

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. DECEMBER 11, 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: Charles Endicott (Exited early), Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Roger Giberson, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Michael Peacock, Esq., Salvatore Perillo, Esq. (Arrived during Executive Session)

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 NOVEMBER 13, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott, Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 9, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott, Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2012 BILL LIST

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott, Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Bugdon abstains on PO 12-00549, 12-00561

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Adams, Rummler, Giberson, Endicott, Wessler, Bugdon, Riegel

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Bugdon abstains on PO 12-00549, 12-00561

Police/Emergency Management:

No police report.

Emergency management is ongoing with paperwork. Debris clean-up is continuing.

Administrative/Personnel:

Everything is going smoothly - Currently getting ready for the reorganization meeting and budget.

Councilwomen Bugdon thanked Kimberly Campellone for a wonderful first year.

Public Works:

Everything is running smooth. The backhoe window has been repaired and serviced by TriCo.

The brush pile at the transfer station may be better controlled with a tub grinder. If ground down every six months then wood chips would be available for residents and it would save from it having to be hauled out.

Council President Rummler asked that everyone keep Danny Giberson's mom in their thoughts and prayers.

Recreation:

December 6th was the Tree Lighting event. Councilwomen Bugdon thanked the councilmember's and mayor's spouses for contributing cookies.

Councilwomen Bugdon advised that the tree is not doing well – an arborist has examined the tree and believes that it has a canker and fungus. He advised that the fungus is more manageable than the canker and that he would be able to use the same product for both. He took samples to ship to Rutgers for their analysis. The fee for Rutgers was \$45. He will then provide the information and cost involved to try to save the tree.

Fire and Ambulance:

A letter from the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company requesting a donation was acknowledged.

Councilwomen Bugdon thanked the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company for their help with Santa during the Tree Lighting.

Board of School Estimates:

Council President Rummler complimented the school board on their choice of superintendent and the how well the school year has been so far.

Planning Board:

No Report.

Code Enforcement:

No Report.

Construction:

Total of 18 inspections were done: 5 permits were issued for alterations, 6 for a CO inspection for resale, 2 properties were posted as unsafe structures (27 River Rd and 43 Riverside Dr) related to Sandy.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon thanked Councilwoman Riegel for the health aids she donated to the City totaling approximately \$1000.

Finance:

No Report.

Building:

Councilman Giberson advised that he had been approached and a resolution was passed at the last meeting ensuring that quality workers were used to build the new city hall. As a result several of those people were in the audience. There is concern that a quality contractor produce a quality building.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

Alan Theiss 639 Chestnut neck Rd., asked if local residents have priority in building the new city hall. He also advised of a residence on Old New York Rd with a disheveled property.

Resident residing at 44 Old New York Rd., advised that he is glad the city imposed responsible bid language in the bid of city hall. He also echoed that he would like to see properties cleaned up on his street.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from, Patricia Diamond Atlantic County Health Officer Changes in State/Municipal –Sponsored Rabies Clinic Program for 2013

Letter from John D’Agostino of D’Agostino Insurance Agency for appointment as Risk Management Consultant year 2013.

All Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

86-2012 Reorganization and City Council Meetings Annual Meeting Dates 2013

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

87-2012 Authorizing the City of Port Republic to Waive Construction Fees (date of completion)

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

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

88-2012 Transfer Resolution

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

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler, Adams

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

90-2012 Canceling taxes on Endicott property Block 31 Lot 2

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Adams, Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

06-2012 Pay to Play Reform Ordinance
(Second Reading) Tabled

07-2012 Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance No. 03-2011
(First Reading/Introduction) Tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ACE Easement

ACE is requesting vehicular access across city owned property so that it may access its own property.

Boling Cemetery

No response has been received regarding quit claim deed.

Turnpike Authority meeting regarding the parkway

Council President Rummler advised that no questions were answered during the meeting. The response received was that they would get back to you with an answer.

South Jersey Gas

Council Endicott motioned the council that the city formally contact South Jersey Gas by writing a formal letter to the South Jersey Gas Company to attend a future meeting to reopen the discussion on the franchise agreement.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Flood Gates

Mayor Giberson would like to reach out to Matt Doran regarding a mediation program through FEMA which would involve placing something on top of the flood gates which would not allow the salt water to intrude into the fresh water.

Blackman's Cemetery

Mayor Giberson approached County Executive Dennis Levinson to revamp and improve the cemetery. As a result, the Mayor's hope is that funds may be available to install the much needed stream pipe to improve water flow and ditch area located near the cemetery.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Giberson, "Be nice to your neighbor."

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Brian Willie 206 Country Lane, reiterated the use of quality contractors as discussed earlier.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 12-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. Gravel Lease (Consultant)
2. City Hall Bids
3. ACE

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

89-2012 Rejecting all bids for the Construction of City Hall as exceeding cost estimates & available appropriation & authorizing negotiations with contractors pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)

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

YES: Rummler, Giberson, Riegel, Bugdon, Wessler

NO: Adams

ABSENT: Endicott

ABSTAIN:

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ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk