

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 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 Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

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 April 27, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on April 27, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

A moment of silence and flag salute was led by Mayor Albert B. Kelly

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Spence
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Surrency
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Zapolski

Pres. Zapolski identified some of the changes on the agenda: first no employee of the month presentation. Ordinance G-1 has been tabled and removed from this agenda. Ordinance G-2 has been amended and copies are on the table, the amended ordinance identifies the addition of a nonrefundable deposit that requires for all requests for stand by police and fire services that are pursuant to a specific article in the ordinance that are identified in this ordinance. Resolution J-6 has had an amendment to one of the sentences third paragraph it talks about, now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the attached Commodity Resale Agreement for Motor Fuels with the County of Cumberland in form satisfactory to the Solicitor." This will give the Solicitor the opportunity to review an issue that came up in the Work Session relating to additional liability terms required by the agreement He believes that is all the changes

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of April 17, 2012, Work Session of April 17, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mr. Spence to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and said minutes be approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Executive Session Minutes for March 1, 2011, March 15, 2011, April 19, 2011 and April 3, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that said minutes be approved which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Zapolski announced one Ordinance for first reading.

The clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on May 15, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinances for second reading.

Pres. Zapolski announced this is the time for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter of concern the public desires to address Council.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard at this time.

Mr. Michael Abbott, Bridgeton, commented he had a great time at the Adopt a Block on Saturday.

He suggested that the city be more forth coming with news to the public and commented on issue regarding the County Library and the purchase of Bridgeton Evening News.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Bridgeton, inquired about the Bridgeton Motor Vehicle Inspection Station.

Pres. Zapolski stated they have had no response.

Mr. Robinson also inquired about the Memorial Day Services.

Mayor Kelly responded he would probably find out something this week and he would let him know.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, Bridgeton, inquired if there is any talk about use of old City Hall to accommodate the Library.

Pres. Zapolski stated that one known reason was due to the building floor loading not being capable to support the weight of the books and shelving.

Mr. Stewart further requested speed bumps be placed on East Avenue; and inquired about the waste cells at the County Landfill.

Mayor responded that the County Landfill has room.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Surrency to close the public portion of the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Zapolski announced all matters listed under items J-1, through items J-11 are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately.

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

RESOLUTION NO 248-11, cancel unspent grant balances for various projects.

RESOLUTION NO 249-11, tax identification statement.

RESOLUTION NO 250-11 authorizing 2011 shared services agreement with County regarding Zoo

RESOLUTION NO 251-11 authorizing 2012 shared service agreement with County regarding Zoo.

RESOLUTION NO 252-11 authorizing award to Kenneth Fones Construction for Indian Avenue Sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO 253-11 authorizing agreement for Commodity Resale for Motor Fuels with County.

RESOLUTION NO 254-11 authorizing agreement for Commodity Resale for Rock Salt with County.

RESOLUTION NO 255-11 authorizing senior citizens tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO 256-11 authorizing extension of time regarding Block 107, Lot 25 (44 Coral Avenue).

RESOLUTION NO. 257-11 authorizing sale of Block 183 Lot 4(211 Haynes Avenue) to Saul Rosa.

RESOLUTION NO. 258-11 authorizing award bid for rear mount aerial platform fire truck to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$2,037,226.53 all members having received copies.

Pres. Zapolski pointed out that 1.17 million dollars is payment for sewer to CCUA, \$271,000 payment for Workmen's Compensation.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Thompson 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" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Zapolski announced no applications.

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following March, 2012, reports:

1. Police Department

2. Tax Office

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly thanked those who came supported the Adopt a Block and Neighborhood Watch on Saturday it was a success and looking for more residents to get involved and appreciated the coverage the newspaper gave.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson no comments.

Councilman Surrency no comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple she echoes what the Mayor said about Saturday and forgot to wish him happy birthday on Saturday.

Councilman Spence commented he appreciates all of those that come in and support the City.

Pres. Zapolski echoes what Councilman Spence said about the people that do come to Council meetings, and that he wished there was a way he could encourage more people to take the time to see what is happening in their city government. He further noted that perhaps one of things that most people don't realize is that most of the discussions related to city business in conducted in the Work Session. It is well worth the effort if you want to know why. What we do here (in the Public Meeting) is mostly mechanics as a result of what we talk about at the Work Session.

Pres Zapolski addressed the Zoning issue in regards to downtown and that it is being worked on...

Pres. Zapolski also commented on the great time all had at the Food-Film Festival that was held.

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

Pres. Zapolski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

President Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

Date: _____