

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 20, 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 16, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on November 16, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that at this time Mayor Kelly will present a proclamation to the Gould family.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Public Session minutes from the Meeting of November 7, 2012

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$114,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$108,300 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 December 18, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that because of advertising deadlines, the four ordinances that had been scheduled for second reading, public hearing and final consideration at this meeting has been postponed until the Council meeting of December 4, 2012 in order to comply with NJSA 40A:2-17 AND NJSA 49-2

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. Zapolski second by Mr. Spence 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, assessment on a rental property at 331 N. Pearl Street, property taxes are only \$500.00. He owns a similar style house and his taxes are four times as much, and wonders why.

Mr. Abbott also questioned the ordinance discussed in the work session regarding sidewalk maintenance. People are parking on the sidewalks in his area, no one is given tickets unless he calls the city. New ordinance that was discussed is not fair to the homeowners.

Mr. Abbott requested that the Mayor ask the Police Chief to free up the investigating officer who handles taxicab licenses so he can do an adequate job with future investigations in a timely fashion.

House project at Cedar & Church Streets, the sidewalk on the property does not meet code. There is also a sinkhole in the back yard.

Mr. Abbott asked if Flavia Alaya be given access to Historic Commission record archives.

Mr. Goodreau responded to Mr. Abbotts concerns. All problems concerning the house at Cedar & Church Streets will be taken care of before CO is issued.

Carl Hemple, Bridgeton, represented Councilman Spence at a Christmas Parade meeting, remind Council about parade this Sunday at 2:00 pm. Festival of Lights will be held the first weekend in December.

Flavia Alaya, Bridgeton, thanked Mayor and Council for attending awards given for preservation that was held. Reminded those present of the Christmas House tour the first weekend in December.

Community Development Block Grant funds – will use for community workshops – educate people – Historic District. She would like to get to see the archives if the city has them, if they don't, they should know that too.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence 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-3 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

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski seconded by Mr. Thompson that the following 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

RESOLUTION NO 132-12, consenting to the proposed water quality management plan amendment entitled: Cumberland County Future Wastewater Service Area

RESOLUTION NO 133-12, awarding bid to Municipal Maintenance Co., Inc. for maintenance of City-owned equipment

RESOLUTION NO 134-12, award bid to Asphalt Paving Corporation for removal and replacement of raceway pipes

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$417,608.53 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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. Lugardo-Hemple stated that council has received no applications.

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

Police Department
Tax Office
Vital Statistics

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 the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly stated because of article in paper, 20 men in the community met to reclaim our streets and work with him. He is asking people to work with him one or two nights a month, going to hot spots in the city. Wants to demonstrate to the public that our streets are safe. He is challenging the people of the city to be part of the solution.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council remarks.

Councilman Thompson told Mayor Kelly that he can count on him. Wished everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Councilman Surrency thanked the Mayor for recognizing the Gould family and seeing Mrs. Gould's family giving her support. They still continue to do a lot for the community.

Councilman Zapolski reminder of the Christmas Parade this weekend. Council will be helping doing various activities. Council will be ringing the bell in front of C-Town on December 15th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Spence wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple echoed wishes of Council for a Happy Thanksgiving. Wants to be a part of the Mayor's group. Remember the Festival of Lights, it's the same day as the house tour. This year they will have a wall of remembrance. People can by a candle or an angel to remember their loved ones.

On Thanksgiving day she and her husband deliver meals to those who need. She is so happy to be a part of this.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that the meeting will be recessed so that Council may go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual, fire department shower bid, Litigation, 53 Walnut Street, Personnel – manual change, dual appointments

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that RESOLUTION NO. 131-12, authorizing Executive Closed Session to discuss contractual, litigation and personnel, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Council adjourned to the Caucus room at this time.

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: _____