

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 168 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Nicholas K. Salvatore.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by City Clerk, Darlene J. Richmond, "Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 giving the time, date, location and agenda to the extent known has been given in the following manner:

1. By posting notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at City Hall, 168 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on December 14, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on December 14, 2006 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Thompson and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Riley.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Salvatore

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meetings of November 21, 2006 and December 5, 2006, all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading as all members have received copies, which motion was carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Thompson RESOLUTION NO. 149-06, authorizing 2007 Municipal Budget read by title only during the public hearing, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

The Clerk announced this being the time and place set forth for public hearing and consideration of the 2007 Municipal Budget.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Riley that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on the 2007 Municipal Budget.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Spence to the close the hearing, which motion was carried

Pres. Salvatore closed the public hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Spence RESOLUTION NO.150-06, adopt 2007 Municipal Budget, was adopted by roll call vote with Ms. Riley voting in the negative. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Kelly RESOLUTION NO. 151-06, authorizing amendment to the 2007 Municipal Budget, was adopted by roll call vote with Ms. Riley abstaining. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence RESOLUTION NO. 152-06, accepting the bid for a 350 gallon trailer mounted sewer jet, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley

RESOLUTION NO. 153-06, authorizing grant for Safe-Route-To-School offered by DOT, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 154-06, authorizing purchase of 2007 Ford Ranger Compact Pick Up Truck under State Contract, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 155-06, authorizing dedication rider trust fund escrow account for Sanitary Landfill, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 156-06, authorizing dedication rider special law enforcement account fund, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 157-06, authorizing tax office make changes on water/sewer/and trash accounts, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 158-06, authorizing Yilmaz Mortgage and Mortgage Note cancellation, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 159-06, appointing John Wuzzardo as Director of Water and Sewer, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,217,833.85 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley that the Schedule of Bills be approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S", Schedule of Bills.

The Clerk presented an application for Tow License from Ed Table, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for use of City property behind City Hall for Public Event from Assembly of God Church, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Raffle License from Immaculate Conception Church, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Taxicab Owner License from Quick Service Cab and Transport, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Towing License from Quick Towing, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Municipal Clerk
Public Works

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Kelly that said reports be received and filed, which motion was carried.

The Clerk announced that is all the business she has to come before Council at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Kelley that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mr. Mike Abbott, East Commerce Street, expressed concern and asked questions regarding law enforcement dedication rider, taxes, vendors, and housing.

Hispanic Gentlemen, Cedar Street, registered complaint regarding people blowing horns very early (4:10 a.m.) in the morning.

Mr. Robert Thompson, N. Pearl Street, thanked police for taking care of his complaint regarding loitering on Bank Street.

Mr. Thompson further expressed concern over tree removal on his property on Lawrence Street and complaint on his property at Columbus Avenue which was resolved but resulted in him having to appear in court also regarding issue that a stove must be in place when renting a property, C. O. needed for sale of property and code officials office.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, Elm Street, concurred with the horn blowing early in the morning and expressed concern over trash collection and housing department regarding abandoned cars.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, expressed concern over parental responsibility and asked officials to follow it through the courts and keep an eye on the outcome and also on the Cinderella Drive property and Broad Street traffic flow.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, N. Pearl Street, suggested the painting of the water tower on Broad Street at the Broad Street School.

Ms. Wulderk also expressed concern over the trash containers on Pearl Street being visible.

Ms. Dolores Batten, Albertson Avenue, thanked council for doing a good job.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence to close the public portion of the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Salvatore called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley wished everyone a happy holiday and the best in the New Year.

Pres. Salvatore called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly stated he appreciated that Pres. Salvatore agreed within the next ninety days an opportunity for the public to address Council concerning the budget and plans the city government has for the City and wished everyone a happy holiday in the City.

Councilwoman Riley wished everyone a happy holiday and stated that the news of JD Market may be closing is sad news and suggested that a landlord be a liaison for the Housing Committee.

Councilman Thompson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Ms. Batten for comments.

Councilman Spence wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Pres. Salvatore addressed issues brought before Council this evening: vendors, parked cars, blowing of car horns, stove, pocket doors, housing, parental responsibility, Lawrence Street suggestion, painting water tower, thanked Ms. Batten for her positive comments.

Pres. Salvatore wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and also commented they will be arrange a meeting concerning the taxes as Mr. Kelly mentioned and wished all much success in 2007.

Councilman Spence asked Pres. Salvatore to recognize the new City Water/Sewer Director appointed John Wuzzardo.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President Nicholas Salvatore

Date: _____