

**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BRIDGETON CITY HALL  
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD  
JANUARY 2, 2020**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry W. Briggs on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Abram, Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein, Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer

Absent: None

The Mayor noted a quorum present.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to move Item 3, Bill No. 6233, Amendment to Preliminary Development Agreement between the City of Bridgeton, Missouri and Big Sports Properties, LLC, to Item 7, following the Closed Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Mark Harder, St. Louis Councilman for District 7 spoke in favor of the PowerPlex project. This will be good for all of St. Louis County and the State. He would not want to lose this to another county or state. Tonight's approval by Bridgeton is the final piece to get this project moving.

Mr. Robert Swanger, Stern Brothers, getting rid of the TDD will make the property saleable again. This project will provide economic growth for Bridgeton and the County as a whole.

Mr. Bob Hebrank, Athletic Director for Pattonville for 12 years, spoke in favor of the PowerPlex. It will allow teams that now have to practice at night to have another option. Such facilities are scarce in this area. This project will be huge for the kids in the district.

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Mr. Mark Behlmann, from the Hazelwood Board of Education, stated this project will not only be good for the area, but will draw outsiders and create a good image for the area throughout the country. It will allow kids to play in a world class facility.

Mr. Sam Adams, spoke as a representative of the St. Louis ~~County Regional Chamber Kansas Carpenters' Union~~, stated he has attended athletic events in Chicago and Kansas City and often wondered why he wasn't spending money in the St. Louis area.

Ms. Amy Poelker, from St. Ann, stated she has been very involved with sports; a project like this will bring in something to threa for everyone in St. Louis County.

Mr. Ken Green, 932 Evergreen Forest, said this project will be the talk of the State and all throughout the Midwest.

Ms. Jenny Boenker Turner, 12855 Boenker Lane, spoke about the problem of littering from the QT to their driveway, going west to the Earth City Expressway. She asked if the Street Department could help; Mayor Briggs stated that is not part of the duties of the Street Department. That should be handled by MoDOT.

Mr. Mike Chris, Vice-President of Impact Strategies stated the PowerPlex project is ready to begin as soon as it is approved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 18, 2019**

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for approval of the Minutes of December 18, 2019.

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, that on page 3 the resignation of Mr. Fetsch should be 2020 and not 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Hein, that on page 3 at the bottom, "Fetsch" should be deleted from the NAY vote and left as an AYE vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the Minutes as amended carried by voice vote

### **APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SET PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Briggs stated he had no appointments to make this evening and all members of Council are present so any item may be acted upon tonight at the discretion of Council.

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**PERFECTION OF BILLS**

Item 4

**BILL NO. 6230 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, (APPLICATION #19-PZ-19) GRANTING THE MINOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, KNOWN AS "3145 SMILEY ROAD" TO SUBDIVIDE 4.584 ACRES INTO TWO (2) LOTS, ZONED "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 3145 SMILEY ROAD (A FINAL PLAT). PETITIONER: JAMEY HENSON WITH THE STERLING CO.**

Mrs. Abrams moved, second by Mr. Norris, for second reading of Bill 6230. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Abram. moved, second by Mrs. Norris, that Bill 6230 become Ordinance 20-01.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein

NAYS: None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS**

Item 5

**BILL 6231 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REPEALING SECTION 130.060 AS SET FORTH UNDER CHAPTER 130 OF THE CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 130.060, FIXING THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for first reading of Bill 6231. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to table Bill 6231. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Item 6

**BILL 6232 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 19-27 AND ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 8.04 OF THE CHARTER AND SECTION 115 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2020**

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, for first reading of Bill 6232. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Zimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele, to table Bill 6232. Motion carried by voice vote.

Because there was a need for an Executive Session, Mayor Briggs asked that the staff reports be given at this time.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Linenbroker had nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Grimmer reported on a book he has just read called "Policing Ferguson, Policing America: What Really Happened—and What the Country Can Learn from It" by Thomas Jackson. He recommended that everyone read it.

Mr. Purcell stated that in Illinois there were long lines for marijuana and the wait was about 5-6 hours. He also reported he heard that the City of St. Louis will not enforce marijuana possession as a stand-alone crime anymore

He also addressed the littering problem and asked if we could reach out to MoDOT for some help.

Mr. Fetsch asked if the City has heard about locations chosen as marijuana dispensaries.

Mr. Hein asked about the peddlers and pan handlers and if we could do anything.

Mr. Saettele thanked the speaker about the trash problem. He suggested reaching out to some of the businesses about keeping their areas clean by picking up trash on their property/.

Mr. Zimmer reported he has received three more complaints about the microphones in the Council Chambers. The audio is very hard to hear on the tape especially at the podium. He would like someone to look into this problem

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.Mrs. Norris stated she was glad to see some activity on the property that used to be Al's Greenhouse indicating McBride is getting ready to begin

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Kane gave a report on various activities at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Chief Hood stated if you are approached by a panhandler you should still contact the police.

On January 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a memorial service for Scott Armstrong, a Bridgeton officer who was killed by a drunken driver several years ago. The service will be at 9:00 a.m. here at City Hall

Mr. Gunn stated MoDOT has said they will clean up the trash when they are working there in the springtime and he doubted we would see them any sooner.

Mayor Briggs announced **he the** marijuana dispensaries will be announced on January 26<sup>th</sup> and will be done by Congressional Districts. There were five or six application from the Bridgeton area.

Mayor Briggs also reported that the Public Works Department has put a note on every door at the apartment building having management problems explaining the correct usage of space heaters; also inspectors are checking on occupants every day and some nights when the temperatures drop. They make sure everyone has what they need to keep warm.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, that a Closed Session be held to discuss matters relating to (1) legal action, litigation or confidential or privileged communications with counsel pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) R.S.M.O.and/or (iv) documents related to a negotiated contract pursuant to Section 610.021(12) R.S.M.O. and to include the Mayor, the City Administrator, members of Council, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police and the City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer, Abram, Fetsch, Grimmer, Hein, Norris

NAYS: None

Council adjourned to the Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Hein moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to return to Open Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

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**BILL 6233 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, BY AND AMONG THE CITY, BIG SPORTS PROPERTIES, LLC, AND THE BRIDGETON POWERPLEX COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Saettele for first reading of Bill 6233. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Grimmer moved, second by Mr. Fetsch, to table Bill 6233. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fetsch moved, second by Mr. Hein, for adjournment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carole A. Stahlhut, City Clerk