

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 2 2023
City Hall West
131 North Main Street, Second Floor Bristol, CT

ATTENDEES: Susan Tyler, Cheryl Thibeault, Sebastian Panioto

ABSENT: - - -

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Tyler. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. April 4, 2023

Councilman Panioto made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Old Business

a. Report from public hearing: Chapter 22 Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal

Chairwoman Tyler stated that the public hearing was opened and no one from the public came out to speak.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to forward the recommended changes to Chapter 22 and refer it to the City Council for Adoption. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

b. Report from public hearing: Chapter 2-23 Removal and Sanctions of Public Officials

Chairwoman Tyler stated that the public hearing was opened and no one from the public came out to speak.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to forward the recommended changes to Chapter 2-23 and to refer it to the City Council for Adoption. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

c. Proposed Litter Ordinance discussion

Councilwoman Tyler stated that a draft proposed ordinance was given to the Committee for review. Councilwoman Thibeault stated that she shared that draft with the Public Works Committee for their review. It will go before their Board at the next meeting of May 18th. The Committee then discussed illegal dumping and ticketing the person who did the illegal dumping and not necessarily the person who owns the property. They discussed possible monetary infractions to be given out.

No action taken. Wait to get feedback from Public Works.

d. Air Quality

Councilwoman Tyler stated that she had no updates to report.

No action taken.

6. Additional Public Participation

Erica Pierce, 115 N. Pond Street addressed the Committee stating that she is happy that different civic groups are cleaning up the city. She agrees with higher fines and signs throughout the city. She stated that there needs to be an education piece and asked what our teachers are doing to educate their students.

Andrew Collins, 155 Redstone Hill Road, Unit 84 gave an update of the Earth Day clean up that took place last week and stated that it was an eye opener. The litter in the city is way bigger than any volunteer group could handle. Although the clean up went well, there was an area under the Route 72 bridge that was littered with liquor bottles, needles, and unsanitary items. The groups didn't feel safe cleaning this up because it was way beyond their abilities. He is concerned that all that litter will end up in the river and feels that Public Works needs to get involved.

7. Committee member comments

8. Adjournment

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary