

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2011 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 4/11/11. The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Martin Barattini. Answering roll call were Mayor Martin Barattini, George Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Verlyn Hudson, and Caron Neumann. Absent: Bob Anderson and Ryan Watters. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, Ken Haugen, Roger Hofer, Richard Stevens, and Attorney Mike Fink.

The minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting and March 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Neumann, second by Guenther to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting and March 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Motion carried.

The March Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Neumann, second by Heiberger to approve the March Financial Statement. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of March were reviewed. After discussion a motion was made by Heiberger, second by Hudson to approve the March bills. Motion carried.

During the Public Input section, Roger Hofer addressed the council about the condition of the streets in town and also about the situation of the former BQM.

Attorney Mike Fink reported on a telephone conference with Banner Assoc., hired by Daniel Shamil, also Attorney Roger Gerlach, Caron Neumann, Todd Letcher, Kelli Buscher (SDDENR) & Al Spangler (SDDENR) about the former BQM. The main purpose of the conference call was to discuss treatment options and potential issues discovered during their preliminary evaluation. Several wastewater treatment options were discussed. More information will be available after the completion of a facility plan where actual costs would be available. It was noted that the city would be willing to discuss facility improvements upon completion of the facility plan with actual costs, but no indication was made for any financial contribution by the city.

Attorney Fink also reported on the M/S Pump-N-Stuff water issue. He spoke with Hanson Rural Water and that due to their loans for their project they rely on the hook-ups to fund these projects so they are not interested in letting M/S Pump-N-Stuff out of his obligation.

Maintenance report by Todd Letcher:

- Potholes
- Working at lagoon
- Heavy trucks on streets - Motion by Guenther, second by Heiberger to have Letcher do a survey of the surrounding towns to see if they are having road damage from the CHS fuel oil truck. Motion carried.
- Repaired and painted picnic tables

**Streets & Alleys:** Motion by Heiberger, second by Guenther to have Mayor Barattini sign the Maintenance and Encroachment for DOT Project P 0262 (06)256 PCN 02QD. Motion carried.

It was noted that the Main Street Sewer Project has been put on the 2011 State Water Facilities Plan.

**Ambulance:** 2010 Accounts Receivable were given & noted at the meeting. (Due to HIPPA these were handed back into finance officer.) Roger Hofer brought up our charge of \$85 for “No Transport” calls. Since we still pay our EMT’s & driver for going out to a call paged out by 911, council feels charge is warranted. He also had a question about someone that approached him about paying their ambulance bill and if we could charge a different rate. It was answered that our rates our pretty much set by Medicare and we can not charge different rates for private pay versus insurance pay or Medicare/Medicaid paid.

**Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store:** Richard Stevens brought a bank recommendation and told the council of his continued interest in leasing the bar. A motion was made by Guenther to not act on leasing the bar until the May meeting when new council is seated - no second - Guenther rescinded motion. After more discussion, a motion by Guenther, second by Hudson to grant Richard Stevens, if he complies with the terms of our operating agreement and with the security deposit, to be Manager of the bar as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Operating agreement would go until the regular May meeting in 2012. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Contracted Law Enforcement:** monthly report was noted.

**Code Enforcement:** Hudson has had a couple of complaints about chickens in town. This will be looked into whether it is against our ordinances for chickens in town.

**Elections:** Motion by Hudson, second by Heiberger to pay election board \$125. Motion carried.

**New business:**

Motion by Guenther, second by Heiberger to approve 2010 Annual Report. Motion carried. (Published in Bridgewater Tribune on April 14<sup>th</sup> )

2010 Accounts Receivable were noted.

Motion by Guenther, second by Heiberger to set April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm as date to canvas election. Motion carried.

Motion by Guenther, second by Heiberger to allow finance officer to attend Finance Officers School in Pierre on June 8-10. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Guenther to approve building permits for Forrest Richards and Marlin Bintliff. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Hudson to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:53 pm.

Martin Barattini - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**March bills to be paid in April:**

Salaries (Gross): Joan M. Julson-includes 3 hr OT, 2341.75; Todd Letcher-includes 1¼ hr OT, 2750.79; Susan Rinehart-includes 10 hr OT, 1702.25; Janie Golder, 987.50; Kristen Marcucci, 208.44; Ambulance Payroll, 3070.00; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 1796.47, SDRS-retirement, 305.55.

Supplies: Colonial Research–shop supply, 132.32; Farmers Alliance/United Energy–city hall fuel oil & shop supply, 2837.25; Freeman Lumber–shop supply, 58.67; Heritage Pharmacy–FO supply, 10.29; JP Cooke Co-pet licensing books, 21.72; McLeod’s–receipt books, 187.80; Menards–shop & FO office supply, 163.54; Moore Medical–Amb supply, 53.47; Potter’s Tire & Service–gas, diesel & shop supply, 418.12; Rural Mfg Co Inc-shop supply, 174.73; Schwan’s Market–supply for ambulance, 6.35; Sievers Sales & Service–shop supply, 7.20; Sturdevant’s–pickup & mosquito sprayer parts & supplies, 171.35.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking–Omega Mix delivery, 192.50; Meyer Motor LLC-amb & mosquito sprayer repair & parts, 186.42.

Liquor Store Bills: Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 60.00; Bridgewater Tribune–March ads, 26.75; Chesterman Co–(Coke Products), 132.50; Colonial Research–disposable cleaning gloves, 59.08; Farmers Alliance/United Energy–2/21 & 3/21 fuel oil, 1166.81; Farner-Bocken Co-3/16 & 3/30 invoices Cooking supply, cigarettes & food, 1280.86; Joneson, Jeff–2011 Summer Long Poker Run, 25.00; Kaylor Locker–chislic, 574.43; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–CO2 tank rent, 9.92; Menards–bar supply, 50.05; Pepsi Beverages, 78.65; Petty Cash–bar supply, 62.53; Schwan’s Market–food & cleaning supply, 274.00; SD State Treasurer–March sales tax for bar, 593.15; Walt’s Homestyle Foods Inc–pizza, 96.00.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in March) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1079.96; Dakota Beverage, 907.65; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 1157.39; Republic National Distributing Co, 624.29.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Copier Maintenance contract, 35.27; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; American Family Ins-overpay on ambulance trip, 540.16; Banyon Data Systems-WIN Fund support, 770.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–March printing, 166.61; City of Parker-admin fee for street oiling bids, 30.00; First National Bank in SF-SRF loan payment, 5482.80; Nordwald Rentals–May rent (Payable 05/01/11), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash–mostly postage, 15.43; Richards, Anne–11 CPR cards for Amb staff, 44.00; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 12.00; SD State Treasurer–March garbage, etc. sales tax, 204.12; SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund–2010 Audited billing, 256.00.

Utilities (Paid in March): Addy Disposal, 3478.00; Golden West, 275.92; United Energy-shop & firehall propane, 1890.00; Hanson Rural Water, 2739.30; Xcel Energy, 1836.75.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 379.45; CNA Surety-Public Officials bond, 567.50; Health Pool of SD, 2044.47.

Professional: Fink Law Office PC - March statement, 353.55.

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