

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
7:00 p.m. DECEMBER 13, 2016
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council Wessler, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Allgeyer, Doris Bugdon, Donna Riegel, Kevin Wessler, Nick Capille, Roger Giberson

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Bonthron

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly Campellone

ATTORNEY: Raymond Went, Esq.

Flag Salute

Council President Bugdon 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 NOVEMBER 15, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Capille and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2016 BILL LIST

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Capille and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

Verizon Presentation – Bill Flanagan of Tilson Technology, Presenter:

Explained that Verizon is in the process of a statewide project to upgrade wireless services; the project entails mounting a small antenna known as a node to utility poles within the right of way. These nodes are used to bring coverage to areas without it; improves data transmission and will upgrade the 5G technology. At this point Verizon is seeking consent to operate within the right of way to complete the analysis portion of the project. It is estimated that 3 to 4 nodes would be installed. The fiber optics are direct wire to the cell tower as the nodes cannot work without a tower. Ray Went, Esq. suggested a multi-step process as his concern is granting too much power or control up front. As this would make sure that it does not grow out of control. He also would like to get the planning board and engineer's input in the matter and suggested to Mr. Flanagan that he revise the resolution to be limited in scope to specifically state that only an investigation would take place.

Police/Emergency Management:

Mayor Giberson reported that the municipal court is running in the black for the first time.

Administrative/Personnel:

Councilwoman Riegel reported that the personnel policy is still under review.

Public Works:

Councilman Wessler reported that everything is going good. The trucks are done and a new starter was put on the saltdog.

Recreation:

Council President Bugdon reported that the tree lighting event was a success. She thanked public works for a job well done on the tree. She also thanked all of councils' significant others for their cookie contribution and for Kim and Chris for taking care of the hot chocolate.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilwoman Wessler reported that the Knox Box has been installed in the firetruck; the software now needs to be installed. The fire department is in the process of obtaining quotes for a 38kw generator which is needed due to the siren using a tremendous amount of electricity. The city plans to contribute \$18,000 towards purchase/installation.

Board of School Estimates:

Mayor Giberson reported that everything is going well.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

No report

Construction:

November report: Alternations 7, zoning 4 for a total of 11 permits.

Senior Services:

No report

Building:

Councilman Wessler reported that the plan for the bathroom at this moment it to cut the floor and run the pipe outside to the septic.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Jim Winand 225 Chestnut Neck Rd. thought that the gunning club was granted permission to utilize Green Acres uninterrupted during deer hunting season. However he reported that it did not happen and they did not see any deer.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resolution from Galloway Township regarding passing a resolution of No Confidence in the Superintendent for the Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District

On the motion of Councilmember Giberson in support of the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer, and carried.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

Letter from ACUA regarding 2017 Solid Waste Rates and Fees

Acknowledged

Letter from the Atlantic County Freeholders urging each municipality to consider and adopt an ordinance protecting and attempting to prevent cruelty to animals in extreme weather events.

Suggestion was made to include in the newsletter a reminder to residents to bring in their animals during extreme weather events.

RESOLUTIONS:

59-2016 Appointing Fund Commissioner

Councilmember Capille moved, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

60-2016 Appointing RMC & RMC Agreement

Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

61-2016 Verizon Consent Approval

Tabled

62-2016 Schedule of Regular City Council Meetings for the Year 2017

Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

63-2016 2016 Budget Transfer Resolution

Councilmember Wessler moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

64-2016 In Opposition of Casino Expansion Into North Jersey

Councilmember Giberson moved, seconded of Councilmember Allgeyer and carried to close the public portion.

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Riegel, Wessler, Capille, Giberson

NO:

ABSENT: Bonthron

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Letter form Attorney Ray Went to Freeholder Dase regarding the four way stop at Mill & Main

Ray Went, Esq. reported that he spoke with Jerry DelRosso and was advised that it is still before planning and engineering; it is expected that a sign will be there soon.

Route 610 Bridge

Ray Went, Esq. reported that he spoke with Jerry DelRosso. He advised that the contract has been awarded to a design company, Michael Baker International. He also advised that the bridge will look substantially the same in the way of design. The only difference is what is required by the federal bridges and highways act, which includes widening of the bridge and increase in height of no more than 5'. The bridge is inspected every three months. He has no other information and suggested that mayor and council submit any questions in advance; a committee was put together with Donna Riegel, Nick Capille and Steven Allgeyer.

Green Acres

Ray Went, Esq. reported that Corbin and Estell Manor shut down the park during shotgun season; for bow season only warning signs are posted. The Township of Franklin also has a similar process. However, they are getting pushback from non-hunters. He also reached out to Jessica Patterson of Green Acres to find out if Green Acres would have an issue if the city shutdown the area for hunters. She had stated yes but did not know what the repercussion would be if the city did so. A discussion was made to send a letter to Jerry Creighton to cease and desist; to leave the area in its natural state and not to cut-in any further trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coyote problem in Port Republic

Mayor Giberson reported that he is concerned that the coyote within the city is a safety hazard.

PROCLAMATION:

Happy healthy and safe holiday season

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler Second by Councilmember Riegel to open to public portion

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ES 12-2016 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. n/a

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer, seconded of Councilmember Capille and carried to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC
Municipal Clerk