

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Wednesday, November 7, 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 Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Clerk, Mary L. Kimble, "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 November 2, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on November 2, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. invocation and flag salute was led by Council President Lugardo Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Public Session minutes from the Meeting of October 17, 2012 and the Work Session of October 17, 2012

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Surrency 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. Lugardo-Hemple announced that there are four Ordinances for first reading.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 265 OF THE CITY CODE-GOVERNING MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES, ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND LEVYING A REGISTRATION FEE ON OWNERS OF VACANT PROPERTIES

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 20, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$80,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$76,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 20, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPAVING AND RESTORATION OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$332,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 20, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 12-2 SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 20, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no Ordinance for second reading.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple 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. Surrency second by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton asked question regarding ordinance for vacant properties. He is turning his duplex into a single family home once again, and inquired

about the half house that is now vacant. Councilman Spence responded to Mr. Abbott's question.

Mr. Abbott asked about the resolution for S & K Cab, LLC, and the stipulations that were put on the new company.

Mr. Baker, stated that the Police Department has already been informed to keep a close eye on them, and those issues will be addressed when the license comes up for renewal in December. If they violate any of the stipulations until their renewal they will face pretty severe problems.

Mr. Abbott suggested that taxi licenses should be issued through the Police Department, not the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Zapolski and Mr. Baker responded to Mr. Abbott's question.

Mary Messick, Millville, but formerly of Bridgeton, spoke to Council about starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch. She wanted to tell Council that neighborhood crime watches do work.

Rob McQuade, Millville, also spoke of his involvement in Millville's Neighborhood Crime Watch

Mayor Kelly responded to Mr. McQuade and would like to set up a meeting with him and Ms. Messick to talk about starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch again in Bridgeton.

Bari Goldsboro-James, Bridgeton, had questions about her company's probationary period. Mr. Spence responded to Ms. Goldsboro-James. She does not want to fall victim to false accusations from other companies, as has happened in the past. Mr. Zapolski responded to Ms. Goldsboro-James.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-12 will be acted upon by one motion if any discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately, Item J-13 being removed from the agenda, and items J-14 and J-15 were added to the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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 117-12, awarding bid for remodeling Fire House shower facilities to Frank Burton

RESOLUTION NO 118-12, authorizing settlement of litigation – Bridgeton Holdings LLC

RESOLUTION NO 119-12, authorizing amendment agreement with Cumberland County Utilities Authority for sewerage services

RESOLUTION NO 120-12, awarding bid for street sweeper parts and repairs to Gran Turk Equipment Co Inc.

RESOLUTION NO 121-12 authorizing Professional Service Agreement with Bowman & Co. for auditing services

RESOLUTION NO 122-12, authorizing Change Order #7, for Water Works Building

RESOLUTION NO 123-12, authorizing advertisement for bids for Fire Department generator

RESOLUTION NO 124-12, authorizing cancellation of sewerage overage for 158 W. Commerce Street

RESOLUTION NO 125-12, authorizing change order #2, Indian Ave., sidewalks

RESOLUTION NO 126-12, authorizing sales certificate refund – 708 Chestnut Ave.

RESOLUTION NO 127-12, authorize memorandum of understanding – Millville police services

RESOLUTION NO 128-12, appointing two Class II Police Officers

RESOLUTION NO 129-12, authorize New Taxicab Company – S & K Taxi, LLC to operate in the City of Bridgeton

RESOLUTION NO 130-12, authorizing subordination of mortgage – Valerie Wilson

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,575,050.04 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Spence 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. Lugardo-Hemple announced she has received the following communications:

Statement of Uncollected Taxes from the Tax Collector
Letter – Cumberland County Improvement Authority

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated that council has received the following application:

1. Taxi application S & K Taxi, LLC
2. Instant raffle application from VFW for the year 2013

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the applications, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following reports for September, unless otherwise noted:

Tax Office
Fire Department
EMS
Code Enforcement
Public Works (July, August, Sept.)
City Clerk’s Office (October)

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council remarks.

Councilman Thompson thanked Ms. Messick and Mr. McQuade for coming down and talking to Council about Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Councilman Surrency thanked Ms. Messick and Mr. McQuade for coming, and Mr. Abbott for his input. Spoke about the storm last week, and road department kept roads clean of debris, and kept things moving.

Councilman Zapolski – no comments.

Councilman Spence thanked people from Millville for coming. Biggest problem with crime watch is getting volunteers.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple – Teachers and League of Municipalities Conventions were canceled because of the damage of hurricane Sandy. She will be going to Atlantic City volunteering for the Red Cross.

Mayor spoke to Superintendent of Schools and we will have a joint meeting on November 15, 2012, will speak about crime, and a few other things.

Mayor Kelly stated that it will be a dinner meeting, the school board is going to contribute money to repair some of the roads, getting money to help repair roads will be a great plus.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Date: _____