

Kienker moves to allow the Attorney to take action on the matter discussed in executive session. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

The Mayor reports that he and Kendall have been attending numerous meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Smith reports that a field survey is required regarding moving the veteran’s monuments. Buddy Wheatley sits on the Veteran’s Board Committee. He will try to assist us.

Kendall has passed out an update regarding Z21. Phase One is finished. Phase Two is 99% complete. Meetings will be set up with cities prior to the Third Phase, which is the actual implementation. The cities of Ludlow and Bromley will be combined to quicken the process.

Kienker asks if Bromley can ask PDS to walk our sidewalks to get an estimate on repairs. The Mayor feels that PDS may be able to do a layout of the City and determine immediate concerns. Curb work may also be included. Radford stated that there is a process where bad spots in sidewalks can be ground down and then filled. Smith reminded the Mayor and Council that sidewalks are the homeowner’s responsibility. Radford stated that sidewalks were homeowner’s responsibility in the past but, with safety issues, the City may have to help.

The Mayor wondered if the City could repair sidewalks at vacant properties and put a lien on the property for any work that has to be done. Radford and the Mayor will pursue this matter.

Radford advised Kienker to turn in a trouble call to SD1 regarding a sink hole on their sidewalk on Pike Street next to the Church.

Kendall reports that the **Main Street Project** will go out for bids again once all utilities are removed from the poles at 305 Main and the poles come down.

The bid will include the two walls and the CSO system with the stipulation that the Value Engineering Approach be used rather than the Design Bid. This will be submitted as one big project which, it is believed, will lower the cost. Contractors are to put the wall in and guarantee their work.

Kendall did apply for a 50/50 cost split on the CSO system. An estimated cost for the work is \$61,000.00.

Kendall reported on property inspections.

- 1 Pike: they had to physically open up the building. The engineer fell through a stairwell. He termed the inspection “not good”.
- 11 Lake: Bad structure and foundation. Even taking the house down is a risk to neighboring homes. A cost estimate to get the property to a safe condition/ retaining wall, etc. could be \$200,000.00.
- 227 Shelby: not as bad and may be salvageable. We will wait and see what the report says.


The Mayor wonders: do we have to pay PDS inspection fees if we tear the houses down; do we get reimbursed for liens. When we went proactive the fees added up because PDS employees were keeping track of their times.


Smith said that 240 Shelby has no fines imposed whatsoever. Our 20% decision will help to take the next step and fines can be issued under the nuisance clause.

NO NEW BUSINESS/NO COMMUNICATIONS

BILLS: Radford moved to pay the bills. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Radford moved to adjourn. Kendall seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR 

CLERK 

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

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

Smith moves to accept the February minutes. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

NO CITIZEN INPUT

PDS REPORT

Quentin Campbell from PDS is present to address the Mayor and Council.

Smith questioned Mr. Campbell about 236 Kenton Street. He keeps driving past this property but cannot find any violations. He asks that he be notified if anyone sees any issues.

Mr. Campbell has a list of properties on which liens have been filed. He stated that the problem is that sometimes the liens exceed the worth of the house. Mr. Campbell stated that the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) is not meant to make money. The CEB will follow whatever proposal the City suggests regarding these properties.

Kendall stated that the Lien Task Force sheet recommends that the following properties be pursued: 227 Shelby Street, 1 Pike Street, 11 Lake Street and 102 Pike Street.

Smith stated that the case is closed on the 241 Shelby Street property but liens still exist. Mr. Campbell stated that PDS can pursue the collection of fines on this property.

Mr. Campbell feels that the continued posting of citations at 11 Lake Street is a waste of time because the money will never be recouped. Smith was told that the best that can be hoped for on this property is for the Master Commissioner to sell the house and, hopefully, some fees may be collected.

The Mayor was informed that PDS can negotiate a lien payoff if the City wants to purchase the property.

Mr. Campbell stated that there are so many citations on some of the properties because PDS kept pursuing the issuance of citations until told to stop, but they are not going to do this any longer.

The Attorney stated that the City has foreclosures pending already on 227 Shelby, 11 Lake, 1 Pike and 102 Pike. Mr. Campbell stated that the foreclosure process is in the hands of cities, not PDS.

The Task Force suggests that the City set up a plan for PDS to follow to pursue these properties and attempt to alleviate all issues involved. The suggestion is to set a starting point at: \$10,000.00, or 15 citations, or a percentage of the assessed value of the home. The Mayor suggests a 20% starting point.

