

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2011 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 9/08/11. The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President George Guenther. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Phil Heiberger, and Verlyn Hudson. Absent: Mayor Ron Pringle, Zach Guenther and Caron Neumann. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, Sheriff Mark Norris, Jerry Paweltzki, Robert Stahl, Vern Arens – Arens Engineering, and Jim Julson.

The minutes of the September 8th regular meeting was sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Hudson, second by Heiberger to approve the minutes of the September 8th regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance report by Todd Letcher:

- Working on the soft spots on Poplar Ave. CMC had to come and dig out the “mucky, soft stuff”. Council consensus was to do whatever is needed to get the street repaired right.

At 7:15 council recessed and reconvened as Board of Adjustment to hold hearing for a Public Hearing on a variance request for Robert & Janet Stahl. No concerns were noted from any visitors on a 5½ foot variance from street setbacks on the west side of the shed and a 10 foot variance from property line setbacks on the east side of same shed for Robert & Janet Stahl. Motion by Heiberger, seconded by Anderson to pass Resolution #11-1005A for Robert & Janet Stahl’s variance. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#11-1005A

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Robert & Janet Stahl, owners of real estate described in Attachment 1 hereto for a variance as to the real property described in Attachment 1, for the purposes therein contained, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HERBY RESOLVED that the Mayor or City Council President is directed to execute the variance contained in Attachment 1 and cause it to be filed with the McCook County Register of Deeds, all at the expense of the owners of the real estate.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2011.

4 Votes in favor

0 Votes opposed

2 Absent

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

By: George Guenther – Council President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson
Finance Officer
(SEAL)

At 7:22 Public Hearing was declared over and recessed as Board of Adjustment and reconvened as City Council.

Public Input:

- Robert Stahl asked the council whether they had any problem with him removing some trees at his expense from the city property east of his Lot 46A. Motion by Heiberger, seconded by Anderson to allow Robert Stahl to cut down trees at his expense on the city property east of his Lot 46A. Motion carried.

- Jim Julson addressed the council for the ambulance. It appears that someone had gotten into the ambulance and gone thru some things. It has been suggested by some ambulance personnel that the keyless entry locks be changed/recoded. It was brought up that this is something that should be addressed by the firehall board. The council recommends that these locks be changed immediately in order to protect our ambulance and fire equipment.
- Randy Byington addressed the council about disconnecting the water and sewer connection at 730 N Main Ave. The house is not habitable no longer. Motion by Anderson, second by Hudson to allow the water and sewer connection at 730 N Main Ave be disconnected. Motion carried.

Old Business/Committee Reports

Streets & Alleys: street load limits were discussed

Water & Sewer: Vern Arens went thru the plans for the Main Street Sewer Project. Questions were asked about how much of the asphalt from 7th to 9th on Main would be torn up and how to replace it. Right now we are looking at December 12th for bid opening. He will be more documents to the November meeting.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hudson to approve Resolution #11-1005B. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

RESOLUTION # 11-1005B

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEWATER TO AMEND SECTION 8.0208A SEWER USER FEE SCHEDULE AND PROCESS (FLAT RATE STRUCTURE).

WHEREAS SDCL 9-48-26 provides for the sewer rates to apply to all users, including but not limited to residential including apartments, public, and commercial users: and

WHEREAS the City of Bridgewater sewer charges shall fall due on the first day of each month and payable before 15 days after: and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following sewer rates become effective January 1, 2012, payable February 1, 2012, and shall be as follows: the minimum monthly rate shall be \$22.75 plus \$.015 times the cubic feet of water used based on the average monthly usage during the six winter months. In situations where no water is used during the winter months, a fair compensation to the city will be determined by the Municipal Finance Officer.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of October, 2011, by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

City of Bridgewater

By: George Guenthner

Its Council President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

Municipal Finance Officer

(SEAL)

Motion by Heiberger, seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution #11-1005C. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

RESOLUTION # 11-1005C

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEWATER TO AMEND SECTION 8.0114 WATER PROVISIONS – BILLING AND PAYMENT

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following water penalty become effective January 1, 2012, payable February 1, 2012, and shall be as follows: All accounts shall be carried in the name of the property

owner or renter who, personally or by his authorized agent, shall apply for such service. If not paid before the 15th of said month a ten dollar (\$10.00) penalty shall be added. If not paid in full said water shall be shut off in accordance with Section 8.0117.

