

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. APRIL 10, 2018
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 Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Wessler, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson, Stanley Kozlowski

MAYOR: Gary Giberson

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC

ATTORNEY: Ray Went, Esq.

Council President Doris 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 JANUARY 30, 2018 CITY BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 13, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2018 BILL LIST

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

Council President Doris Bugdon welcomed home Senior Staff Sergeant, City Councilmember Nick Capille Councilman Capille presented Mayor and City Council with a flag that was proudly flown during a mission where he was stationed on behalf of Port Republic for all the support that Port Republic showed him and his comrades stationed overseas. Mayor Giberson stated the City will have the certificate and flag framed and proudly displayed in Council Chambers.

ORDINANCE 01-2018 CAP RATE

Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTIONS:

46-2018 Concurring Resolution of Board of School Estimates

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

47-2018 Authorizing the Budget Be Read by Title Only

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

48-2018 Self Examination of Budget

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Giberson thanked City Council on the Budget and being so frugal he also mentioned no increase in local purpose tax.

BUDGET 2018

Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Emergency Management:

Increase for Court Administrator for call outs. On the motion of Councilmember Wessler and seconded by Councilmember Allgeyer and carried. *To increase her rate to \$20.00 per callout plus time and half.*

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

Administrative/Personnel:

Resignation letters from Deputy City Clerk and Chief Financial Officer Gina Simon.

Acknowledged

Interviews are now in the process for Deputy City Clerk/Finance Officer there will be an appointment for a new Chief Financial Officer later in the meeting.

Councilmember Riegel suggested that all the locks be changed in City Hall.

Public Works:

Councilmember Wessler stated everything is going well, the trucks needed maintenance, since he is working he is going through Clerk Campellone to get projects done, Mayor Giberson thanked Clerk Campellone for all she is doing to keep everything running smoothly, Councilwoman Riegel and Council President Bugdon offered to help out in the office.

Recreation:

Life guards and beach badge attendants are hired.

Fire and Ambulance:

Chief Yochim stated there is progress on the generator they are waiting on parts. The portable radios are still not available. Bad fire out in New Gretna. A resident in Port

Republic on Chestnut Neck Road had an electrical shortage. Mayor Giberson questioned is the Fire Department getting any new members, Chief Yochim replied yes several from other fire departments. Mayor Giberson commended Chief Yoichim on a job well done with his leadership.

Board of School Estimates:

Councilman Allgeyer has some questions on the school budget regarding carpeting the school. The present carpet was installed 6 years ago and has a 20 year warranty he has a few questions regarding this issue.

Planning Board:

No meeting no report

Code Enforcement/Construction:

Construction report for the Month of March a total of 16 inspections were conducted; The following permits were issued: alterations (5), CO Inspections (2) Total 7. Construction Official Kevin Cain will write up a report explaining the letter from the Fish and Wildlife.

Senior Services:

Council President Bugdon stated she is still giving out equipment. PTR forms are coming in for the Tax Collector to fill out. The Homestead Rebates came in. The City is having their City wide clean up on April 21, 2018 from 10:00 to 12:00 everyone will meet at the city garage. Councilwoman Bugdon is looking for a pickup truck to pick up all the tied-up trash and bring back to garage, resident Bob Haviland volunteered to do this.

Building:

No report

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bill Smallwood of 122 Clarks Landing Road mentioned the triathlon is two months out, make sure mayor and council are still on board for the race. Marrone will be out to open up the sprinkler system. PRAF spent \$5,000.00 for RW Brown to take care of the field, Kim will have to send out the letters by the end of the month, to the county, Galloway ambulance etc. Councilman Wessler asked if any of the baseball teams help out with the race. Billy stated yes they help out. He is looking to fix the drainage by the baseball field. Councilwoman Riegel mentioned if Billy was able to reach out to the Port School.

Resident Dean Duncan Old New York Road, questioned if anything is being done regarding the parked propane truck on Clarks Landing Road. Mayor Giberson stated he will have a committee meeting to look into this issue.

Kathy Cox questioned the meeting at 6:30 pm for the school board will it still happen, Mayor Giberson stated for Kathy to call the school to find out

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Senator Connors to Governor Murphy regarding the Casino PILOT Law Mayor & City Council Acknowledged letter.

RESOLUTIONS:

49-2018 Raffle for Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

50-2018 Appointment of Chief Financial Officer namely Jessica Thompson

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

YES: Allgeyer, Bugdon, Capille, Riegel, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson, Kozlowski

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

02-2018 Salary & Wages

Second Reading/Public Hearing/ Adoption

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

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

NO:

ABSENT: Capille

ABSTAIN:

Councilwoman Riegle would like it noted to have a five year commitment instead of a two year commitment after the City sends employee's to obtain certification. .

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

United States Post Office

Mayor Giberson stated that he had the city attorney help him write the letter to Congressman LoBiondo. Mayor Giberson has not heard back from Congressman LoBiondo as of today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Disclosures 2018

Council President Bugdon reminded everyone that the FDS are due April 30th 2018.

Renaming the Transfer Station and City Hall

Discussion ensued, nothing is changing at this time.

Mayor & City Council decided to have a plaque made for the front of the building.

Ordinance for non-residents dumping at the transfer station \$5,000.00 fine (per Mayor Giberson)

The City already has on the books a \$1,000.00 fine.

Mayor Giberson will contact the NJSP to sit at the transfer station, to deter nonresidents from dumping in Port Republic. Councilmember Allgeyer stated he believes if you enforce the \$1,000.00 fine that will stop the illegal dumping.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Giberson made a proclamation for the Month of April the City of Port Republic is in great shape, with a great future all the volunteers have made this city so special.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES 04-2018 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding

1. N/A

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Allgeyer seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Campellone, RMC Municipal Clerk