

TOWN OF BRIGHTON
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING

June 10, 2014

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff A. Scott at 7:00 p.m. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mayor Jeff A. Scott. Reverend Matalee Hall gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Jeff A. Scott, Mayor
Phillip Mathis, Alderman
Jim Wyatt, Alderman
Melissa Sartain, Alderwoman
Sarah Crocker, Alderwoman

Absent:

Others Attending: Mike Durham, Police Chief
Kinney Bridges, Fire Chief
Danny Hernandez, Code Inspector
Matalee Hall, Public Works Director
Bonnie Baker

Guests: Mr. Richard Keenan, Ann Blackmon, Debbie Walker, and Echo Day from the Covington Leader.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderwoman Sartain made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mathis. The motion passed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

Mr. Richard Keenan of 385 Royal Oaks in the McLister Estates Subdivision is here complaining about the drain in the street at his house. The drain is a safety hazard, it is cracked, broken, collapsed and has popped up out of the ground. Something is wrong underground, this is the second time this has happened. It was repaired once before. Also, there are four to six inch sinkholes everywhere in McLister Estates subdivision. Mayor Scott stated that the sink holes are caused by the sewer lines put in several years ago. They settle and that is what is causing the sink holes. Mayor Scott requested our Public Works Director to look at the drain and try to get it fixed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Department: Chief Kinney Bridges presented the monthly status report for May. They have put in a request for the 2013-2014 county money of \$27,227.00, they should be getting it any week now. They need it to buy radios which will cost approximately \$14,000.00. They have put in a request to the county but the county is still working on their budget. They need five radios similar to the Police Department radios and ten of the smaller type for the fire grounds and the mobile units for the cars. They will also put this request in our budget. The fire grant for hose replacement is still out, they have not heard from it. There was a discussion on the dismantling and replacement of the concrete

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at the Fire Department building.

Police Department: Chief Mike Durham presented the monthly status report for May. He reported that the Police Department had issued about 25 speeding tickets in the Woodlawn Plantation Subdivision due to the complaints brought to the town meeting last month by the residents of that subdivision.

FINANCIAL REPORT/PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Crocker to pay our bills. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wyatt. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works: Public Works Director, Matt Hall presented the monthly status report for May. He stated the last patching done in McLister Estates Subdivision was last year. Water samples are now taken to Poplar Grove for analysis instead of to Jackson. He requested to have replacement of some water lines from Main Street on Woodlawn from Old Highway 51 to the Police Department and then on Old Highway 51. Mayor Scott suggested we get some prices on concrete, dirt, or white rock to repair the drains in the subdivisions. There was a discussion on the small hump in the asphalt on top of a hill on Woodlawn caused by the repair of a water leak as to what would be the best solution to fix it and also fix the problem at Main and Kenwood. We could get Climer to come and fix all of the problems with patching but we may have to cut out the hump on Woodlawn ourselves. Mayor Scott presented the current bill from Climer for \$28,017.46 for the recent Kenwood paving project for 364 tons of asphalt.

A motion was made by Alderman Mathis to pay the bill of \$28,017.46 to Climer for the Kenwood paving project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wyatt. The motion passed.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:

Mayor Scott stated that the Park and Recreation report was in your packets. Baseball is finished, they will be signing up for fall ball.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mayor Scott stated that the Planning Commission report was in your packets.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS:

It was brought up about complaints of a big truck parked and blocking traffic on Tipton Street. Cars could not get by. The detour streets are Woodlawn and Kenwood not Tipton Street. Big trucks are not to go down Main Street, the truck route is Woodlawn or Kenwood. The problem was due to the paving on Brighton Clopton Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Alderwoman Crocker to extend our current budget until we get a new budget in place. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sartain. The motion passed.

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Mayor Scott stated that we can set up a date to have Mr. Robert Wooten come and explain what is needed in our new budget and hopefully have the new budget ready by the end of August or September. Mayor Scott also stated that we need to hire a certified municipal financial officer. We had thirteen applications which were narrowed down to five applicants. These applicants were interviewed and subsequently two candidates were picked out, Cindy Rhinehardt and Tammy McKinney. We now need to decide on one of these.

Alderman Wyatt nominated Tammy McKinney and there was a vote by the show of hands. Tammy McKinney received three votes and Cindy Rhinehardt received one vote. Tammy McKinney will be our new city recorder and certified municipal financial officer. She will be notified.

Alderman Wyatt requests that from the comptroller's report, we need to hand out a new packet with the personnel policy to all employees having a special quotation about working outside the city or a second job. To do so they would have to have permission from the Mayor and Aldermen. He suggests that we give a whole new policy packet and highlight that section about a part-time job to every employee to sign that they received this packet and understand the content and we will keep these signatures on file. Mayor Scott said that it is already stated in our personnel policy handbook and we already have the signatures. Alderman Wyatt stated that he wanted it done again, he wants the employees to be well informed.

Debbie Walker requested that we make a policy of asking drive-thru water bill customers to come inside the office to pay their water bills if they do not have their water bills with them. If they do not have their bills with them, it is time consuming for us and it slows down other customers who do have their bills with them. Mayor Scott and the Board of Aldermen did agree to this policy and there will be a notice put on the water bills and also there will be a sign posted by the drive-thru window requesting customers to have their bills with them.

Mayor Scott wanted to make a statement on the comptroller report. He said he is the one who turned it in to the lawyer, that is the main reason they came down and made the report. The lawyer said he would have to get it reported and they would come down and investigate. The main thing the comptroller told me was that I made the decision to come to the employees and ask them to do the work. If the builder had called and asked them to do this, the city would never have been involved. Because it was a close association with the person they did the work for, it was my fault because I made a poor judgement on what to do there and from now on don't let that happen. As far as the city goes, I think everything has been paid back that was used. I want to say that I am sorry to all the constituents out there and I promise that I never did anything to ever take away from this town, I have always been able to give to it, I don't want to take from it. That is where I stand with that situation. I appreciate your standing behind me. Most people support us and I hope they understand that I am deeply sorry that I caused all of this to happen. That is all I have.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Crocker to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mathis. The motion passed, we stand adjourned.


Jeff A. Scott, Mayor

Bonnie Baker