

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2011 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 6/06/11. The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Answering roll call were Mayor Pringle, Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Verlyn Hudson, and Caron Neumann. Phil Heiberger arrived at 7:36 pm. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sheriff Mark Norris, Sandi Tschetter, Zach Guenther, Ken Haugen, Tera McDonnell, Evelyn Hofer, Tami Klyaic, Jim Julson (Julson Ins), and Tiffany Nelson.

The first item of business was the appointment of a councilperson for Ward II. This vacancy was open due to the resignation of Ryan Watters. Guenther excused himself from any discussion or voting due to one of the interested parties being his son. Letters of Interest from Zach Guenther and Sandi Tschetter were opened. A motion was made by Hudson to appoint Sandi Tschetter as council person for Ward II. No one seconded the motion. Mayor declared motion died for lack of second. A motion by Anderson, second by Neumann to appoint Zach Guenther as Ward II councilperson until the next municipal election. Roll Call Vote: Anderson – aye; Guenther – abstain; Hudson – nay; Neumann – aye. Motion carried. Zach Guenther took his seat on the council at this time taking his Oath of Office. It was noted that Ward II will have a 1 year seat and a 2 year seat open next year.

The following 2011-2012 committees were set up:

Law enforcement: Mayor as chair, with entire council

Health & Landfill: Mayor as chair, with entire council

Ambulance: Z. Guenther-chair, Heiberger, Hudson

Government Buildings/Liquor store: G. Guenther-chair, Neumann, Heiberger

Parks & Recreation: Hudson-chair, Heiberger, Neumann

4th of July: Z. Guenther, Hudson, Neumann

Streets & Alleys: Mayor-chair, Anderson, G. Guenther, Neumann

Water & Sewer: Anderson-chair, G. Guenther, Z. Guenther

Code Enforcement: Mayor as chair, with entire council

The minutes of the May 9th regular meeting was sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by G Guenther, second by Hudson to approve the minutes of the May 9th regular meeting with the typo correction of May 1st instead of Mar 1st. Motion carried.

The May Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion a motion was made by G Guenther, second by Z Guenther to approve the May Financial Statement. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of May were reviewed. After discussion a motion was made by G Guenther, second by Anderson to approve the May bills. Motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:21 pm to reconvene as Board of Adjustment for a Conditional Use Permit. Tami Klyaic is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (#032) for agricultural activities – the management of poultry at her residential address of 220 S Oak Ave. After much discussion, a motion was made by G Guenther, seconded by Anderson to grant a 60 day Conditional Use Permit subject to review in 60 days to see if there are any complaints. Motion carried. Permit will be reviewed in 60 days. Board of Adjustment adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Public Input: Tera McDonnell addressed the council about her sewer line that they had replaced taking out their lift station. She wondered if the city would pay for half of the cost of the extra digging expense since the sewer main was not where the maps stated and so required extra digging and extra expense. After much discussion and explanation of the city ordinances concerning sewer connections it was determined that all costs and expenses are borne by the owner. Tera also addressed another issue about the standing water and the need for a storm sewer in that area. It was noted that the curb & gutter that was put in by the homeowner years ago is at the wrong elevation, so drainage is a problem. Letcher will look into what could be done.

Phil Heiberger arrived at 7:36 pm. Council paused discussion while Heiberger took his Oath of Office.

Ken Haugen asked whether we needed the stop sign at 4th & Cedar. Council decision to leave stop sign where it is at. He also brought up that he felt we should just paint the yellow parking lines on the curb only.

Sandi Tschetter brought up the need for an American flag at our meetings. Motion by G Guentner, second by Z Guentner to purchase a flag for the meeting room. Motion carried.

Evelyn Hofer brought up putting up some shelter protection at the city park where the bushes were taken out. Todd will check into putting up some type of fence or screening for wind protection and privacy.

At 7:45 Mayor Pringle declared the Public Hearing open concerning the malt beverage licenses for Wildcat Inn and M/S Pump-N-Stuff. No one came to express any concerns with the licenses for these establishments. Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to approve the Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage for the Wildcat Inn and the Package (off sale) Malt Beverage for M/S Pump-N-Stuff. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried. Public hearing declared over at 7:48 pm.

Maintenance report by Todd Letcher:

- Summer street repair discussed
- Leaving on thurs for vacation until Tuesday – contact Nic Golder
- Will be trying to spray for mosquitos weather permitting before leaving on vacation.

Streets & Alleys: The city had gone with the area towns in securing a bid for chip sealing this summer. Parker did all the advertising and bid letting for these towns. Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to sign street chip and seal proposal from Topkote for chip sealing this summer on some of the better streets. Motion carried. Condition of some streets was discussed at length. The big fuel truck on our streets is really presenting a problem. It was decided to look at the area towns truck ordinances for guidance.

Water & Sewer: Quote from CMC replacing the storm sewer inlet east of Potter Tire Service for \$750.00 and installing a new storm sewer inlet in ditch west of Diamond Acres Road for \$1490.00 if city provides frame and grate otherwise add \$365.00. Motion by G Guentner, second by Anderson to accept these quotes from CMC for the 2 storm sewer projects with CMC providing the frame and grate for \$2605.00. Motion carried.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Jim Julson–Julson Ins explained the increase of building valuations on the firehall and the liquor store buildings. He also gave a \$1000 deductible option. Motion by Anderson, second by G Guentner to change policy to \$1000 deductible with increased building valuations on firehall and liquor store. Motion carried. Letcher also reported that we had some wind damage by the pumphouse from the last storm. Bills will be gathered and submitted to insurance if over our deductible.

