

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 21, 2024
City Hall – Meeting Room 1-1
111 North Main Street, CT

ATTENDEES: Sebastian Panioto, Cheryl Thibeault, and Mark Dickau

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Richard Hart
Richard Brown, Chief Building Official
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent
Raymond Rogozinski, Director of Public Works
Thomas W. 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 Chairman Panioto. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. New Business

a. Proposal to adopt a new ordinance, subject to CT Public Act 24-16, “An Act Concerning Authority to Declare that a Firefighter, Police Officer or Emergency Service Personnel Died in the Line of Duty.

Attorney Conlin stated that the State of Connecticut is passing new legislation concerning the above on October 1, 2024. In order to comply with this statute, it has been added to the Ordinance Committee agenda. He stated that the Public Act also has language for Emergency Service Personnel, but Bristol doesn’t have that, so that does not apply.

Chief Hart stated that he would rely on the death certificate and cause of death and when the firefighter last worked to see if the individual qualified for the benefit.

Councilman Panioto stated that the Human Resource Director will be designated to determine whether a police officer or firefighter died in the line of duty as defined by CGS 7-313e.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to adopt language in C.G.S. § 2.97.5.1 into our Code of Ordinances and to refer to the City Council to set a public hearing, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

b. To Discuss amendments to Ordinance section 5-19 Article II Permits and Permit Fees.

Chief Hart addressed the Committee stating that a new fire house is being built and the Fire Department is being charged \$150,000 for a permit fee. He feels that this is counter intuitive to have to pay ourselves. He doesn't have this in his budget and he is forced to try and find other ways to cut his budget.

Purchasing Agent, Roger Rousseau and Director of Public Works, Ray Rogozinski both opined that they were in favor of eliminating language in the Ordinance for a third party review. Chief Building Official, Richard Brown stated that he was also in favor of it as the Building Department has to go out and re-inspect projects and often times, a third party reviewer misses things and ends up costing the City more money. It's counter intuitive as his Department is still doing just as much work and paying a third party to review.

No action taken.

8. Adjournment

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary