

**CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC**  
**6:30 p.m. MARCH 10, 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 Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Doris Bugdon, John Bonthron, Nick Capille, Roger Giberson, Donna Riegel, Craig Rummler, Kevin Wessler.

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**MAYOR:** Gary B. Giberson

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

**ATTORNEY:** Kim Procopio, Esq.

**AUDITOR:** Nancy Sbrolla, CPA, RMA

**CFO:** Gina Simon

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Frank Brown

Mayor Giberson thanked Pastor Brown for his invocation.

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 JANUARY 28, 2015 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 28, 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 10, 2015, 2015 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

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

Correction on page 6: Change from Bugdon to Wessler

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 10, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

Correction: Typo

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2015 BILL LIST**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS**

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCE 02-2015 CAP RATE**

*First Reading/Introduction*

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

Nancy Sbrolla advised that the CAP Rate is used to bank the amount that the State allows for an increase the appropriations. The ordinance caps the appropriation increase to 3.5%.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

**INTRODUCTION BUDGET 2015**

*First Reading/Introduction*

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

Nancy Sbrolla advised that the budget is down a quarter of a penny. Fund balance has been increased to cover the cost of the computers for the school.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Police/Emergency Management:**

Work is ongoing with the State Police computer room. Mayor Giberson stated he is happy with the new judge. The County is currently updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Port Republic is working to get the Atlantic4 plan incorporated with the County's new update.

**Administrative/Personnel:**

Statewide Insurance has presented the City with a plaque for its commitment to safety for 2014.

**Public Works:**

Councilmember Giberson stated Public Works personnel have done a good job keeping up with the snow. Communication has improved. Looking forward to breaking out the mowers and other items needed for the beach.

Mayor Giberson asked if the shoulder could be opened up to help with drainage at the parkway expansion site and to ensure that the ditch remains open.

Councilman Giberson stated that there have been a number of issues at the parkway worksite. City will take action if they continue to not cooperate.

Notify county of potholes on Clarks Landing Rd. near the parkway worksite.

**Recreation:**

Councilmember Bugdon stated the surveillance camera has been installed. There are several issues with dogs at the tennis courts, putting green and other areas throughout the park. Additional signs will be posted and the ordinance will need to be sited on the signs which will allow the State Police to issue tickets.

The back wall of the beach shed is rotted. It has been determined that a replacement would be more cost effective. Councilwoman Bugdon will contact Pine Creek Shed.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Fire Dept. President Nick Lampe reported that they responded to a call on the parkway for an overturned box truck.

Councilman Wessler stated that the fire dept. feels that city hall should get a generator before the fire dept. That would allow city hall to be the primary emergency hub.

Roast beef dinner will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of School Estimates:**

The school has been working on their budget. It has come down from \$0.11 to \$0.05. Mayor Giberson stated that Council President Rummmler and Councilman Bonthron have been assets on the board.

The Port Republic School Board met with Greater Egg District regarding high school tuition. They were provided information to help in preparing their budget.

**Planning Board:**

No Report.

**Code Enforcement:**

No update

**Construction:**

19 Inspections, 8 permits (6 alterations, 1 zoning, and 1 for C/O inspections re-sale).  
Court appearance on February 10<sup>th</sup> for a residence with no CO; fine of \$378.

Mayor Giberson was approach by the construction official as to whether the 30% across the board applied to new construction. Council confirmed that the 30% was across the board. The changes to the ordinance are still being reviewed by the construction official.

**Senior Services:**

Councilwoman Bugdon is waiting to receive PTR-1 forms from the State. PTR-2 forms have been mailed; some PTR-1 forms have been mailed as well.

Newsletter to go out soon.

**Building:**

No Report.

**City Owned Property:**

No Report.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Frank Brown, 86 Adams Ave., on behalf of the church on 118 Main St. is grateful for the continued cooperation it receives from the City.

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd., asked if there is any information available to the public regarding the City owned property. Councilman Giberson stated that nothing is available at this time. Ms. Cox questioned if any of the gravel mining funds received are in the budget and if any payments have been made to the building. She was advised that the gravel money is currently going into surplus and that approx. \$100,000 plus interest have been allocated in the 2015 budget to pay towards the debt.

**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 March 2, 2015, from the General Lafayette Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution requesting use of the city hall building and conference room on April 18, 2015

*Request approved (no food or drink will be permitted in the council meeting room; certificate of insurance must be provided)*

Letter dated March 9, 2015 from James Schroeder President of the Greater Egg Harbor City Chamber of Commerce (*Shoreman & EHC Triathlons*)

*Acknowledged (only the bicycle portion of the triathlon will be within the City; it will not have any effect on the transfer station)*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**39-2015** Establishing Petty Cash (Revised)

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**40-2015** Approving Discharge of Fireworks

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

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

**41-2015 CDBG ADA Parking Area**

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

Councilwoman Bugdon advised that the brick will line the walkway to fit with the aesthetics of the City.

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**01-2015 Revised Ordinance** amending Chapter 231, Recycling  
*Second Reading/Public Hearing*

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Nothing from the public.

**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.

**YES:** Bugdon, Capille, Giberson, Riegel, Rummler, Wessler

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:** Bonthron

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Electric Gate  
*Almost completed*

Reval update from City Engineer Matt Doran  
*Acknowledged*

New City Hall: Building outstanding repairs  
*Council to provide Kim Procopio, Esq. with information needed to complete a letter to Wilkinson & Sons.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Increasing Local Violation Penalties to Offset Court Costs

*Mayor Giberson asked if local penalties could be increased to generate revenue from the court. Kim Procopio, Esq. advised that nothing could be done in an area were the State has already legislated. She added that local ordinances could be amended but it would not be sufficient.*

**PROCLAMATION:**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Nick Lampe 46 Chestnut Neck Rd, asked that while the City has no vote in the Greater Egg Harbor School District, if the City considered writing a letter to the district advising its say on the bond referendum. Council stated that the City has not and will consider it in the future.

Kathy Cox, 123 Moss Mill Rd., asked the contents of Matt Doran's letter regarding the tax maps. Kim Procopio, Esq, advised that the letter stated that the tax maps have gone to the State and that the State now approve them.

**CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ES 03-2015 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. Block 6 Lot 51
2. Gravelmine

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Giberson and carried to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone  
Municipal Clerk