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By: George Guenthner
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(SEAL)

The Categorical Exclusion Determination from DENR on the project was also noted and will be published in the Bridgewater Tribune.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: The check for the hail damage to the liquor store roof has been received. Council decision to not do anything with the roof until maybe next year. The final paper work for hail damage to the rest of the buildings has not been received yet.

Ambulance: Grant papers from the American Heart Association & Helmsley Grant for the 12 lead EKG monitor were received today. As time is an issue in the signing of these papers, a motion was made by G Guenthner, seconded by Anderson that contingent upon the approval from the city attorney that we sign these papers so as not to lose this grant money for the 12 lead EKG monitor cost of \$26,214.50. Motion carried.

Fire: Anderson and Heiberger volunteered to be the council representatives on the firehall board.

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

Code Enforcement: Hudson brought up some dog issues and also the suggestion of putting a reminder of pet licensing in our water books for 2012. Council agreed that this was a good idea.

Parks & Rec.: park benches were looked at for the city park. Motion by G Guenthner, seconded by Anderson to purchase one of the 8 foot benches for the city park. Motion carried.

New Business:

Council OK'd the finance officer going to Election Workshop in Sioux Falls on December 8.

1st reading of Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance A-87 was done.

Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to approve building permit for Robert & Janet Stahl. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to go into Executive session for Employee Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2.4). Motion carried. Time 8:10 pm. President Guenthner declared over at 8:20 pm. Employees were thanked for their work. Motion by Guenthner, second by Heiberger effective 1/1/12 to change the employee vacation to read that 0 to 3 years = 5 days per year, 4 to 10 years = 10 days per year and 11 or more = 15 days of vacation and also to change the employee holiday schedule to follow the Federal Holiday schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:30 pm.

George Guenthner - President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

September bills to be paid in October:

Salaries (Gross): Joan M. Julson, 2211.63; Todd Letcher-includes 5¼ hr OT, 2725.05; Nicholas Golder, 458.56; Ambulance Payroll, 3163.00; EFTPS-September payroll taxes, 1887.71, SDRS-retirement, 296.21.

Supplies: M/S Pump-N-Stuff-gas, 188.58; Moore Medical–CombiCarrier II Backboard, 753.95; Pfeifer’s – 2002 New Holland LS180 skid loader & 88” snow bucket, 22465.00; Physio-Control–12 lead AED (reimbursed by Helmsley Grant), 25494.50; Potter’s Tire & Service–gas, diesel, 476.23; Sievers Sales & Service–80R sickle mower, 900.00; Sturdevants–mostly pickup brake repair, 283.42.

Repairs & Maintenance: KW Electric–wire repair in city park, 295.72; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio Svc. Inc– 2 fire dept pagers repair, 183.99.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in September) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1397.50; Dakota Beverage, 1228.10; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 263.57; Republic National Distributing Co, 305.76.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Copier Maintenance contract, 35.27; Addy Disposal–dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–September publishing, 277.57; Datz, Jon – water deposit return, 45.04; First National Bank in SF–SRF loan payoff (includes 10/1/11 payment), 45,715.51; Nordwald Rentals–November rent (Payable 11/1/11), 350.00; Joan Julson–Quickbooks payroll renewal, 299.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash –mostly postage, 14.20; SD Unemployment Ins Div–3rd q unemployment payment, 66.24; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 12.00; SD One Call–7 fax locates, 7.77; SD State Treasurer–September garbage, etc. sales tax, 220.32; Sioux Falls Humane Society–dog call, 174.96.

Utilities (Paid in September): Addy Disposal, 3441.00; Golden West, 239.26; Hanson Rural Water, 3279.38; Xcel Energy, 1423.94.

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

Professional: Arens Engineering–survey fieldwork & preliminary design/bid documents, 3955.00; Fink Law Office PC– September statement, 57.76.

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