

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

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 7/11/11. The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President George Guenther. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Zach Guenther, and Caron Neumann. Absent: Phil Heiberger, Verlyn Hudson and Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, Ken Haugen, Craig & Heather Golder, Delores Golder, and Vern Arens (Arens Engineering).

The minutes of the June 6th regular meeting was sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Z. Guenther, second by Neumann to approve the minutes of the June 6th regular meeting with the correction of Z. Guenther being on the Parks & Recreation committee instead of Neumann. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance report by Todd Letcher:

- chip and sealing should be started in about 3 weeks
- JD tractor is at Ellefeson's in Mitchell for repair. We are using a rental tractor from there for \$10 per hour
- CMC repaired hole in side of lagoon
- Discussed fence at city park by the picnic table area – Motion by Z. Guenther, second by Anderson to provide fence by the westside of the park picnic area. Motion carried.
- Discussed street work by city park and on Poplar Ave

Vern Arens discussed with the council the June 24, 2011 approval from the Board of Water and Natural Resources of a \$261,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan to the city. It is for 30 years at 3.25% interest. The loan was awarded contingent upon the city raising its sewer rates to a level sufficient to provide the required 110% debt coverage. The DENR also discussed paying off the oldest debt of \$47,000+ in order to secure the 100% funding for this project. Motion by Anderson, second Neumann to send letter or email to DENR to request permission to prepay SRF loan #C461112-01. Motion carried. Bid letting for this project was also discussed. Motion by Z. Guenther, second by Neumann to have Vern Arens prepare for bid letting of the Main Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements project for spring of 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Anderson to recess council at 7:25 pm and to reconvene as Board of Adjustment for 2 Conditional Use Permits. George Shanard is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (#033) for agricultural activities. After much discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Neumann to grant a Conditional Use Permit with the conditions that it is mowed and baled for hay and not grazed – also the weeds need to be controlled. Motion carried. Craig Golder is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (#034) to recycle vintage and old cars. After much discussion, motion by Z Guenther, second by Neumann to allow this conditional use permit #34 for one year. Motion carried.

Motion by Z Guenther, second by Neumann to recess as Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. Time 7:43 pm.

Council discussed procedure for sending complaint/nuisance letters. Motion was made by Z. Guenther, second by Anderson that with the exception of mowing, until a signed written complaint is received and/or action by the council, no nuisance letters will be sent. Motion carried.

Public Input:

- Sandi Tschetter had a complaint about the weeds in the neighbor's fence line and area north of the house. Motion by Anderson, second by Z. Guenther to send letter to homeowner to take care of the weeds in the area north of the house. Motion carried.

- Jerry Paweltzki spoke to the council about what the Development Corporation has been doing so far with the situation with the grocery store. He urged everyone to return their surveys. He also asked about the water pressure in town being low. Letcher will look into the water pressure issue. He also asked about the city doing a hunter safety course in the fall. This was tabled for further information.

- Ken Haugen had a complaint with the garbage haulers. He was told to call them and discuss.
- Roger Hofer asked if he got some volunteers to clean the gutters, would they be able to use the air compressor. Council saw no problem with it.

Streets & Alleys: Truck ordinances from Salem and Spencer were looked over. The street committee will talk with the other towns about how they are handling the large fuel truck.

Anderson reported that the city could use recycle millings for the streets. It will be looked into further.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Richard Stevens received a survey from his insurance noting some recommendations that needed attention in the bar - missing circuit breakers covers and emergency lighting. Motion by Anderson, second by Z Guentner to have maintenance contact an electrician to handle the missing circuit breaker covers and emergency lighting. Motion carried.

Ambulance: Motion by G. Guentner, second Z. Guentner to have ambulance committee look into and secure a laptop computer from school surplus and a scoop board. Motion carried.

Contracted Law Enforcement: monthly report was noted.

Parks & Rec: Z. Guentner brought up that there have been requests for benches at the swing area in the city park . Motion by Z. Guentner, second by Anderson to purchase 2 benches by the swing area in the city park. Motion carried. Tiffany Nelson sent a written report on how the Summer Youth activity is going. Council so noted.

Code Enforcement: Discussion was held on the hours for shooting fireworks on the 4th of July. Council decided to talk with Sheriff Norris on this matter for next year.

