

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 January minutes. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

NO CITIZEN INPUT

The Mayor deviated from the regular order of business to allow Richard Frommeyer (Richard) from American Legal Publishing (ALP) to address Council in regards to ordinance recodification. Richard mentioned that State law requires that ordinances be updated every five years. Bromley's last updated ordinance with ALP was from July of 2011. One of the requirements would be to do a supplement or an official review. Most municipalities will do a codification or a supplementation of the code.

Smith and Dianne have been reviewing old ordinances and keeping notes and, in a lot of cases, the ordinances no longer apply (things have changed, positions no longer exist, etc.). Richard suggests that the City pass an ordinance stating that certain employee positions no longer exist or apply and then ALP would codify or amend that ordinance.

ALP also can keep City ordinances updated in relationship to State laws, so, if the State would require a change ALP would make the change based on the State law. This is called "red line strike out" and the City would have to pass an ordinance allowing ALP to make these changes and the Council would have the right to review any "red line strike out" change that may have been made. This keeps City ordinances current with State laws.

Richard would like to see the ordinances all brought up to date after which time ALP would post Bromley's ordinances online and, as ordinances are adopted, they would be sent to ALP who would add all new ordinances to the online site keeping Bromley immediately updated and in compliance with the five-year recodification plan set forth by State law. Citizens would be able to review an original ordinance and also see any amendments that were made pertaining to that original ordinance. ALP offers a legal review which means that their Attorneys look at State laws and compare City ordinances to the State laws.

ALP can provide model ordinances to the City, at no charge, with a three-day notice.

ALP suggests that paper codes be updated one time per year. Online updates, as previously mentioned, would be immediate.

Zoning ordinance updates are posted by PDS. It is too expensive to have the zoning ordinances updated. Recodification expenses and online expenses were discussed (price per page, legal review charges, etc.).

Smith moves that we proceed and allow ALP to do ordinance codification, legal reviews, and updates for our website (prices to be noted in the contract). Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

NO PDS REPORT

POLICE REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

Another CPR class for March or April was discussed (to be held here in our building). The Chief suggested an evening or Saturday CPR class.

Kienker thanked Ludlow Fire Department (LFD) for responding so quickly to a fire near her house.

NO HALL COMMITTEE REPORT (DIANNE IS ABSENT)

Smith reports that the project to move the Veteran's memorial from Pleasant and Shelby to Highwater and Main (509 Main) may have to be done in stages. Just the initial project scope from Palmer Engineering came in at \$39,800.00. Smith, personally, would like to see it move forward. The fee includes: an elevation survey, application meetings, construction plans, final plans and specs and a drainage report for SD1 and permits. The plan is to move the memorials to a new location with a park-like setting, lighting, flag/flag pole, landscaping, benches and off-street parking (a couple of spots). This price does not include any construction. It is just to get the project off of the ground.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Smith stated that she might as well give her report at this time.

The Mayor just found out the grant that we have received is reimbursable so we have to pay for expenses up front and wait to be reimbursed.

Smith stated that Bromley has a lot going on at present and we need to focus on the current projects, such as the Main Street Project, the Park Project and the Memorial Project, and hold other projects off for the next, or maybe next two, budget years.

Citizens need to be made aware of the fact that the projects could take a year or two to be finalized but they are moving forward.

The Mayor stated that the completion date for the Park Project (Grant-funded) is scheduled for August 2022.

Smith would like to set up two individual checking accounts for the Park Project. Funds will have to be available from the General Fund to open our checking account. Smith will pursue this matter.

Smith asks that we stay focused with the budget spending since expenses from taxes had to be pushed back to October since the Sheriff's Office is collecting those fees now and due dates have changed.

Radford moves that Smith move forward with the preliminary steps for the Memorial Project. Tim Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

ROAD AND LIGHT COMMITTEE

Radford reports that Bob France (Public Works) continues to do a good job for the City.

SASO, the company that made the radar sign, believes that the sensor problems with the sign were due to incorrect configuration. They claim that the sign is repaired.

The Mayor would like to see the snow removal contract outsourced. Radford will pursue this matter.

The Mayor would like to see the entry sign landscaping upgraded with more mulch, flowers, etc. instead of outsourcing the contract. Radford will speak to Hamant regarding this matter.

Smith reports that Hamant is supposed to maintain the flowers at the entry sign locations and the memorial twice a year, and cut and maintain the park, the memorial and the lot at 509 Main. The park grounds are weed-treated by Astro Lawn.

