

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Officers answering to roll call: Mike Kendall, Nancy Kienker, Mayor Denham, Attorney Vocke, Dave Radford, Tim Wartman and Gail Smith. Dianne Wartman is absent.

Smith moves to accept the March minutes and the special meeting minutes. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Dennis Gordon, Executive Director of PDS, and Megan Bessey are at tonight's meeting to discuss Z21/One Stop Shop/and the direction of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. A slide presentation was presented to Council by Megan Bessey. An online presentation is available for review.

No sealed bids were received by the Mayor and Council for waste collection. The current contract with Rumpke expires June 30, 2019. Attorney Vocke stated that, as no bids were received and the ad for bids was published for two days and also posted on Bromley's webpage, the City can reach out to whomever they choose for the purpose of obtaining a waste collection contract. Smith will pursue.

#### CITIZEN REPORT

Larry Hamant, owner of Hamant's Garage on River Road, would like to build some self-storage units on his business property. He asks how this will work in relationship to rental fees. The Attorney stated that, currently, the rental ordinance and related fees pertain to residential units only.

Mr. Hamant mentioned that there is work being done (gravel, drainage pipes, etc.) on the Highwater Road property that will house boats. Mayor Denham informed Hamant that the owners of the Highwater Road property are preparing the area for the storage units that will house boats, but, the City has seen no plans for the storage facilities as yet and Bromley Council will have to review the layout of the building/buildings and give approval before any further action is taken by the owner.

Smith asks if Hamant's proposed storage units can be built in the floodplain. Hamant stated that he had spoken to PDS regarding this matter. Hamant stated that no one would be residing in the units. They would be strictly for storage. The Mayor informed Hamant that he would speak to PDS himself regarding this proposal. He asks that Hamant give the Council time to investigate this matter since tonight is the first time that it has been mentioned.

When Hamant asked about the sidewalks that are being poured on Pike Street (Pike Street Curb Project), Radford informed him that Adams was charged \$500.00 and Franks paid \$1,000.00 out of their own pockets to have the sidewalks poured while the curb work was being done. No money came out of or was added to the contract fee that the City of Bromley is paying for this work.

Radford stated that citizens who want any sidewalk or driveway poured while the work is being done will be charged by Bledsoe and the City will not be charged for any additional work.

Radford stated that concrete is being poured in the dead area between the sidewalk and the curb to make the project look better. The curbing being installed is a short curb as opposed to a full-high curb allowing vehicles to park further off of the street. Park Hills Police (PHP) have not been citing anyone for parking a foot or so off of the street. Radford informed Hamant that Bledsoe will be responsible for any damage done to concrete in the dead area if vehicles choose to park there.

The Mayor stated that there should not be an issue unless the vehicle is blocking the sidewalk, which should not be the case.



**POLICE REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

The Fire Department Committee (Mayor Denham, Mike Kendall, Dave Radford) has been trying to negotiate the contract between the City of Bromley and the Fire Department and they have been reviewing all data. The Fire Department asked for an annual contract fee of \$62,993.00. This was discussed at length and the Fire Department was only willing to reduce the fee by 3% which leaves the annual contract amount at over \$61,000.00. The City's committee has reviewed fourteen months of run time from dispatch. There are membership issues as well in the department.

The Mayor asked the committee to contact neighboring fire departments for quotes. Ludlow and Crescent/Villa were contacted. Crescent/Villa presented no quote.

The annual fee proposed to Bromley from Ludlow for fire protection was \$32,690.73. The fee per each EMS response is \$250.00. Based on an average from previous EMS response calls the total quote from Ludlow (\$54,440.73 or roughly 217 responses) is still lower than the fee being presented by Bromley Fire Department for the same service. (amendment made by Mike Kendall: based on an average number of squad calls of 87 in 2018, the additional cost would be \$21,750 so the total quote from Ludlow would be \$54,440.73 which is still lower than the fee being presented by BFD for the same service).

Smith moves that we go with the contract from Ludlow, and, in making this motion she declines the contract between the City of Bromley and the Bromley Fire Department. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The fire department will be paid for the first three days of April 2019.

The Mayor gives the fire department 90 days to clean everything out.

The Mayor informed Chief Keller that any further calls to Bromley will be made by Ludlow Fire Department.

Discussion: When Chief Keller stated that his organization had been lied to Kendall stated that he, personally, had told the Chief that no other department whatsoever had been contacted regarding fire service but that the committee was contemplating contacting other departments.

Kendall stated that this decision was very hard for the committee to make but it is felt that this is the best choice for all citizens of Bromley.