Kendall moves to go with the 20%. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye.

Ms. Deaton, who lives across the street from 240 Shelby Street, is here on behalf of herself and her neighbors. She has attended a meeting in the past to discuss this property. She reports: people sleeping in vehicles, trash everywhere, working on and taking apart appliances through the night, a two-year old running around, not opening doors to police when they are called but coming out when officers leave, 2-3 trailers, kids running into the street since the sidewalk is blocked.

Mr. Campbell said that this case is still open. Sometimes when he comes to inspect there is trash and sometimes there is not.

The Attorney stated that the matter can be pursued as a Nuisance and that the City has an ordinance prohibiting scrapping. The City can file a complaint in Circuit Court.

The Police, per the neighbors, will not go up the stairs to the second floor because it is insecure. Mr. Campbell said that he will bring up this issue with the CEB if persons are willing to testify to the conditions that have been brought to his attention at 240 Shelby Street. Kendall will take photos and send them to Mr. Campbell.

Smith moves that the Attorney file a motion in Circuit Court regarding these matters pertaining to 240 Shelby Street. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Kendall moves that the City allow Mr. Campbell to issue a citation to the owner of this property. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Smith stated that there have been blight issues at 908 West Oak. Mr. Campbell stated that the condition of this property has improved by leaps and bounds. The Mayor agrees that this is the case. She asks that Mr. Campbell cite the owner of this property if there are any future issues.

POLICE REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

Chief Stanley told the Mayor that he can have a vehicle towed from 240 Shelby if it is truly blocking the sidewalk (per City ordinance).

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The fire chief is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

A CPR class is scheduled to be held here tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

NO HALL REPORT

ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT

Radford stated that the speed trailer was sent back. The unit kept being sent back to Bromley and did not work properly. The salesman had quoted a price for a S102 unit. Another unit at approximately \$1,000.00 cheaper than the price quoted for the S102 is being pursued.

Bob France, Public Works, stated that there was an issue with a storm drain behind the park garage. The company went below the pipe, opened it, and did patch work to close the area.

Kendall reports that Duke Energy eliminated a service line from the pole in front of 305 Main Street. District 6 made them move the pole.

There are lines for Cable, Cincinnati Bell and others on a pole at 305 Main Street that will be removed. After the lines are gone the pole (poles) will be removed.

Radford reports that the snow removal and grass cutting contract will remain with Shane Hamant who will work under the same cost that was established for last year. Smith stated that the contract runs from January through December. The Mayor would like for the contract term to be based on the fiscal year. Radford will ask Mr. Hamant if he is willing to add an additional six months to the contract in order to coincide with our fiscal year budget.

MINUTES- March 4, 2020**LICENSE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Mayor asks that Radford obtain a list of businesses that have licenses to work in Bromley. Smith stated that we can access gross receipts licensing information from the website. She will ask the Treasurer to provide this information on a quarterly basis. The Attorney said that we can ask companies how many employees they have working for them, but they do not have to supply that information.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Smith is working on the budget and informs committee chairpersons that things will be tight for the next fiscal year. Income: \$267,000.00. Expenses: \$299,000.00. It is hoped that Bromley will get payment from B/P in April. Smith will check with the Treasurer regarding the Street Sweeper. Per Kendall, no payment is showing for February.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Tim Wartman is looking to get bids on the new basketball court. The Mayor informed Mr. Wartman that we may not be required to get State-certified contractors for the Park Project. The baseball teams are scheduling practice and game times. The schedule is filling up quickly.

NO INSURANCE AND GRANTS REPORT

Kendall reports that Dominique from the State (regarding the Playground Project Grant) has received the budget information and the application should be complete. The removal of the basketball court is being pursued as part of the grant.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney read Resolution 3-1-20 which allows the Mayor to sign the Municipal Aid Road Fund Cooperative Agreement between the City of Bromley and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Smith moves to accept this resolution. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The Attorney read Ordinance 2-1-20 for the second time. This ordinance amends the job descriptions of the Treasurer and the City Clerk. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The Attorney read a summary of Ordinance 3-1-20 for the first time. This ordinance is the one adopted by Kenton County regarding animal control. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. The Attorney has been given permission to file the liens on the trailers. Smith will review the fees for ordinance recodification sent to the Attorney from American Legal Publishing. The signed Verizon Franchise paperwork was given to the Clerk to be filed in the office.

Smith moves to go into executive session in regards to potential litigation. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. (6:45 p.m.) The regular meeting reopened at 7:00 p.m.