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

Officers answering to roll call: Mayor Denham, Attorney Vocke, Mike Kendall, Reagan France, Dave Radford and Gail Smith. Dianne Wartman and Tim Wartman are absent.

Smith moves to accept the January 2021 minutes. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

### **NO CITIZEN INPUT**

#### **PDS REPORT**

PDS will take over foreclosures once they get to a certain amount.

PDS was increasing lien amounts monthly. They have stopped doing this as it was costing cities quite a bit of money.

# **POLICE REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

The Park Hills Police (PHP) Chief reported that a patient was threatening hospital staff on a recent call. Reagan will report this issue to Mike Steward, Chief of Ludlow Fire Department (LFD), in case there is another call at the location.

There is a parking issue at Pleasant and Shelby (Oak Street). Vehicles are parking in the yellow zones. Radford will pursue posting signs with France (Public Works) at these locations so that PHP can pursue the matter. France usually gets some assistance from Kenton County when installing signs.

The Mayor was told by Larry Hamant that people in a rental property across from his business had assault weapons and SWAT was called. Chief Stanley was not aware of this call. He will check with his officers and report to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Hamant also told the Mayor that it looked like they brought a bunch of guns out of there and arrests were made. This took place about two weeks ago. The address involved is: 427 River Road.

Chief Stanley informed Bob France that PHP cannot go on to private property to cite vehicles with expired temporary tags even if the vehicle is visible from the street.

# **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

Chief Steward was unable to attend this meeting.

## HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dianne is absent.

Dianne contacted Smith to inform her that the gate for the front entrance should be installed by the end of February.

### **ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT**

Radford is looking into projects for the upcoming fiscal year. He would like to have curb work done on the west end of Moore Street.

Alley entrances off of Main Street need to have pothole work done. Radford will wait until after the State finishes the Main Street Project.

The banner on Main at Kenton has been removed and is being repaired.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

There is no objection to France pricing an automatic door opener for the park garage building. The funds are available in his budget.

France reports that the kids are tearing down the netting on the basketball court. He will see that repairs are made when weather permits.

### **NO LICENSE REPORT**

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Attorney presented the Mayor with a check in the amount of \$60,352.82 from the Bromley Volunteer Fire Department's account. Apparently, the Mayor and Council (and Mr. Vocke) have been pursuing this matter for some time. Smith thanked everyone for their help in getting this accomplished. Mr. Vocke submitted a bill in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the job.

Mr. Vocke reported that Donnie Jobe's trial was not held yesterday. A status hearing is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup>. to try and get another Court date. The Supreme Court is hearing cases for incarcerated persons. All others go to the bottom of the list.

The Attorney read Resolution 2-1-21 regarding a request for the State to pass legislation for an increase in transportation funding. Smith moves to accept this resolution. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Ordinance 2-1-21 for the first time. This ordinance asks that persons wishing to hire out for private security services notify PHP giving them, as Bromley's source of Police Protection, the option of providing these services. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney requests that PHP and LFD provide the hours spent by their departments on issues related to 240 Shelby Street. Bob France is to provide his hours as well. Someone is interested in purchasing this property and the Attorney wants to make sure that compensation is paid before the property is sold.

The Attorney has informed Mr. Roseberry, owner of 305 Main Street, that he is expected to pay \$15,000.00 by the end of March towards the total repair cost of the wall at this location. The balance is to be paid in overtime payments. At the request of the Mayor, the Attorney will check to see if a Mechanic's Lien would be an avenue to pursue regarding this matter and the collection of fees paid to repair the wall at 305 Main Street.

The Attorney is still pursuing the delinquent trailer taxes. Owners have changed hands a number of times.

Smith was informed by the Attorney that the City can list delinquent taxes on our Website. Title companies can then use that resource to see if tax bills have been paid.

The Attorney will file liens on the remainder of the delinquent tax bills that have yet to be filed. The Attorney informed the Mayor that the file on the Combs' property has gone missing at the Court House. The Clerk's office is searching for this file.

#### **WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

Smith reports that the ordinance codification process should be completed in two-three weeks. Smith is setting up ACH payments for recurring monthly bills.

Chairpersons are to sign off on invoices related to their committeeS which will be the go-ahead for VanGorder, Walker & Co. Inc. to make payments on behalf of the City of Bromley.

Smith asks that committee chairpersons submit their budget requests. She would like for the first budget ordinance reading to be done at the March meeting.

General fund income: \$201,000. General fund expenses: \$238,000. There is little or no activity in other accounts.

# PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT

Tim is absent. The Mayor will ask Tim about grass cutting for the upcoming season. Hamant has agreed to only do snow removal at this point. The matter of soccer and/or baseball will also be discussed when Tim is available. Smith stated that Hamant has an "Evergreen Clause" in the contract which allows it to keep renewing.

# **NO INSURANCE AND GRANT REPORT**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor informed those present that the Clerk, Janet Gardiner, is retiring at the end of March 2021. Linda Gehrum has been relieved of her duties.

The Mayor would like for Gail Smith to resume the office position of Treasurer/Clerk at the end of March. Smith will submit a resignation from Council at that time.

Radford moves to allow the Mayor to move forward and allow Smith to be appointed as Treasurer/Clerk for the City of Bromley beginning on April 1, 2021. Kendall seconds. Roll call: 3 ayes. Smith abstains from voting. The motion carried.

The Mayor will attempt to fill the vacant Council within thirty days of Smith leaving this position. Smith will be sworn into this new position in April.

The Mayor reported that Mark Rogers had issues with the wall at 305 Main Street. The ground started to give way as he was removing the footer. The Mayor, upon consulting with Attorney Vocke, approved additional funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 to complete the job properly and safely. The total amount for the job will be \$45,000.00.

Smith moves to approve the additional funding for the wall at 305 Main Street. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

<u>Smith moves to accept all committee reports. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.</u>
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

Kendall reports that bids on the sidewalk project are due by Friday. (Main Street Project).

Chief Stanley consulted with two of his officers earlier this evening regarding the matter of guns being found at 427 River Road. Richard was unaware of the event. Jack reported that he was called to the scene but then disregarded. The incident involved a U.S. Marshall who was looking for a man in Boone County. Several people did have guns but nothing was reported about assault weapons or arrests. Chief Stanley may ask that our Mayor send a letter asking that the FBI or U.S. Marshalls notify the local police departments when occurrences take place in their jurisdictions.

## **NO NEW BUSINESS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

**BILLS** Smith moves to pay the bills. Radford seconds. Roll: all aye. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M. on a motion by F	Radford a	nd a second by France.	
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