(Amendment made by Mike Kendall: When Chief Keller stated that his organization had been lied to Kendall stated that the Chief called him and said that he (Chief) was contacted and was told that the City met with Ludlow and were negotiating a contract with them. Kendall then stopped the Chief and corrected the phone conversation. Kendall said that he told Keller that the City was not negotiating a contract. He told Keller that they were contemplating it).

Mayor Denham ended the discussion at this time.

**ROAD AND LIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Radford stated that more framing for additional concrete pouring is being done on the Pike Street Curb Project.

A piece of the cable being used by Verizon was passed around for the Mayor and Council to see. Business cables will be installed first and residential installation will follow. Another franchise check, in the amount of \$2,500.00, is being sent overnight due to a check issue. The City Attorney is reviewing the franchise agreement. Bob France, Public Works, will paint all TANK bus stops. Radford will check the code color chart for TANK. France reported that a neighbor on Short Boone has collected a bushel of sealant that has become detached. Radford will contact Riegler. France will come up with a design in the park garage that will allow the banners to be hung and stored when not in use. Radford has contacted the State regarding some slippage on the hillside that has washed debris into the road leaving Bromley on Bromley/Crescent Springs Road.

**NO LICENSE REPORT**

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Animal Control fee is to increase by 5%. This amounts to an increase of about \$11.00 per quarter. Ordinance 4-1-19 was read for the first time. This ordinance pertains to a map amendment in the zoning ordinances. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. Ordinance 4-2-19 was read for the first time. This ordinance pertains to a text amendment in the zoning ordinances. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. Chief Stanley (Park Hills Police/PHP) still feels that there is an issue regarding impounded vehicles. If a vehicle is towed and the owner wants to reclaim the vehicle immediately, per City ordinance, this cannot be done unless the citation is paid. Due to limited office hours this presents a problem. Smith did not like the idea of the towing company collecting the citation fee. PHP have always released the vehicle to the owner when impound fees were paid. Smith asks the Chief to find out if Park Hills would be willing to collect the citation fees in cases where vehicles have been impounded. Smith also suggests that the vehicle owner be notified that the vehicle is going to be towed unless citations are paid. If the owner chooses not to pay the citation, tow the vehicle. Smith will work with the Attorney on how to obtain final orders from PDS and their Code Enforcement Board on Bromley properties. The Attorney has the motion ready to file on the Barnes property on Shelby Street. The Attorney has filed one case in regards to delinquent mobile home tax bills.

**WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

Smith has been working with the Treasurer regarding the transfer of City accounts to Huntington Bank. Smith is working on seasonal credit card availability in the office from July 1<sup>st</sup>. through October 31<sup>st</sup>. covering tax and rental license collection dates. Any person choosing to use a credit card will pay any fees that are imposed. Smith is working on budget preparation. Smith was told by the Auditor that budget fees in the same category can be rolled together in order to prevent the need for budget amendments. In other words, if one committee is over budget while



another committee, in the same category, is under budget, they can balance each other out so no amendment is required.

The Mayor reports that the City is going to hire another auditing firm and VanGorder/Walker will be hired to review our records on a quarterly basis. They will assist the office employees with the transfer of data from Sage to Quickbooks.

Per Smith, we will also try to get some automation on our tax bills.

Kendall reports that ALS services will increase to \$3,734.00.

**PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gaiser will take care of the infield for Bromley at a reasonable price.

Shane Hamant took care of the ruts in the park caused by a vehicle of some kind.

France will drag the field tomorrow.

Smith is putting in a quote from Zimmer for the park budget.

**NO INSURANCE OR GRANT REPORTS**

Smith moves to accept all committee reports as presented. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Smith has spoken to the Attorney and, if the sign project exceeds \$20,000.00, bids will be required. Kendall stated that the decision regarding Bromley Fire Department was very difficult. This department was one of the finest volunteer organizations. He stated that none of the members did anything wrong. They all tried their best. They currently have only seventeen members.

Mayor Denham stated that the committee felt that this was the best decision for all citizens and it was very tough to make this choice.

Radford told Kathleen Smith that, in his opinion, the fire department can only sell their equipment to another non-profit organization. He stated that the fire department is responsible for their own debt. In his opinion, some equipment was purchased with tax dollars and any excess should come back to the City.

The Mayor stated that no one, member or former member, can profit from this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Smith was asked on Facebook if a person was allowed to have ducks in the City limits.

PDS says that zoning doesn't say that they can't have them. However, this could be an Agricultural use in an R 1 Zone. If allowed, nuisance ordinances could apply and the City can make final decisions. Also, enclosures cannot be unkept per City ordinance.

**BILLS**

Smith moves to pay the bills. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Radford moves to adjourn. Kendall seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR



CLERK

