by Duke. The main reason for this request is the added protection and the lighting scheme.

Duke is putting together a new photometric view so this may clarify some issues. Kendall will stay on top of all of this and try to find out why we have to keep the old poles.

Before the meeting ended Kendall asked about the outlets and banner hangers for the poles. The current design for the poles is 12 feet. No outlets can be put on 12-foot poles. They can put outlets on 17-foot poles which increases the cost and lighting requirements, so the outlets are out. Kendall will keep pushing for the banner hangers. The City, not the State, would pay for the banner hangers.

There is a slim possibility that, if the Duke representative gets the photometric design ready in time to send it to the State, we could get the whole thing out for bid by October 4<sup>th</sup>, if the State approves it, and acceptance of bids by November.

Kendall thinks that the storm water system repair is important. The last estimate was \$45,000.00 which Kendall feels is high. The expense to the City could be \$22,000.00. Kendall stated that the area sits in a valley and overflows several times a year. Repair would eliminate the problem.

Kendall stated that the sewer problem is SD1's responsibility but the reason that they won't fix it today is because it fits their "consent decree plan" for the future and is a low-priority item to them.

Smith brought up the proposed electronic sign for Main and Highwater. She does not see why we should spend \$20,000.00 since we have no fire department, no city taxes, no festival, or any other project worth announcing to the citizens.

Kienker would like to see Easter Egg hunts and other City activities. Tax dollars cannot be used for these types of events, per Smith and the Attorney.

Kendall suggests that the electronic sign project be put on hold for now but not given up on completely.

Smith suggests that the City consider moving the Veteran's Memorial to the vacant lot at Main and Highwater. This idea was liked by several Council members. Dianne will look at possible memorial designs. The Mayor suggests that the names on the monuments be updated.

Dianne has contacted Robin at Rumpke regarding recycling bins that have not been delivered to citizens who have requested them. Robin will continue to pursue this matter for the City.

Kendall stated that a permit application has been submitted for the City entry signs and the information was sent to ASI who will get the order ready for manufacturing.

France has reported a problem with the recycling. Recyclables fall back into the street when the machine begins to crush the items and the items are left in the street. Smith will call our representative.

**NO NEW BUSINESS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

**BILLS**

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

Smith moves to adjourn. Tim seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