Quotes for stump removal from Duanes Tree Stump Removal for \$432.00 and Doug's Handyman Service for \$750.00 were gone over. Motion by Z Guentner, second by Heiberger to accept Duanes Tree Stump Removal for \$432.00 for stump removal at the city park. Motion carried. We also received a quote from Loren Golder to remove the large tree behind the pumphouse for \$750.00. Motion by G Guentner, second by Anderson to have Loren Golder remove the maple tree behind the pumphouse for \$750.00. Motion carried.

Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to purchase 4 – 8 ft tables for the city hall. Motion carried.

Ambulance: Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to list Chris Duerksen as EVOC driver for the ambulance. Motion carried.

Contracted Law Enforcement: monthly report was noted. Sheriff Norris was here to answer any questions.

Parks & Rec: Motion by G Guentner, second by Hudson to hire Tiffany Nelson as Summer Youth Director for 3 sessions/days per week at \$30 per session starting June 14th until school starts for ages 5 years old to 6th grade with a \$300 budget for supplies. Motion carried. It was noted that sessions will run Tuesday thru Thursday 1 – 3 pm at the ball park. Ad will be put in the paper.

Code Enforcement: City wide clean-up was also discussed. The council decided to designate a clean up day on thurs, July 7th by 2 pm and to have things by the curb for pickup. Trees and branches can be taken to the tree pile by the ball park. No electronics, paints, batteries, or tires will be taken.

Property needing mowing and trees that need trimming were discussed.

Employees: Employees health insurance was discussed. Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to stay with Plan 6 (\$1000 deductible) with the SD Health Pool. Motion carried.

4th of July: Motion by G Guenther, second by Anderson to have fireworks, bean bag games and raffle and kids money find on the 4th of July. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: G Guenther will take Ryan Watters place on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

New Business:

Voter Ward Redistricting was discussed. Motion by G Guenther, second by Z Guenther to sign an agreement with SECOG to help with the Voter Ward Redistricting. Motion carried.

A letter from Second Chance Rescue Center terminating our contract was received and noted.

Motion by Z Guenther, second by G Guenther to allow finance officer vacation June 22nd to 24th. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Elizabeth Klassy – tabled for more information until the July meeting.

Motion by Heiberger, second by G Guenther to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:34 pm.

Ronald H Pringle - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

May bills to be paid in June:

Salaries (Gross): Joan M. Julson, 2100.11; Todd Letcher-includes 4¼ hr OT, 2706.66; Nicholas Golder – 217.50; Ambulance Payroll, 3772.00; EFTPS-May payroll taxes, 2329.97, SDRS-retirement, 288.41.

Supplies Anderson Trucking–6 loads of gravel & hauling 15 loads of surge, 2880.00; Barco Municipal Products-handicap symbol stencil & street signs, 646.62; Colonial Research–shop supply, 148.41;

D.B.Services–firehall scrub & recoat tile floors (Baths & Kitchen), 75.00; Farmers Alliance/United Energy–city hall fuel oil, 212.55; Fred Haar Co–mower blade, 75.98; Freeman Lumber–shop door, lagoon supply, & shop supply, 2103.08; Heritage Pharmacy–water supply, 1.58; Lacey’s Farmacy–chemicals, 166.57; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 51.73; McLeod’s–deposit books & 1000 laser checks, 252.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–amb oxygen, 31.75; Menards–street marking paint, shop & fire supply (\$63.90 reimbursed by fire dept), 183.27;

Meyer Motor–15.61; Potter’s Tire & Service–gas, diesel, 511.58; Sievers Sales & Service–maintainer & firehall supply, 122.00; Spencer Quarries Inc–15 loads of surge, 1935.23; Sturdevant’s Auto Parts–lawn mower supply, 9.84; Tractor Salvage & Welding–scarifier for maintainer, 2227.80.

Repairs & Maintenance: Benders Sewer & Drain-jetting obstructed lagoon line, 332.50.

Liquor Store Bills: D.B.Services–clean carpets, 75.00; D&E – dart team fee for 2010-2011 season , 148.50; Farmers Alliance/United Energy – fuel oil (Reimbursed by R Stevens), 479.99; Freeman Lumber–black paint, 14.95; SD State Treasurer–May sales tax for bar, 67.14.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in May) Beal Distributing, Inc., 2078.50; Dakota Beverage, 1351.40.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Copier Maintenance contract, 35.27; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–May publishing, 518.22; Farmers State Bank–safety deposit box rent, 20.00; First National Bank–SRF loan payment due 7/1/11, 1830.51; Graf, Dave–water deposit return, 100.00; Nordwald Rentals–July rent (Payable 7/1/11), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash–mostly postage, 21.81; Post Master–2010 Quality Water Report postage, 93.28; SD DENR–2011 drinking water fee, 220.00; SD Dept of Revenue–water & wastewater testing, 315.00; SD Dept of Revenue–malt beverage license fees, 250.00; SD Gov Finance Officers Assn–school registration, 75.00; SD State Treasurer–May garbage, etc. sales tax, 210.95.

Utilities (Paid in May): Addy Disposal, 3478.00; Golden West, 270.23; Hanson Rural Water, 3203.70; Xcel Energy, 1755.25.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 379.45; Health Pool of SD, 2564.68; SCPAA-General Liability & auto insurance, 8623.32.

Professional: Fink Law Office PC - May statement, 103.33

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