

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. AUGUST 11, 2015
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 Giberson, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Doris Bugdon, John Bonthron, Nick Capille

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Salvatore Perillo, Esq.

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 Current Newspaper, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 14, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2015 BILL LIST

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

YES: Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

The 800 MHz radio has been updated. No damage to report to FEMA for the June 23rd storm. Mayor Giberson is still in contact with the NJSP regarding the computer, as well as, getting the keypad on the back door. The marine police were called regarding the Jet Skis. Additionally, the Mayor noted that the Jet Skis are damaging the boat ramp. Rather than having the Jet Ski pulled onto the trailer they are being driven onto the trailer which is tearing up the boat ramp.

Administrative/Personnel:

An Eagle Scout project is taken place at the Green Acres sight. Three benches have been placed and they continue to clean-up. Gerry Creighton also continues to beautify the area.

Public Works:

Councilman Giberson reported one of the mowers has been repaired; a new mower will need to be purchased in the future. The heater/air conditioning unit in the public works office no longer working; the system will be replaced with a mini-split system.

Council President Rummel reported that the alarm panel has been replaced at the garage. The alarm technician suggested having the panel moved to a new location since the metal building and its location has resulted in several replacements of the panel.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon left the following report: Mirroring Mayor Giberson, she stated that the marine police were called regarding the Jet Skis. She asked that council move forward on the ordinance for regarding the Jet Skis. Additionally, she stated that she will reach out to Matt Geese since he is a frequent user of the boat ramp for his Jet Skis. Finally, she reported that the clean team is doing a fantastic job and that 600+ beach tags have been sold this year.

Fire and Ambulance:

President Nick Lampe reported on July 23rd the Fire Department went to North Brunswick for a warehouse fire with the Atlantic County Tank Force. Fire department picnic on August 15th with Oceanville and Bayview fire departments.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

No report.

Construction:

21 Inspections, 7 permits for alterations, 2 zoning, 1 for rental; for a total of 10 permits issued; and 2 court appearances, one resulted in a fine of \$500 for working without a permit and the other is postponed until next month which is a property maintenance violation.

Senior Services:

No report.

Building:

Painting will be done in-house which will conclude the outstanding items to be done by the builder. Council agreed that the 2% retainage can be release to the builder.

Council President Rummler thanked the building committee for their hard work and time and how much they've saved.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Scott Summerill, 114 Central Ave, asked if council would once again revisit having a constable in the city. President Rummler stated that the logistics of having a constable such as insurance, legality and several unanswered questions makes having a constable not something that council wishes to enter into at this time. Councilman Giberson suggested looking into reaching out to Stockton for coverage or having a NJSP or sheriff's car stationed in the city. Mayor Giberson asked that council wait for the NJSP to establish their substation before reaching out to Stockton or Sheriff.

Al Kinkade, 38 Old New York Rd, suggested requiring a permit and insurance as a means to curb the Jet Skis. Council President Rummler stated that they currently have an ordinance for review. However, there also needs to be a means to enforce it such as a harbor master. Mr. Kinkade also suggested using placards for residents using the transfer station.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing from the public, Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card from Four Seasons Residents using the tennis courts.
Acknowledged

Letter dated July 22, 2015 from DOT Center Line Markings
Acknowledged

Letter dated July 16th from the Boy Scouts of America Scout Executive Jim Gillick
Acknowledged

Letter from City Solicitor Keith Davis regarding Ord. 04-2015
Councilman Wessler expressed his concern that if tickets are issued, there may be a question as to the legality of the change in the speed limit.

RESOLUTIONS:

64-2015 Resolution Granting a Raffle License Port Republic PTS

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille

ABSTAIN:

65-2015 Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer, Namely Gina Simon

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

YES: Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille

ABSTAIN:

66-2015 CDBG Authorizing Doran Engineering to go out to Bid for the Construction of ADA parking on Park Ave

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

YES: Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Bugdon, Bonthron, Capille

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revaluation

Tabled

Atlantic City Electric

No update; waiting to receive a comprehensive plan. Council President Rummeler thanked the 9th district legislators. Councilman Wessler stated that State roads use fiberglass poles.

Old Landfill/Pinelands

The last five years of QC Lab reports show only one incident where there was a higher than allowed amount of copper, which, is a natural occurring element; additional lab reports to be retrieved of ten to fifteen years to see if it was over and by how much. The landfill is capped per DEP requirements; Pinelands has held up the landfill closure.

Jet Skis

Discussed above.

Redevelopment

The City has been awarded the redevelopment grant from the ACIA. Sal Perillo believes the next step is that the ACIA will get proposals for engineers and attorneys and put a team together. Once that happens it will then be time to sit down and discuss what the City wishes to do.

Whispering Woods

Sal Perillo reported that the last email was July 15th and that they would follow-up with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Giberson asked if anyone knows when the parkway will be opened.

PROCLAMATION:

02-2015 Chattanooga Shooting

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

ES 08-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Old Landfill

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk