# Wednesday September 1, 2021-6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Bromley, Kentucky, met in regular session on Wednesday September 1st, 2021, at 6:00 P.M with Mayor Denham presiding.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Mike Kendall, Tim Wartman. Diane Wartman. Matt Wartman. Reagan France and Dave Radford were absent.
- Staff present were Public Works, Bob France; City Clerk, Gail Smith; City Attorney, Kim Vocke. Chief of Police, Cody Stanley, and Ludlow Fire Chief Mike Steward were both absent.

# **Approval of Minutes**

- Mayor Denham asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4th, 2021, regular meeting.
- Michael Kendall motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Tim Wartman
- All members present voted yes.

#### Citizens

No citizen comments were made.

### **PDS**

- Mike Kendall reported the first Z21 meeting was held and was attended by the city clerk and himself. He informed the council it was more of an informational meeting with a couple of actions taken on several discussion points.
- A discussion was had regarding the price point at which the city should begin foreclosing on blighted property. Mike Kendall will report back to the council with information previously discussed last year regarding this matter.
- The attorney requested a list of liens that have been filed by PDS. Matthew Wartman will request this information from PDS.
- The attorney explained to Bob France and city council the legal proceedings that have occurred related to the property at 227 Shelby St. The attorney stated the tax collection agency is requesting \$1,500.00 from the city to turn over the title. The city will not pay this fee. The attorney is going to contact the tax collection agency and inform them he will be contacting the master commissioner to have a deed issued to the city at which time the city will pursue collection of the taxes and liens from the tax agency. He feels the tax agency will drop the request and turn the property over to the city.
- Matthew Wartman inquired about the city issuing forgivable loans to persons to encourage home ownership. The attorney stated you can't tie up a property forever but if someone agrees to fix up a property you could have them stay a minimum of five years or an agreeable number of years.

## **POLICE**

No Report

# FIRE/EMS

• Mayor Denham reported there were 14 EMS and 2 fire calls for the month.

## Hall

Diane Wartman wanted clarification regarding whether citizens would be charged for renting
the hall. The attorney read from the July minutes which showed council voted to not charge a
rental fee to citizens, but they would be charged a refundable security deposit and a nonrefundable clean up fee.

# **Road**

- Mayor Denham reported in Dave's absence that the projected date to begin pothole patching was September 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Bob France reported that he has a list of all the catch basins currently not in the street.
- Mike Kendall stated SD1 has a 50/50 program that requires the city to fill out an application describing the project. SD1 will submit to their board for approval. He also stated we could use the ARPA money for this project, as well as the storm water repair on Shelby Street and the storm water work on Main St.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report.

## **LICENSE**

No report.

# **ATTORNEY**

- Ordinance 8-1-21 changing the fees and who may rent the hall was read for the second time.
- Mayor Denham asked for a motion to approve. Mike Kendall motioned to approve with a second by Tim Wartman. All members present voted yes.
- Ordinance 9-1-21 amending the road fund budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 was read for the first time.
- Mayor Denham asked for a motion to approve. Matthew Wartman motioned to approve with a second by Mike Kendall. All members present voted yes.

- The attorney reported he received a \$2,000.00 check from Mr. Ransom. Included in the check were the fees to release the liens.
- The attorney reported he had a check for \$10,421.00 for the sale of the Dunn property located at 11 Lake St.
- The attorney informed the council he had put a provision in the trailer ordinance allowing for the mayor or police to extend the time a trailer could be parked on the street. The city clerk will send a copy of this ordinance to the police chief with that section highlighted.
- The attorney stated he had filed an amended complaint regarding 305 Main Street and the summons needs to be issued. He also stated one of the tax places has bought up the county tax bills for this property.
- Mayor Denham stated all issues with the city, PDS and the No. Ky. Water must be settled before any work can begin.

# **Ways and Means**

- Mike Kendall reported \$56,000.00 income and \$51,000.00 in expenses.
- The fire department payments have been caught up
- Michels was paid \$71,000.00 which will be submitted by the clerk to the state for reimbursement upon receipt of the cancelled check. This will be deposited back into the Main Street fund.

### **Park**

- Tim Wartman reported the work on the basketball court is scheduled to begin Sept. 13.
- Grass seed has been planted for the new soccer fields.
- Added parking is going to be needed as a result of the soccer fields. Bob France will contact the state to see if the no parking signs on the south side of Pike Street by the park can be removed.
   A discussion was also had about the possibility of leasing the SD1 lot for parking.

# **Insurance and Grants**

• Mike Kendall stated the final approval for the \$75,000.00 matching grant received last year should be received by the end of the month and the city should be able to send it out for design.

## <u>Mayor</u>

- Mayor Denham informed the council he has been receiving a lot of complaints regarding mud
  on the streets and the tree removal caused by the SD1 sewer work taking place on the Lagoon
  property.
- Mayor Denham thanked Bob France, Tim Wartman, and Mike Kendall for their helping during the day.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• Mayor Denham asked for a motion to approve the committee reports. Tim Wartman motioned to approve with a second by Matt Wartman.

All members present voted yes.

## **Citizen Report**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tim Wartman suggested the memorial be moved to the park on the steps behind where the backstop used to be. He and Mike Kendall thought it would get a lot of visibility that way.
- Mike Kendall suggested the council think about what we could do with the lot on Main Street and bring suggestions back for the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Bob France brought up the tree overhanging Short Boone Street. He stated the fire department
  would be unable to get a pumper down the street. Mayor Denham asked the clerk to contact
  Twin Tree to get an estimate to remove the overhang.
- A discussion was had regarding the tree at 239 Boone St and the tree on Pike Street in front of Steidel's. Both trees were recently damaged due to limbs breaking off. The homeowner becomes responsible for damage to others' property in the event there is further damage to the trees. The attorney will send letters to both property owners.
- Michels to be finished by September 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be another two weeks for SD1. The 14 new streetlights will be installed beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> by Duke Energy. Most existing lights will be removed except for two or three which will be replaced with new LED lights.

# **Communications**

No communications

## **BILLS**

- Mayor Denham asked for a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Mike Kendall motioned to approve with a second by Tim Warman.
- All members present voted yes.

Mayor Denham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tie Wartman motioned to approve with a second by Matthew Wartman. All members present voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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