

Reagan France was sworn in by the Clerk on December 24, 2020 at 1:04 p.m. in the office with Gail Smith as a witness.

All other officers were sworn in by the Attorney following the December 2020 Council meeting.

The January 2021 meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

**Roll call:** Mayor Denham, Attorney Vocke, Mike Kendall, Reagan France, Dave Radford, Tim Wartman, and Gail Smith. Dianne Wartman is absent.

**MINUTES**

Smith moves to accept the December 2020 minutes. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Smith moves to accept the special meeting minutes from October 14, 2020 regarding a resolution pertaining to the Corona Virus Relief Fund. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Mayor announced to those present that Charlie Foulks has passed away. Charlie served as a City Council member for over thirty years helping the City of Bromley in many ways. He will be truly missed.

**NO CITIZEN REPORT**

**PDS REPORT**

Smith did speak to Quentin today and he is to pursue action on 240 Shelby Street. Attorney Vocke stated that this property is still posted and no one is supposed to enter the building.

**POLICE REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

Most recent issues have been those involving tractor trailers coming through the City. Citations are for illegal use of roadways and fines have been imposed.

Chief Stanley from Park Hills Police (PHP) stated that, in the past, he has provided the City with a list of calls. This is no longer possible since dispatch has changed their system. The Chief is working on another way to obtain the information and pass it along to Bromley in his report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

This report is available in the office for review.

Inspections of businesses are to resume soon.

An evaluation of the Ludlow Fire Department (LFD) is to be done now that this department is servicing the Bromley area.

**HALL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dianne is absent.

Tim will ask her about the gate for the front of the building for handicapped use. One half of this bill has already been paid to the contractor.

**ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT**

Radford is still looking into the speed monitoring signs at the lowest cost to the City.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Bob France has recovered from the virus and is slowly getting back to work. France has purchased a new set of locks for the Fire Chief's office door.

**NO LICENSE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**ATTORNEY REPORT**

A copy of "Managing Government Records" has been given to the Mayor by the Attorney. The Mayor will pass on the information to Reagan France as the newest member of Council.

The Attorney read Resolution 1-1-21. This resolution is in regards to the two-year term of the N.K. Regional Ethics Authority (NKREA) members. Kendall moves to accept this resolution. Smith seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read a report presented to him by Gailen Bridges, who is Bromley's Representative on the K.C. Planning Commission. Mr. Bridges is also on the Z21 Project Commission and, as such, may be able to assist Bromley regarding zoning matters.

The Attorney received a call from a person regarding a parking citation from 2019. This person is not opposed to paying the fee for the citation but has asked for penalties to be removed as he was not aware of the fact that he had been issued a ticket. Smith suggests that we accept the fee without the penalties.

Jerry Elliott also received a citation and contacted the Attorney. It was shown as a "warning" rather than a citation. Chief Stanley stated that it was not a citation and no fine is due.

The Attorney stated that judgement from the Court has been sent regarding the Bromley Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) issue. That department has thirty days to appeal. Previously, Bromley's Attorney, BVFD's Attorney and the Attorney General had discussed this matter. Mr. Vocke will send a letter to Mr. Keller if no appeal is made and request that funds (approximately \$60,700) be turned over to the City of Bromley. Kendall stated that he knows of a former BVFD member who may be willing to file a class action lawsuit against the BVFD. Per our Attorney, that would be up to that individual but he suggests that Kendall advise this person to wait to see what happens regarding this current issue. The Mayor's thought on the matter is that, if Bromley receives the funds that remain, as stated above, that will end the matter. The Attorney stated that if the funds are less than the \$60,700 the BVFD will have to explain to the Court where the rest of the money has gone.

The Attorney is pursuing issues regarding the 11 Lake property, the Gilbert property, the Combs property, the Duncan property, and the Barnes property.

The Attorney needs to file the liens on the trailer park. He has all of the property descriptions.

There are some surplus items that the City needs to sell. The Attorney stated that the City must advertise the items for bid. If no bids are received the items may be disposed of however the City sees fit.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Smith reports: \$40,500 in income and \$17,000 in expenses for the General Fund.

**NO PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT/NO INSURANCE AND GRANTS REPORT**

Reagan France will take over this committee from Nancy Kienker. Reagan will be given information from Kienker and Kendall. Reagan will also be in charge of the changing of the decorative seasonal banners and will be in charge of the Christmas tree decorations.

LFD Chief will check the banner bracket in front of Radford's home. The banner is not connected at the bottom.

Smith read an email complaint from a citizen regarding "no Christmas tree lighting" this year. This person was upset that the new tradition was cancelled already. The Mayors said that all cities have been under so much pressure due to COVID-19. This was the reason for the cancellation of this event.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor has received a bid of \$30,000.00 to repair the wall at 305 Main Street from Rodgers Construction, the same company that did recent curb work on Pleasant Street (the bid proposal and the and blueprint design are available in the office for review).

