

The regular meeting of the Bromley Council began at 6:02 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Officers answering to roll call: Mayor Denham, Attorney Vocke, Reagan France, Dave Radford, Tim Wartman and Gail Smith. Mike Kendall and Dianne Wartman are absent.

The February 2021 minutes were approved on a motion made by Smith and a second by France. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

NO CITIZEN REPORT/NO PDS REPORT/NO POLICE REPORT (NO WRITTEN POLICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME)

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This report is available in the office for review.

The Ludlow Fire Department (LFD) had a blood drive on February 3rd. They may schedule another one in May. The Chief will let Bromley know when a date is set.

Hydrants are due to be flushed in the near future. The Fire Chief will let Smith know when a date is set for this so that citizens can be notified through our website.

LFD received \$15,000.00 in grant money. They want to purchase a chest compression device but are \$4,190.00 short of the necessary funds to make the purchase.

Radford moves that the City of Bromley pay the difference needed to purchase the chest compression device. Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

LFD will send Attorney Vocke a list of the time spent at 240 Shelby Street helping to board up the property so that they can be reimbursed for their time before the property is sold.

HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dianne is absent but the Mayor commented on the good job done in the installation of the gate at the front entryway of the City building.

The Mayor is hoping to open the hall up for citizen rentals by the 1st. of June (possibly sooner).

Smith will post something about this on the website and Bromley's Facebook page stating that rentals are subject to current COVID rules.

ROAD AND LIGHT REPORT

Radford submitted an accident report to the Attorney and the Mayor regarding a wrecker from Louisville that slid down the hill off of Moore at Rohman and took out the pole and stop sign. Park Hills Police (PHP) have notified the business whose employee was responsible for the accident. Bob France (Public Works) will be working on the project to see that the pole and sign are restored.

Radford had one complaint about the snow pile from a resident at the dead end of Pleasant Street.

Radford has received no bids as yet for a new snow removal contract. He will pursue this matter so that budget figures will be available, hopefully, before the new fiscal year begins.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Bob France has cut off the post at the accident location previously mentioned. He has purchased concrete and will use the same hole to reposition the new post.

France may move the street sweeper and the tractor to the green building in the park because of the rising river.

France will speak to Dianne in regards to installing new curtains and curtain rods in the downstairs windows.

Some of the duties of the person cutting the park grass were discussed (park, city limit signs, empty lot at Highwater and Main, and the memorial, are all to be included in the list of locations that need to be maintained by the person who takes over this job). France has already been trimming the grass around the City entry signs. The Mayor will pursue this matter.

Smith mentioned the young man who was interested in helping out in the City, but the Attorney does not think that it is a good idea to pursue this avenue as the man is only sixteen years old.

LICENSE REPORT

The rental licenses were discussed. The Mayor stated that in some cases people own more than one property in town. As they can only live in one the second property is assumed to be a rental unit (or units). The City is always being informed that relatives live in the second property or it is being remodeled and not rented.

The Attorney will draw up an ordinance stating that a second property purchase by a resident of the City will be defined as rental property whether it is being rented or not (the same goes for properties in Bromley that are owned by persons outside of the Bromley City limits).

Radford stated that the ordinance on the website pertaining to rental fees is incorrect as the current fee is \$100.00 per year per unit. Smith will see that the current, updated ordinance is put on the website to replace the incorrect one.

Smith feels that Bromley should not allow Airbnb units in the City.

Smith will make some changes regarding the rental licenses as the actual licenses are being sent to the property owners. Rental license bills should be sent and no license issued until the rental fee is paid.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney read Ordinance 2-1-21 for the second time. This ordinance requires persons seeking private security to contact PHP first in regards to this service. Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney read Ordinance 3-1-21 for the first time. This reading changes the offices hours to Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. as the new time frame in which to conduct City business.

Smith moves to accept this ordinance reading. Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

The Attorney has informed Mr. Roseberry, the owner of 305 Main Street where the new wall was constructed, that he is to pay a total of \$15,000 by the end of this month and \$1,000 per month, beginning on June 1, 2021, until the \$45,000.00 debt to repair the wall is paid in full. The Mayor has informed Mr. Vocke that there are also other liens on this property. The Attorney will pursue this matter. Mr. Roseberry will have to sign paperwork regarding this financial obligation that is due to the City of Bromley.

The Attorney assumes that all ethics forms have been signed by the Mayor, Council and Staff and returned to the Ethics Board.

The Attorney reports that the Combs property on Route 8 (Pike Street) is to be sold outside of the Courthouse on April 20, 2021. Smith moves to allow the City Attorney to bid on this property in an amount that will cover all delinquent taxes and other costs (could be as much as \$26,000). Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Smith reports that the audit will be presented in April at the next meeting. There has been issued a nine-month extension on audits due to the Covid virus.

Smith is waiting on the final tax assessment sheet for budget purposes.

NKADD has sent an email regarding people who are in arrears on their Duke Energy bills and other utility bills as well. Approximately \$95,000.00 is owed on utilities.

There is Federal money available. An application for these funds is required along with a public hearing which will state that \$75,000 is needed to pay this debt.

Residents of Bromley will apply to a Community Action Group who will pay their delinquent bills. The City will be reimbursed for the notification of the Public Hearing. Smith will pursue this matter and will schedule the hearing for 5:45 P.M. for the April 7, 2021 Council meeting. ADD will run this portion of the meeting and a Resolution will be read. Smith moves that Bromley allow ADD to apply for funds to pay the utility bills for Bromley residents who are in arrears. Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The motion carried.

Smith reports year-to-date expenses: \$261,313.00. Income: \$281,348.00.

Monthly expenses: \$23,238.00. Income: \$80,513.00.

Smith reports that there is an extended date for CARES funding and she will apply for additional funding to be paid towards salaries.

PARK AND PLAYGROUND REPORT

Wartman is pursuing the work that is to be done on the basketball court now that the company is opening up at the end of April.

INSURANCE AND GRANTS REPORT

Reagan reports that our insurance is current.

MAYOR REPORT

The Mayor reports that Smith will be leaving the Council to run the office since the City Clerk is retiring at the end of this month.

The Mayor thanked the Clerk for her years of service to the City of Bromley.

The Mayor thanked Smith for her time served on City Council.

Smith read her letter of resignation to the Mayor and Council. Smith will be sworn into her new role by the Clerk on March 30, 2021, the Clerk's last day of work in the office.

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

NO NEW OR OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

Theresa Brandenburg has suggested planting a pollination garden at the park. Wartman will pursue.

BILLS

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

The Mayor took a break before adjournment to thank the Clerk for her years of dedication to the City.

The Clerk was presented with a Proclamation 3-1-21 marking April 2021 Janet Gardiner month.

She was also given flowers, and a key to the City.

Radford moves to adjourn. Wartman seconds. Roll call: all aye. The meeting was called adjourned.

MAYOR Mike Tenha

CLERK Paul Smith

These minutes were taken and prepared by the retiring City Clerk, Janet M. Gardiner in March 2021.

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Gail Smith was sworn into office as City Clerk/Treasurer on Tuesday-March 30, 2021 at 8:00 P.M.

Witnessed by: Mike Tenha

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