

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JANUARY 5, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ellie Kaufmann led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmember Zimmer	Councilmember Luke
Councilmember Webb	Councilmember Hein
Councilmember Grimmer	Councilmember Abram
Councilmember Norris	

Absent: Councilmember Purcell

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hein moved to approve the January 5, 2022 agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Luke.

Councilmember Luke moved to amend the Agenda by tabling Item #9A, the Sign Variance for Meineke Car Care (App. #21-0355) 11831 St. Charles Rock Road for seven new signs. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda was approved as amended by a voice vote of the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Pinson – 11420 Old St. Charles Rock Road. Mr. Pinson advised that he visited the BMAC playground and believes that the lighting was staged. He also stated that the Park is primarily for seniors and preschoolers; there are no activities for teenagers. Mr. Pinson expressed other concerns with the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Luke moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 15, 2021. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grimmer.

Councilmember Luke made a friendly amendment on page 5, under Reconsideration of Bill 6300. The record should reflect the City Attorney fees to be \$295 per hour (the word “hour” was added). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

The amended minutes were approved by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mayor Briggs recognized the new City Clerk, Karen Robinson and welcomed her along with the City Council members.
2. Councilmember Hein moved to appoint Anthony Banks from Ward 1 to the Charter Commission and Mike Bailey to be the City’s representative for the Missouri University Extension Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

Zach Greatens – Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Greatens provided an overview of the proposal to change the zoning of 12129 St. Charles Rock Road from B2 (Community Business District) to R3 (Single Family Dwelling District.)

The request is to change 0.44 acres of the land (the entire parcel is 3.38 acres). There are currently no development plans for the land and the change would be consistent with the surrounding area. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the change. Mr. Tim Kaufmann, the applicant, was also present and provided supporting testimony for the change.

Hearing no additional comments in favor or opposition of this matter, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 P.M.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

- A. Bill# 6302 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, (APPLICATION #21-PZ-12) ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR “AUTOMOBILE REPAIR, MAJOR AND MINOR, PROVIDED THAT THE ACTIVITY IS CONDUCTED WHOLLY WITHIN AN ENCLOSED BUILDING” TO ALLOW A QUICK LUBE BUSINESS LOCATED AT 12077 ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD.**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow for the second reading of Bill 6302. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Webb. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill #6302 for the second time.

Councilmember Zimmer moved that Bill #6302, become Ordinance #22-01. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Norris.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table Bill #6302. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Webb. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer moved that the proposed use set forth in Bill #6302 be determined to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City of Bridgeton in accordance with and in the accomplishment of the comprehensive zoning plan of the City plan taking into consideration in impact such a change would have with the respect to traffic conditions, fire safety, the character of the neighborhood, the general welfare of the community or public utilities. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Webb.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that he finds as fact, the proposed use will have no adverse effect on the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the people of the City of Bridgeton with respect to traffic conditions, fire safety, the character of the neighborhood, the general welfare of the community or public utilities and my vote is aye.

Councilmember Webb concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Grimmer concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Hein concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Luke concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Abram concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Norris concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to suspend the rules and move Bill #6302 from the table. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer moved that Bill #6302, become Ordinance #22-01. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Abram. A poll of the Council produced the following vote:

Councilmember Zimmer	aye	Councilmember Luke	aye
Councilmember Webb	aye	Councilmember Hein	aye
Councilmember Grimmer	aye	Councilmember Abram	aye
Councilmember Norris	aye		

Approved by a 7/0 vote

Bill #6302 became Ordinance #22-01

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

- A. Bill #6303 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, (APPLICATION #21-PZ-13) TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.44 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 12129 ST. CHARLES ROCK ROAD FROM “B-2” COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO “R-3” SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING**

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for the first reading of Bill #6303. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Norris and carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill #6303 for the first time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill #6303. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Norris and carried by a voice vote.

- B. Bill #6304 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 115, SECTION 115.090 SUBSECTIONS B, C AND D OF THE PERSONNEL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.**

Councilmember Hein moved to allow for the first reading of Bill #6304. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Luke and carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hein read Bill #6304 for the first time.

Councilmember Hein moved to table Bill #6304. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEM

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Norris

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year. She advised that she has new residents on her street that moved from the City of Ballwin. She has been advised that they do not have a recycling trash bin. She expressed her concern about the matter.
- Councilwoman Norris inquired about Superior Heating and Cooling; wanted to know if they were going out of business because she noticed a large trash dumpster on the property.
- She advised that she was excited that the missing child noted in the recent Press Release has been found.
- She commented that the Bridgeton 2022 calendar is very nice and she is proud of the job well done.
- Councilwoman Norris commended the Bridgeton staff on their hard work and job well done in 2021.

Councilmember Abram

- Expressed her disdain with Mr. Pinson's comments and attack against the Parks Department. She stated that the City has a very good Parks department.

Councilmember Luke

- Welcomed the new City Clerk, Karen Robinson.
- Offered condolences to Chief Mossotti on the passing of his father.

Councilmember Hein

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that it was nice to see some of the candidates that have filed at the meeting tonight.
- Offered condolences to Chief Mossotti on the passing of his father.
- He was glad to see the ordinance that changes employees Overtime compensation
- He commented on an email received from Councilmember Webb in reference to Economic Development. He stated that economic development for the residential areas and businesses areas is very beneficially to the City. He thinks a full-time Economic Development employee may be a good addition.
- He advised that the Superior Heating and Cooling location is where a new Liquor Store will be opening.

Councilmember Grimmer

- Stated that he has been a resident for over 34 years and has always been involved in City government.

Councilmember Zimmer

- Councilmember Zimmer advised that to obtain recycling cans we just need to contact the City's Republic Services representative.
- Advised that he did not agree with Mr. Pinson's comments about the park being staged.
- Councilmember Zimmer welcomed the new City Clerk, Karen Robinson.

Councilmember Webb

- Councilmember Webb welcomed the new City Clerk, Karen Robinson.
- He mentioned an instance that a concession stand in the Park could not open due to lack of staffing. He added that the City's part-time employees are under paid.
- He also stated that he feels Mr. Pinson is not being treated fairly.

Councilmember Abram

- Commended Ellie Kaufman for leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and she welcomed the new City Clerk, Karen Robinson.

STAFF REPORT

Robert Gunn - Director of Public Works/City Engineer

- 10 years ago the City received a grant for recycling cans. There is currently money in the budget to purchase more cans. The advantage of purchasing them ourselves is that the City has more control over the cans; (ie if the changes trash haulers, the residents maintain the same containers)
- Mr. Gunn advised that he would contact Republic Services about obtaining a recycling can for the new resident in Councilmember Norris' ward.

Brendan Kane – Director of Parks & Recreation

None at this time

Mark Mossotti – Police Chief

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and looking forward to 2022.
- He thanked everyone for the condolences on the passing of his father.
- Welcomed the new City Clerk, Karen Robinson

Kevin Bookout – City Administrator

None at this time

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Briggs requested that the trash can issue with Councilmember Norris' constituent be a priority.
- Mayor Briggs welcomed new City Clerk, Karen Robinson and advised that she is well qualified for the position with her many years of experience.
- Advised that the Missouri Legislative Session has begun and that he will be keeping a watch on happenings and those items that relate to municipalities.
- Commented on the possible snow chances tonight and City's preparedness.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Zimmer moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grimmer at 7:45 P.M.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC
City Clerk