At the Mayor's request, Smith contacted the State and reports that the State is wanting to start a Municipal Aid Cooperative Program. We have the option of joining or not joining. We are currently receiving Municipal Aid funds on a monthly basis. Under the Cooperative we would receive funds three times a year. The State would withhold 3% of the funds and put that into an emergency fund. In the event of an emergency we can apply for funding to repair the emergency and we are not held to the 3%. Per Smith, we currently receive about \$16,000.00 to \$17,000.00 annually. Over the past two years, Radford has tried to minimize the necessities and hold the funding for a decent-sized project. Bromley would have to join the Cooperative by March 1st. An application must be completed and returned. Kendall's concern is that the larger cities who join will be asking for a larger amount of money. Smith will contact the State to see if we can get out of the Cooperative once we have joined. The Mayor's understanding is that Bromley would get the money that we put into the Cooperative but can get more additional funds in the event of an emergency. It is not believed that we would lose our 3%.

LICENSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Smith will ask the Treasurer to find out the number of businesses that Bromley has and report that information to Radford. The latest license activity that Radford has is with Waffles and Weck. Devon has closed his business on Pike Street. Radford stated that there is a "for rent" sign on the property. Radford will look at the contract to see what was permitted at this location.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney reported that Kendall was working with LFD to try to get the ALS and BLS contract in order. The contract is for a two-year term, but notice to renew the contract must be given by the end of the first year of the two-year period, per the one-year notice provision that is written in the contract. Per Kendall, Ludlow's Attorney, Todd McMurtry, was unaware that Kendall and LFD had already acted on a particular version of the contract. McMurtry was still working on some changes to the formatting of the language in the contract. The only changes Kendall found were one regarding the two-year term and one regarding a particular agreement that did not match what was agreed upon in the first contract so it now reads the same as the ALS agreement that Bromley had with Crescent Springs. Since this is an Interlocal Agreement, a multi-year contract is permitted. Kendall moves to accept the contract. Smith asks that the vote be held until Council has a chance to review the contract.

The contract also shows an annual renewal with an annual 1 ½ % increase in price.

The Attorney read Ordinance 1-1-20 for the second time. This ordinance opens several parking spots on Boone Street that were once reserved for Fire Department parking. Kendall moves to accept this reading. Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read the summary of Ordinance 2-1-20 for the first time. This ordinance is regarding job description changes for the Clerk and Treasurer. Smith moves to accept this reading. Tim Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The financial disclosures from the KY Regional Ethics Board are due by next Monday.

The deadline for filing for City offices has been changed to June 2nd.

There is a motion on the floor made by Kendall to accept the contract for LFD services.

Kienker seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT

Tim Wartman would like for Park Grant money to be used on the construction of a new basketball court. Tim also suggests making the area a true park with no baseball field since use of the ball field has decreased. A possible soccer field was suggested. Kienker feels a plan is needed before we get rid of anything. The Mayor suggests that we allow use of the baseball field this season and notify players

afterwards that we may be removing the field. Kendall says we should make no rash decisions at this time. We may be able to attract more ball teams and use the field with soccer as well. Smith stated that the basketball field could be moved to another area of the park with the use of the Grant money.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS

Kienker reported that the City received a \$75,000.00 matching grant. Bromley will continue to apply for grant money in the future. (Smith says to keep in mind that we have to match funds for most grants).

MAYOR REPORT

The Mayor thanked Council for attending the Grant ceremony. He and Kendall have been attending PDS meetings and trying to get back in with the Mayor’s Group.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Kendall reports that, on January 30th, he and the Mayor attended a funding meeting with District 6 regarding the Main Street Project. The high bid issue for the replacement of the wall was discussed. Through this discussion it was decided to go back out for bids. The okay has been given to go ahead and rebid to replace that wall as a design-build project. In order to get additional bidders the other two walls will be added to the project along with the original wall and also the replacement of the sanitary sewer system which will increase the job and could drive the cost down on the bids. Kendall was informed that the reason contractors did not bid on the wall replacement job was because the job was not big enough for them to make any money. They would have had to sub contract out the job for the drilling and the drilling expense was \$140,000.00 just for that and the wall with an additional \$21,000.00 to replace that small section of sidewalk. It is hard to get concrete because of Amazon.

Since the expense of the wall replacement is so high it is eating up so much of the money that we received from the State, so we will go back to the State to see if Bromley can get additional funding for the project. There is a funding source that is an 80/20 (they would put up 80% and we would put up 20%). We need some numbers, based on the bids, to determine what kind of increase we would need to go for. It is felt that Bromley will go straight to the top of the list once we apply for additional funding.

Radford commented that it is the storm sewer system that needs to be replaced. Radford feels that, because of the concrete emergency, it would be nice if Ideal were permitted to do the concrete work (they are not on the State’s list at this time).

Kendall informed Smith that he has not heard anything recently regarding z21.

NO NEW BUSINESS

Smith moves to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried. (7:10 p.m.)

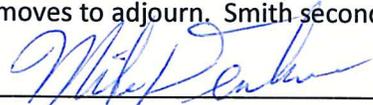
The regular meeting reopened at 7:25 p.m.

NO NEW BUSINESS

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

Kendall moves to allow the Attorney to pursue the matter discussed in executive session. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Radford moves to adjourn. Smith seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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