The Attorney has spoken to the owner of this property (Roseberry) to explain to him that the State will no longer consider repair of this wall and the Attorney asked that Roseberry take responsibility for the repair work. Mr. Roseberry was to speak to his partner. Mr. Roseberry received an estimate of \$38,000 to repair the wall. Smith suggests that Mr. Roseberry be asked to pay for half of the work if he is not willing to pay for the complete cost of the repairs. Bids are required for work estimates over \$30,000.00.

Kendall moves that the City accept the bid of \$30,000.00. Smith seconds.

Discussion: Smith was not suggesting that the City NOT do the work, only that we try to have Mr. Roseberry pay part of the cost. (payment plan: 1<sup>st</sup>. \$9,500; 2<sup>nd</sup>. \$9,500; 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$11,000.00).

The Attorney will inform Roseberry that, if he does not pay for the repair work, a lien will be placed on the property in the amount of the repair.

Roll call: 4 ayes. Radford is present, but not voting. The motion carried.

Smith moves that the City allow the Attorney to negotiate with Mr. Roseberry in an attempt to get the money for the repair of the wall at 305 Main Street. Kendall seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Mayor is removing Kendall from the LFD Committee and replacing him with Reagan France. There is no conflict (Reagan's husband is a member of LFD) as Reagan is only a Committee member.

The Mayor stated that he understood the email complaint regarding the Christmas tree lighting and hopes that Bromley is able to get busy in the Spring with projects that will let the citizens know that our government is more than willing to show some progress following the COVID restrictions that have tied our hands.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Mayor announced that Linda Gehrum has been relieved of her duties beginning in January 2021. Changes are to be made in the office and the Mayor will explain more fully at the February meeting. The Attorney stated that no motion is needed regarding this decision since the Treasurer's job is not a required position.

It was discussed briefly that the Mayor is responsible for all hiring and firing of City employees. The Mayor reports that the Accounting firm has been doing most of the financial work anyway. The office will become more efficient with future plans and costs will be cut by moving in a new direction.

The Keyhole Bar and Grill is to opening either this Friday or Saturday, per Kendall. The new business owner has his State ABC license but does not have a license from the City.

If he wants "live entertainment" he will also need a Bromley license for this activity.

Other cities are cutting license fees in half or eliminating them all together because of the pandemic, which prohibited businesses from opening.

Chief Stanley would like for PHP to be the go-to department if the Keyhole wants a security team.

Radford would like for PHP to be the department for all City businesses to contact for security purposes.

Kendall moves that the City insist that the new restaurant/bar use PHP if they wish to have a security team for their facility. Smith seconds.

Discussion: The Attorney suggests that an ordinance be drawn up regarding this matter rather than a vote on a motion. Kendall rescinds his motion in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Ismail Hadi is the business owner of the Keyhole Bar and Grill. He is here to discuss his plans for the restaurant. He has just arrived at this meeting.

His plans are:

No one under the age of 18 is permitted in the bar without an adult.

No loud music.

Move parking off of the street.

Serve food, drink and watch the games.

His plan is to purchase the building.

He is working out the menu. He is trying to support Buck's and may features Buck's items on his menu.

He plans on serving wings, fries, burgers, nachos, and, if the Church people want a place to go after services, he may do breakfast.

He is planning on doing things in an orderly fashion, and will not tolerate drugs or people drinking too much.

He may contact PHP to help with security.

The Attorney informed Mr. Hadi that an ordinance is to be prepared that will make PHP the department that is to be contacted by businesses regarding security issues, and/or, the hiring of security personnel.

The fee that Mr. Hadi paid to the State ABC was \$1,335.00.

Kendall moves that, due to Covid-19 and to follow the lead of neighboring cities, Bromley will charge half of the fees paid to the State ABC (\$667.50 in this case) to get new businesses started. Radford seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Hadi plans on opening late next week and will come into the City office during office hours on Saturday to purchase his Bromley ABC license.

**CONTINUING OLD BUSINESS**

Kendall has met with representatives from SD1.

SD1 has a project in the works which involves a new sewer line that will parallel the existing sewer line from Sandbank, through the Lagoon all the way to the main line by the Ohio, which is tied into the pump station. This work will, hopefully, keep the manholes from overflowing on Bromley Road.

A future project for SD1 will be to do work from Home Depot to St. John's Road.

Mayor Denham suggested to Kendall that he ask SD1 to lump our storm portion of the Main Street Project in with their current project in order to get a better price.

SD1 and District 6 are both in favor of this idea. Bids should go out in February and this joining of projects may generate more competitive bidding. Any of the funding that may be saved can be used towards other projects (replacement of sidewalks, etc.). Fill dirt from the SD1 project can be used to level off the area at our project location (no cost to Bromley).

**NO NEW BUSINESS AND NO COMMUNICATIONS**

**BILLS**

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

Smith moves to adjourn. Kendall seconds. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

MAYOR



CLERK

