

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. OCTOBER 14, 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, John Adams, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Adams (with correction of 1.3 million for the cost of city hall), Wessler

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 EXECUTIVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2014 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 14-00464

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Bugdon 14-00464

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson has been in contact and working Connie of the New Jersey State Police in regards to the substation. The figure is estimated at \$7,000 to have them in the building and secured. This is a one time cost. The benefit to the city is immeasurable. Kim Procopio, Esq. suggested the use of the technology grant from Comcast to use for this purpose.

Mayor Giberson reported that there was vandalism at the park with damage to the fence. Mayor Giberson and Councilwoman Bugdon are having electric installed on the pole for an installation of a wireless camera.

Councilwoman Bugdon also reported that the port-a-pot was knocked over along with the fencing. Jarrad Gove with be submitting over a quote for the repair of the fencing to submit to insurance company.

Kim Porcopio, Esq. added that camera placement is exempt from the open public records act since it falls under police and security.

Administrative/Personnel:

The trailer that was once city hall will be removed. Everyone has been working hard for the move.

Public Works:

Public Works has begun getting everything winterized and catching up on mowing. Additionally the ramp has been removed from the trailer with hopes that it will be sold on GovDeals with an asking price of \$3,000 to for \$4,000.

Recreation:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported the Municipal Alliance event at Fireman's Pond has been postponed to October 17th due to the weather.

Requests for the use of the pavilion continue to come in. The PTS will be using it for their scarecrow event. The Veteran's Day ceremony will also be taking place this year.

Fire and Ambulance:

Fireman's dinner will be October 18th. The fireman's walk through of the new city hall should be set up the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm.

Board of School Estimates:

School Board meeting is scheduled for October 14th. A letter will be sent to the school asking for a copy of their meeting minutes.

Planning Board:

No meeting; no report.

Code Enforcement:

No activity.

Construction:

No Report.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Bugdon reported a number of items which have been lent out have been returned. Additionally she reported that she called the legislative office for forms for the seniors who need heating assistance.

Finance:

Councilman Adams stated that the land which is being mined is important to the City "for obvious reasons". Furthermore, he expressed the following three suggestions to be discussed and/or considered (1) reach out to a local real estate residential broker to find out what those lots may be worth (2) reach out to a commercial broker for the possibility that it could be of value commercially; what adds value to that property is that a 99 out of 100 times a developer carries a line item titled "cost of carry", which could be of value if included in the contract in case there may be the need for some fill (3) look in to the possibility of selling more gravel by digging deeper in the center resulting in a pond which may be attractive, if used for residential use.

Councilman Giberson stated that the city would need to reapply for a permit with the State since the correct permit would not allow digging deeper.

Building:

Councilman Giberson reported that there has been a problem with the builder finishing up what he should be finishing up. There are some credits not issued, parking lot finishing, punch list items and other discrepancies; as a result the City is holding off payment. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that if the governing body wishes she will communicate to the builder the items that need to be completed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Bob Haviland, 316 English Creek Rd, stated that the Boy Scout project appears to be done and they did an excellent job; he is requesting a trash container in the area chained to a post. He advised that the County has restriped the white lines of English Creek Road in such a fashion that it has resulted increased traffic on Upper Pomona Road. As a result he is asking for a 25 mph sign be posted at the end of the street for those people are who are u-turning back to English Creek Rd.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Atlantic County Board of Taxation
Acknowledged

Holiday Angel Project 2014
Acknowledged; No action

Rescue Mission
Acknowledged; No action

Letter from Freeholder Dase in regard to the crosswalks
Mayor Giberson advised that signs have been placed but the white lines still need to be painted.

RESOLUTIONS:

59-2014 Authorizing the Adoption of the 2014 Atlantic 4 Planning Area Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

60-2014 2015 Municipal Aid – Reconstruction of Mill St.

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

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

NO:

ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

61-2014 Opposing amending State Construction to Permit Casino Gambling in New Jersey in Sites Other Than Atlantic City
On the motion of Councilmember Giberson, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried.

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

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Garage Committee

Discussion to resume under Executive Session

Eagle Scout Project

Council President Rummler advised that the area has been clean up; Crushed stone was added, black-top along with a fence and perhaps some additional plantings.

Council President Rummler also wished to thank Bill Kurtz for his help and encourages everyone to check it out. The second part of the project involves placing benches and marking of the trail.

Fees for Construction (Draft Ordinance from Kim P)

To be discussed at the next meeting.

Tax Maps

Bill Johnson provided an update/status of the tax maps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halloween Hours

October 31st from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Flag Pole Lights

Mayor Giberson proposes that a light be added to pole number 515508 for the purpose of lighting the flags (No objects from Council).

Remove and Replace Concrete Curbing (Doran Engineering)

Curbing at Mill Bridge Court was damaged. Doran Engineering is working to have the concrete removed and replaced. Kim Procopio, Esq. suggested that the damage may be able to go through insurance.

Best Practice Survey

The survey has been completed and is ready to be submitted.

Proposal Marrone Lawn sprinklers

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that PRAF (Port Republic Athletic Fund) will be picking up the bill.

Proposal Atlantic Coast Alarm Wireless Camera at Park

Kim Procopio, Esq. suggested using any remaining funds from the technology grant to fund the camera at the park.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mayor Giberson stated that he wanted to thank council for the due diligence and help. The videographer has given a disc and one will be included in the time capsule. Everyone chipped in and made it a beautiful event.

PROCLAMATION:

02-2014 October Breast Cancer Awareness Month Helping Women Now With Early Detection

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 10-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

1. Designation of Redevelopment or Rehabilitation Area

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Open to Public Portion

Resolution 62-2014 Resolution to advertise for requests for proposals for a professional appraisal for a city owned parcel of land for Block 6, Lot 51, Zoned Highway Commercial for certain commercial uses for possible sale or lease

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk