

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. November 13, 2012
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council President Rummler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Kevin Wessler (late), Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler, Charles Endicott

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson (Absent)

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Michael Peacock, Esq.

AUDTOR: Ken Moore. CPA, RMA

Council President Craig Rummler called the meeting to order and lead the flag salute. This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes, in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act". The Municipal Clerk of the City of Port Republic posted at City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic and mailed and/or faxed to the Atlantic City Press and the Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 9, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 9, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2012 BILL LIST

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

Ken Moore: Ken advised that the worst case scenario would be that the bond gets rolled over and the interest gets paid. The bond can be rolled over for five years before any action needs to be taken. Nothing needs to be paid at this moment. Permanent financing can be spread over 20 years – at this point, the City has three years before that decision needs to be made.

If additional funds are needed for the new city hall a new ordinance will be needed to increase the amount to go out to bond. Down payment of 5% will need to be budgeted which at \$200,000 would be a down payment of \$10,000. The City would then have two bonds out which could be consolidated later.

In regards to Hurricane Sandy, depending on the amount, an emergency for public property can be spread over five years. The following questions need to be assessed: How much damage do we really have? Do we need to pass an emergency? Are we going to get FEMA money in? How are we going to pay it off going forward?

If no action is taken and no emergency is declared, it can be included in the new ordinance. Otherwise, it becomes a current expense and it can't be spread over five years. Therefore, the dollar amount dictates which direction would be best.

Police/Emergency Management:

Report provided by state trooper: 96 calls for service: 1 alarm, 1 burglary, 1 criminal mischief, 4 medical assists, 49 motor vehicle stops, 1 suspicious package, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 theft and 1 violation of a restraining order.

Administrative/Personnel:

Kimberly Campellone has passed her finance course with a grade of 97. Gina Simon is also moving forward with her classes.

Donna O'Brien unfortunately suffered damage to her home due to Hurricane Sandy.

Thoughts go out to Keith Davis for his loss.

Public Works:

Jim Milton and Dan Giberson did a great job covering the storm. The dam worked as it was designed to.

A decision need to be made over what to do with the old garage. City Engineer, Matt Doran, has declared the building unsafe. The building is suffering from major structural cracks. The damage may be too costly to fix and it may need to be torn down.

There are several pieces of equipment, as well as, some items in the storage container that could be sold through govdeals.com.

Students from the Port Republic School made cards for the Public Works Employees thanking them for taking care of Port Republic during Hurricane Sandy.

Recreation:

December 6th at 6:30pm is the Tree Lighting and Councilwomen Bugdon is asking that council spouses bake cookies for the event

Fire and Ambulance:

A request for a generator has been submitted to the Forest Fire Service. The building will also be wired to accommodate the generator.

Board of School Estimates:

No Report.

Planning Board:

The meeting was positive regarding the Atlantic City Electric Substation. Everything is moving forward.

Code Enforcement:

No Report.

Construction:

A total of 4 alterations were issued.

Jack Kelly sent a thank you card for all the well wishes and gift basket.

Senior Services:

No report.

Finance:

The grant application has been submitted to FEMA regarding a new generator.

Building:

Responsible bidder language is proposed. It states that a responsible contractor will perform the work on city hall. It ensures that employees will have health insurance and some form of pension or retirement plan. The thought process behind this is to ensure that the contractor is reputable. A resolution would need to be passed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Endicott, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried.

Kathy Cox 123 Moss Mill Rd., asked if she could have permission from the City to complete an application to have gas installed in her home. Council advised that it would not be permissible since a franchise agreement is not in place.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further from the public, Councilmember Giberson moved, seconded of Councilmember Adams and carried to close the public portion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice of Hearing to property owners from Atlantic City Electric

Proposal from Alternative Micrographics Inc. Tax Duplicated Books Conversion to Microfilm and Digital Image.

All Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

81-2012 Authorizing Refund of Monies

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

82-2012 Appointment Acting Municipal Clerk namely Kimberly Campellone

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler

ABSTAIN:

83-2012 Authorizing Addendum to City Hall Bid

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Endicott
NO: Adams
ABSENT: Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler
ABSTAIN:

84-2012 Appointing Alternative Micrographics Inc.

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott
NO:
ABSENT: Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler
ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

05-2012 Salary & Wages
(*Second Reading/Adoption*)

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Endicott and carried.

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ABSTAIN:

06-2012 Pay to Play Reform Ordinance
(*First Reading/Intro*)

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Endicott and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott
NO:
ABSENT: Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler
ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kevin Zelinski of Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers regarding Ward Map

(No word from board of elections)

Pinelands Ordinance Meeting (awaiting update from Keith Davis, Esq.)

Construction Fees (No Report)

Boling Cemetery (No Report)

Southern Pine Beetle Grants and Community Forestry SPB (Waiting for report from Planning Board)

Sale of City Property Namely Block 37 Lot 6 (March 12, 2013 @ 6:00pm)

Councilman Endicott suggests that the City implement a Facebook and/or a Twitter account to broadcast information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flood Gates (per Mayor Giberson) (Absent)

PROCLAMATION

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

No public in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Open executive session on the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Giberson and carried.

ES 11-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. Gravel Lease
2. New City Hall
3. Percoskie Acq.
4. Endicott Acq.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn Executive Session.

RESOLUTION:

85-2012 Terminating Perkoskie Agreement of Sale

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded by Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Riegel, Bugdon

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk