

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 11, 2014
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 Bonthron, Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Adams

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Kimberly Procopio, 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 Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2, 2014 REORGANIZATION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

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YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2014 BILL LIST

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Progress continues with the hazard mitigation plan.

Administrative/Personnel:

New city hall is going up; excitement is growing for the move out of the trailer.

Public Works:

Councilman Giberson reported the following:

- The compactor was not working properly due to a loose electrical connection. Al Kincade was able to fix it and get it up and running.
- The hydraulic pump will be replaced. A quote of \$1,800 was received by CamCo. to get it installed.
- The trash removal contract is up this year. Councilman Giberson recommends that the bid stipulate that the bidder will provide a trash compactor; as an outright purchase would be too costly.
- Upon Councilman Giberson's recommendation, council agreed to auction the following equipment using GovDeals: old backhoe, loader, three recycle dumpsters, bobcat and lawnmowers.
- Install chains at the ramps at the transfer station to eliminate acceptability to the dumpsters.
- Reach out to the County regarding the possibility of purchasing a pickup truck for Public Works.
- Finally, Councilman Giberson stated that he is still working on the brush pile.

Recreation:

No Report.

Fire and Ambulance:

Fire Chief has a meeting with that state auditor on February 12th regarding fire insurance rates for the city; it is based on several factors including mutual aid, response times, and equipment.

Kevin Wessler, Jr. is currently working on LOSAP.

Board of School Estimates:

Board of school estimates appointment is still pending.

Planning Board:

A total of 20 inspections were completed; 7 alterations, 2 zoning permits, 1 CO.

Code Enforcement:

Kimberly Campellone stated she is sending a letter out for illegal dumping an incident of stealing from container and oversized vehicles going over the bridge.

Construction:

No Report.

Senior Services:

Still lending health aids. A number of residents now qualify for PTR deduction; once the packets are available they will be dispensed and assistance provided.

Council President Rummler suggests a shed to house the health aids. Councilman Giberson stated he would look into.

Finance:

No report.

Building:

There has been a little setback with the roof trusses from the manufacturer. The back up is in the sketching end and not the fabrication process; back up could last 3 to 4 weeks. Once the roof goes on the building will come together very quickly.

All submittals have been going through; Joes Scarpa from JW Pederson's office has been excellent as far as turning the paperwork around from the contractor.

A change has been made with the elimination of a wall between the clerk's office and tax office which in turn eliminates a payment window.

Additionally, the roof plywood is currently 1/2" and will need to be changed.

Mayor Giberson stated he is working with the electric company to have the transformer on the ground rather than a pole. Additionally, he will be reaching out to Tony Coppola regarding the wall mural.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Councilman Wessler introduced Frank Mahoney 463 Chestnut Neck Rd., legislative aid to Senator Whelan and Assemblyman Mazzeo.

Councilman Giberson asked Mr. Mahoney to please pass along to Senator Whelan a "thank you" for stepping up to the plate and not allowing Harrah's Casino to purchase the Revel Casino; and not allowing them to have a monopoly over the casinos.

Amy Nass 344 Old New York Rd., asked if the City would donate four beach badges for the PTS fundraiser at Oyster Creek. Councilwoman Bugdon gladly donated the four beach badges.

The fundraiser is March 7 at from 7-11pm at Oyster Creek Inn.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated January 7, 2014, Open Public Meeting Acts Requirements
Council President Rummler expressed his concern that the meeting packets would have to be made available to the public, specifically the cost. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that the documents only need to be made available and copies do not need to be made available at the meetings.

Letter dated January 21, 2014, from Dennis Levinson CDBG
Meeting date changed from February 13, 2014 to February 19, 2014, Gina Simon will be attending.

Letter dated January 23, 2014, from Dennis Levinson OPRA

Resolution 32-2014

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

Letter dated January 24, 2014, from Nancy Wittenberg Pinelands Commission
Acknowledged

Resolution Opposing the Decision of the NJ Pines Commission Rejecting Proposal to Allow Construction of a Natural Gas Pipeline (Mayor Giberson)

Mayor Giberson reported that he passed a resolution at the Atlantic County Mayors Association. He stated that it would be a large ratable for Cape May County and that if this project does not go through BL England will close. Additionally, Oyster Creek is the oldest nuclear generating station in the nation and is scheduled to be closed in 2015; additionally coal emissions would be greatly reduced.

Resolution 33-2014

On the motion of Councilmember Budgon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

Thank you from Jeff and Donna Riegel for fruit basket from when he was recently in the hospital.

Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

28-2014 Requiring Direct Deposit

29-2014 Appoint Court Bailiff, Namely Gary Oliver

On the motion of Councilmember Budgon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

30-2014 Authorizing Increase of \$1,500 for JW Pedersen

On the motion of Councilmember Budgon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

31-2014 Amending Resolution 25-2014 Court Use Agreement

On the motion of Councilmember Budgon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

34-2014 Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator, Namely Mayor Gary Giberson

Stipend pay to be included in the amount of \$1,400 in addition to the hourly pay; term expiring 12/31/15.

On the motion of Councilmember Budgon, seconded of Councilmember Bonthron and carried.

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

01-2014 Ordinance to designate the Position of Purchasing Agent

First Reading/Introduction

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Rummler, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Adams

ABSTAIN:

02-2014 Land Use Ordinance

Tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Garage letter from CZAR Engineering (Council President Rummler)

Council President Rummler and Councilman Wessler both agreed that they would like to get a consensus from the fire department. Additionally, Councilman Wessler stated the Brad Hooper is given the opportunity to provide a cost factor by next month.

South Jersey Gas

Meeting with South Jersey Gas scheduled on February 18, 2014 with the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Route 610 Bridge (per Mayor Giberson)

Mayor Giberson to reach out to Dennis Levinson regarding the miss information regarding the Route 610 bridge in his letter.

PROCLAMATION:

01-2014 Read across America

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 02-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Reval
2. Comcast Franchise

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk