

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. NOVEMBER 18, 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, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, John Adams, Kevin Wessler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson (Absent)

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Kimberly Procopio, Esq., Keith Davis, 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 OCTOBER 14, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 14, 2014 EXECUTIVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 2014 BILL LIST

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Most of the equipment for the NJSP is in; currently waiting on a custom cabinet to come in which will house the computer equipment. Hope to have the substation by the 1st of the year.

Council President Rummler stated for the record that he contacted the NJSP due to fraudulent activating on his bank accounts. A trooper came out to take a report. Council President Rummler continued by stating that he was impressed with this State Trooper as he continued to following up on his case.

Administrative/Personnel:

Everything is running smooth. The first court session will be on December 3rd. Court inspection will be November 24th.

Public Works:

A quote for \$5500 has been received by Charlie Opter for grinding the brush pile for mulch. Public Works has been getting ready for the winter. The salt dog has been installed on the pickup. The dump truck conveyer belt needs repair; two quotes have been received; one for \$5000 and another for \$4700.

Recreation:

Veteran's Day Ceremony went well. Councilwoman Bugdon stated that the Boy Scout make the event. The Tree Lighting will be at 6:30pm December 4th. She has reached out to all council spouse's for cookies. Public Works have inspected the lights and decorations. Jared Gove has given a quote of \$500 to repair the fence at the park and beach. The floating dock will be removed December 1st.

Fire and Ambulance:

The fire department dinner was a success. It is estimated that there were 915 dinners; the estimated average is 850. The fireman got a table for the Greater Egg Chamber of Commerce thank you breakfast.

Board of School Estimates:

Several requests have been made to the school for the school board minutes with no success. Kim Procopio, Esq. suggested council pass a resolution if there is no action. Council President Rummler stated that he continues to receive requests from Todd DeAnna for Public Works to do more work at the school grounds. Currently Public Works cuts the grass, plows the parking lot and sidewalks.

Planning Board:

No meeting; no report.

Code Enforcement:

No Report.

Construction:

Total of 19 inspections were done by the construction office. Seven permits were issued for alteration; one for an addition; two for zoning; two for CO inspection and resale for a total of twelve.

A revised ordinance regarding construction fees was provided by Kim Procopio, Esq. for council review and to be placed on the December agenda for 1st reading.

Senior Services:

A resident has donated ten pieces of equipment including a wheelchair and walker.

Finance:

No Report.

Building:

Councilman Wessler reported that during the Building Committee meeting Bob Wilkinson presented figures that included credits and charges for items completed. A resolution for the change order is included in the agenda. Outstanding items still need to be completed including the bumpers, lines and handicap in the parking lot; the back door needs to be addressed and the one bathroom drain is too low. Documentation still needs to be addressed. Additionally, the thermostat is needs to be looked at.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated October 23, 2014 from Fred DeAndrea of Comcast

Acknowledged

Thank you card from Sheriff Frank Balles & Family

Acknowledged

Letter from Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department requesting the City's donation of \$25,000 for general operating cost and the \$7500.00 for equipment.

Acknowledged

Letter dated October 15, 2014 from the State of New Jersey regarding Pine Barrens Byway (*Agreement included*)

Mayor working on

Thank you letter from Melissa Groman (Essay writer for Veteran's Ceremony)

Acknowledged

RESOLUTIONS:

63-2014 Budget Transfer

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

64-2014 Granting a Raffle License for Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

65-2014 Resolution in support of resolution #555 of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders Urging Governor Christie to hold a town meeting in a Atlantic City New Jersey

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

66-2014 Appointing Risk Management Consultant

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

67-2014 Appointing Fund Commissioner Mayor Giberson Appointing Alternate Fund Commissioner Kimberly Campellone

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

68-2014 Authorizing Change Order #7 for the contract with R Wilkinson

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Garage Committee

No update

Fees for Construction (Draft Ordinance from Kim P)

Draft ordinance provides detailed information regarding construction fees which is inline with other municipalities with are similar in size and scope. This revised ordinance would allow someone to go online and obtain the fees without having to contact the office. Additionally, this draft addresses the issue that if the State raises its fee then the City would also be able to raise the fee once posted without having to amend the ordinance. Fees within the ordinance are inline with the State and neighboring municipalities. Councilman Adams addressed his concerns of raising fees too high especially at a time when the City is going through an assessment. Fees to be further reviewed.

Tax Maps

Update provided by Bill Johnson, Assessor

NEW BUSINESS:

Cyber Liability Coverage

Covers breeches to system including privacy, network security, notification and credit monitoring, crisis management and data forensics. The cost is \$1434 a year with a \$1000 deductible for \$1,000,000 coverage with crisis management and data forensics limited to \$25,000.

69-2014 Authorize John D'Agostino to include Cyber Liability Coverage

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

YES: Bonthron, Bugdon, Riegel, Rummmler, Adams, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Location of elections Ward I Ward II for the upcoming years

Ward I to move to city hall, Ward II to remain at the firehouse

PROCLAMATION:

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ES 11-2014 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session

1. Discussion of Block 18 Lot 1
2. Discussion of Professional Services

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

General discussion – Redevelopment Process in New Jersey

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Municipal Clerk