

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jack Surrency.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal Clerk, Darlene J. Richmond, "Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 giving the time, date, location and agenda to the extent known has been given in the following manner:

1. By posting notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at City Hall Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on September 12, 2014, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on September 12, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Spence

Absent: Mr. Thompson

Mr. Zapolski

President Surrency

Pres. Surrency called upon Mayor Kelly for presentations.

Mayor Kelly presented proclamations and plaques to the volunteers who worked the Baseball Tournament and Sports Fest held this year in August.

President Jack Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2014 and Work Session of September 2, 2014, also Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2014 and September 2, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and that said minutes are approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced one Ordinance for first reading entitled:

CITY OF BRIDGETON FISCAL YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on October 7, 2014 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Surrency announced no ordinance for second reading.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, commented on the safety of city and also in regards to the breaking and entering and tools stolen from this property. He further stated that all is needed that it be made safe and clean and the City will be successful.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, inquired about her car port being considered a building by the re-evaluation representative if that could be looked into. Also pointed out negatives and positives in the City and spoke in opposition of chickens being allowed in the City.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, pointed out we have a lot of good ordinances and code enforcement need to enforce the ordinances on the books.

Mr. Robinson also spoke in opposition of chickens being allowed in the City and should not even be considered.

Mr. Breon Russell, North Pearl Street, commented on the condition of the City and the youth.

Ms. Jamie Warner, Russell Sage Avenue, commented on possibility of chickens being allowed in the City.

Mr. Mike Abbott, East Commerce Street, asked that the issue of the school buses speeding problem be addressed and a feasibility study be done regarding Church Street becoming a one way for safety sake.

Mr. Abbott also commented on the re-assessment evaluation to be looked at making sure everyone knows what is going on and is on the same page

Ms. Jill Sungenis, Rutgers Avenue, commented on chickens being allowed in the City.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-10. All resolutions will be enacted upon by one motion unless a Council member desires to discuss an item; in that case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately. Item j-10 was added on to the agenda during the Work Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-14, amending temporary budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-14, authorizing bid for computer support and technology services.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-14, terminating lease agreement with Wireless Edge.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-14, authorizing application for Cultural Heritage Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-14, authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-14, extending grace period to pay third quarter taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-14, authorizing tax office changes regarding add backs.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-14, authorizing tax office changes regarding tax and utility records.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-14, authorizing block off street for Cycle-Cross Cycling.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-14, authorizing professional service contract with Rebecca Bertram.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Surrency presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$727,468.28 to all members who have received copies of same.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the Schedule of Bills is approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" for Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced no applications.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports:

1. Police Department (August)
2. Zoning Officer (August)
3. Municipal Clerk (August)
4. Tax Collector Annual Statement of Receipts

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence to receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly had no remarks.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Zapolski commented in the rally for the Library that it was very well attended.

Mr. Zapolski further commented on the issue of chickens being allowed that there are many aspects being looked at, so he asked that they please be patient it is a work in progress.

Councilman Spence commented that he also is having some problem with the re-evaluation and he is waiting for them to get back to him and asked that the Business Administrator contact them concerning the complaints.

Mr. Spence also commented about the speed of the school buses.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked those that came out and helped the Library and also stated she agreed with Mr. Zapolski concerning the chickens it is a work in progress.

Pres. Surrency commented as elected officials we have to do our diligence concerning matters brought before us and listen.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____