Employees: Discussion was held on all the summer work to do and that 20 hours for part time help is not enough. Motion by G. Guentner, second by Z. Guentner to change part time maintenance (Nicholas Golder) employee status to as needed and not limited to 20 hours. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Since Tim Thompson has not been at a Planning & Zoning meeting so far, a motion by G. Guentner, second by Z. Guentner to nominate Jerry Paweltzki to fill the position of Tim Thompson on the Planning and Zoning. Motion carried. Verlyn Hudson had written that she would like off the Planning & Zoning also. Motion by G. Guentner, second by Anderson to have Z. Guentner fill the position of Hudson on the Planning & Zoning. Motion carried.

New Business:

Voter Ward Redistricting was discussed. Council has decided to change the boundaries in Ward 3 to keep our Ward deviation under the 9.9%. The change to the south boundary of Ward 3 would be 4th St not 3rd St,

Building Permits: Motion by Anderson, second by Z. Guentner to approve the building permits for Elizabeth Klassy, Donald Dorale and Terri Shape. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:36 pm.

George Guentner - President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

June bills to be paid in July:

Salaries (Gross): Joan M. Julson, 2185.31; Todd Letcher-includes 1½ hr OT, 2715.86; Nicholas Golder – 1056.69; Tiffany Nelson, 240.00; Ambulance Payroll, 2851.00; EFTPS-June payroll taxes, 1803.03, SDRS-retirement, 294.07.

Supplies: Farmers Alliance/United Energy– mosquito sprayer supply, .82; Fred Haar Co–mower gasket kit, 56.10; Freeman Lumber–stain & brush, 42.90; HD Waterworks–water meter parts, 120.65; Julson, Joan–4 tables for cityhall/Legion, 448.38; Julson, Joan–mileage to get trophies & take back firework frame, 59.20; Lacey’s Farmacy–chemicals, 38.50; Lew’s Fireworks–fireworks for 4th of July, 2100.00; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 121.74; MARC–insect repellent supply, 296.53; Meyer Motor–fire equip trk battery & hauling tractor to

Mitchell, 191.85; Potter's Tire & Service—gas, diesel, 931.31; Richards, Forrest—2 loads of black dirt, 70.00; Schwan's Market—supplies, 9.94; SD Federal Property Agency—mosquito sprayer & shop supply, 334.25; Sturdevant's Auto Parts—supply, 56.69; Us Postal Service—500 stamped window envelopes, 257.00; Van Diest Supply—24 gal Insectrin X, 1206.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Duane's Tree Stump Removal—tree stumps at city park, 504.00; Eddy Electric—Storm damage repair & terminating overhead to outbldg, 2044.20; Golder, Loren—take down tree by pumphouse, 750.00; Zabel Steel—mosquito sprayer work, 139.20.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in June) Beal Distributing, Inc., 885.15; Dakota Beverage, 424.85; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 414.10; Republic National Distributing Co, 427.29.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc—Copier Maintenance contract, 38.08; Addy Disposal—dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp—monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune—June publishing, 561.19; First National Bank—SRF loan payment due 7/15/11, 5482.80; Greater McCook Development Alliance—City portion of 2011 SEFP Contract for Services, 2200.00; Julson, James—bean bag game for raffle, 65.00; Julson, Joan—mileage to pick up trophies and return flag frame (2 trips), 59.20; Nordwald Rentals—July rent (Payable 7/1/11), 350.00; McCook County—Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash—mostly postage, 15.40; Pringle, Ronald H – mileage to Main St Sewer mtg, 21.46; SD Dept of Revenue—water & wastewater testing, 37.00; SD One Call-9 locates, 9.99; SD State Treasurer—June garbage, etc. sales tax, 202.79; SD Unemployment Ins Division-2nd quarter unemployment payment, 108.91.

Utilities (Paid in June): Addy Disposal, 3404.00; Golden West, 243.03; Hanson Rural Water, 3349.50; Xcel Energy, 1613.87.

Insurance: AFLAC—reimbursed by employees, 379.45; Health Pool of SD, 2862.54.

Professional: Fink Law Office PC - June statement, 143.38

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