

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 5:30 p.m., at the 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 Edwards

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal Clerk, Kathleen L. Keen; Notice of this meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, as required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the "Open Public Meetings Act", has been provided by a public advertisement to the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal on February 7th, 2018 of a schedule adopted by resolution setting forth the time, date and place of all the meetings of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Mayor Kelly

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edward Bethea

Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio

Councilman Samuel Feinstein

Absent-Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr.

Council President Edwards

Also in attendance:

Mayor Albert Kelly

Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette

Solicitor Rebecca J. Bertram

Municipal Clerk Kathleen L. Keen

President Edwards presented the Work Session, Council Meeting, and Executive Session Minutes of November 20, 2018. It was moved by Councilman Bethea and seconded by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that said minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies. The motion carried unanimously.

President Edwards announced there were no ordinances for first reading.

President Edwards announced there were no ordinances for second reading:

President Edwards announced this is the time for anyone who desires to address council on the consent agenda or any other matter.

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and seconded by Councilman Feinstein the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to address council on the consent agenda or any other matters, which motion was carried.

President Edwards opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Ms. Mary Corvaia expressed her frustrations regarding loud noise in her neighborhood and the lack of concern by those being fined for it. She encouraged council to change the noise ordinance possibly increasing the fines.

Ms. Jill Sungenis echoed Ms. Corvaia's concerns stating there is a noise problem in her neighborhood also. She said the police need to do something and would also like to see the ordinance changed also. Councilman Bethea then asked for clarification of the times of day this is happening, Ms. Sungenis stated it usually starts at 11:30pm and is sometimes continuous through 4:30am.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

President Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Edwards announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-16 will be enacted upon by one motion unless a council member desires to discuss an item, in which case the items will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

RESOLUTION NO. 304-18 authorizing the temporary suspension of enforcement of ordinance section 300-4. Holiday waste schedule December 26, 2018 through January 5, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 305-18 authorizing and approving employment agreement between the city of Bridgeton and Police Captain

RESOLUTION NO. 306-18 imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of October 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 307-18 accepting resignation of the Tax Assessor for the City of Bridgeton and terminating the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the Services of a Tax Assessor

RESOLUTION NO. 308-18 authorizing and approving a contract between the City of Bridgeton and FMBA Local No. 252

RESOLUTION NO. 309-18 to accept Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Control Safety Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 310-18 authorizing the execution of shared services agreement for mutual aid with the Township of Franklinville

RESOLUTION NO. 311-18 authorizing the execution of shared services agreement for mutual aid with the Township of Franklin

RESOLUTION NO 312-18 authorizing the execution of shared services agreement for mutual aid with the Borough of Elmer

RESOLUTION NO 313-18 authorizing the execution of shared services agreement for mutual aid with the Township of Harrison

RESOLUTION NO 314-18 requesting approval for the insertion of a special item of revenue for the 2018 NJ Economic Development Agency (NJEDA) Innovation Planning Challenge

RESOLUTION NO 315-18 authorizing emergency HVAC repairs and maintenance by Woodruff Energy in various public works buildings in the City of Bridgeton not to exceed \$3,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 316-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a renewal contract to Ambulance Billing Co., LLC for emergency medical services for 2019 for the second (2nd) year option

RESOLUTION NO. 317-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a non-fair and open contract to South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter for animal shelter services for one (1) year

RESOLUTION NO. 318-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to advertise for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) maintenance and repair services

RESOLUTION NO. 319-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Nucar Connection, Inc. for one (1) 2019 Chevrolet Colorado truck purchase in the amount not to exceed \$23,266.00

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Bethea that said Resolutions be adopted which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills dated December 4, 2018 in the amount of \$2,087,650.04.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea that the Schedule of Bills be approved as read and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedules may be found in the Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

President Edwards announced two (2) applications for approval.

1. Taxi Owner Application – Go US Cab (Teodoro Martinez)
2. Taxi Owner Application – Jaylene Cab (Raphael Jimenez)

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Feinstein that said applications be received and filed which motion carried unanimously.

President Edwards announced two (2) reports for approval.

1. Department of Public Works Quarterly Report October 2018
2. Water/Sewer Report October 2018

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that said reports be received and filed which motion carried unanimously.

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for comments – None at this time.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – thanked Ms. Corvaia and Ms. Sungenis for their comments saying she hopes council can resolve the noise situation

Councilman Feinstein – said three people contacted him today regarding panhandling throughout the city, stating it is becoming very aggressive.

Councilman Bethea – said he will continue to be vigilant about public safety and quality of life, he referred to Ms. Corvaia and Ms. Sungenis concerns also and noting it is disturbing to hear of this and it will be taken seriously.

President Edwards – said the noise ordinance will be looked into, and acknowledged panhandling is a problem in areas of the city. He spoke of the lack of “good” newspaper coverage for the city, and informed all of a new diner in town he said is very good and reasonable. Lastly President, he rode by the landfill recently and it is moving forward.

Police Chief Gaimari addressed council regarding panhandling in the city, and stated the residents playing loud music were issued summons and fined. Administrator Bush-Baskette noted she and Chief Gaimari have already scheduled a meeting to discuss the noise complaints.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

President Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date Approved: December 18, 2018