

## **Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes January 9, 2012 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 01/09/12. The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Answering roll call was Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Zach Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Caron Neumann and Mayor Pringle. Absent: Verlyn Hudson. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, City Maintenance - Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, Sheriff Mark Norris, Jerry Paweltzki, Attorney Mike Fink, Ryan Winter, Nick Menning, and Vern Arens – Arens Engineering.

The minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by G Guenther, second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Motion carried.

The December 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 December Financial Statement. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance Report for Todd Letcher:

- Trying to clean rock from street gutters
- Trees out by the ball field, south of the cell tower, need to be cleaned up. Motion by G Guenther, second by Heiberger to get rid of trees by the cell tower and west of it. Motion carried.
- Some trees need cleaning up by old tennis court. Xcel will be contacted as they are in the wires overhead.

### **Public Input:**

- Jerry Paweltzki informed the council that there is some interest from a group in the packing plant. Council commented that they are more than willing to listen to anyone interested in opening a new business in town. He also suggested that we look into electronic speed control signs for the speeders on Hwy 262.

At 7:30, Mayor Pringle opened the sealed bids for the Main Street Sewer Project and read as follows: Winter Brothers Underground – \$224,893.50; Menning Backhoe LLC – \$232,712.60; Slowey Construction – \$247,018.00; Nitteberg Construction – \$370,252.00; Prunty Construction – \$217,817.27; Haarsma Construction – \$273,516.00; Kempf Construction – \$237,219.20; H&W Contracting LLC – \$241,682.80; First Rate Excavate – \$289,746.00; Carstensen Contracting – \$268,268.30. To give Vern Arens time to go through each bid and tabulate, a motion was made by Heiberger, second by Z Guenther to table the awarding of the bids until the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

### **Old Business/Committee Reports**

#### **Water & Sewer:**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2012-1 – Changing late fee was done. Motion by G Guenther, second by Z Guenther to approve Ordinance 2012-1. Roll Call Vote – all present voted aye. Ordinance was published in January 12<sup>th</sup> Bridgewater Tribune.

Council discussed the sewer lines on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Vern Arens-Arens Engineering was asked to bring costs of fixing and/or replacing these sewer lines.

**Parks & Recreation:** The Quit Claim Deed for “Sparky Park” from Ed Meyer was addressed. Motion by Z Guenther, second by G Guenther to accept the Quit Claim Deed for Lot 9 Block 12 OT (Sparky Park) from Meyer Motor/Ed Meyer. Motion carried.

**Contracted Law Enforcement:** monthly report was noted. Council visited with Sheriff Norris about animal control.

A Law Enforcement committee of Anderson, G Guenther, and Heiberger was appointed for 3 months to meet with Sheriff Norris periodically to go over any law enforcement problems or issues that arise.

**Code Enforcement:** Council discussed at length the ordinances concerning semi trucks and the damage to the streets from the semi-trucks. Motion by Z Guenther, second by Heiberger to have Attorney Mike Fink do some research with other towns and their truck ordinances to revise our ordinances. Motion carried.

**Ambulance:** Motion by G Guentner, second by Z Guentner to write off uncollectible ambulance bills (Medicare/Medicaid/Insurance Assignment) of \$11,659.46. Motion carried. (Total charges were \$44,998.80 less payments of \$33,339.34 leaving an assignment balance of \$11,659.46. It was noted that in accepting payment from Medicare or Medicaid we have to accept what Medicare says the bill should be. In turn for getting paid by Medicare and Medicaid, we must also agree not to charge these amounts to the patient and consequently write these amounts off at the end of the year.)

**New Business:**

Motion by Heiberger, second by Z Guentner to set April 10, 2012 as 2012 Municipal Election date. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to approve building permit for Perry Hofer. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Z Guentner to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:00 pm.

Ronald H Pringle - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**December bills to be paid in January:**

**Salaries (Gross):** Joan M. Julson, 2131.07; Todd Letcher-includes 3¾ hr OT, 2669.91; Ambulance Payroll, 2723.00; EFTPS-December payroll taxes, 2303.40, SDRS-city portion of retirement, 288.07.

**Supplies:** Colonial Research–20 gal of Total Kill, 600.00; Danko Emergency Equip.–fire foam, 146.00; MAC’S–shop supply, 109.71; MARC–lagoon chemicals, 1603.25; Matheson Trigas–amb oxygen, 19.70; McLeod’s Printing & Office Supply–Deposit books, 89.80; Northern Tool/HSBC Business Solutions–skid steer supply, 211.53; Potter’s Tire & Service–gas, diesel, 549.75; Salem Special–275 - 2012 water books, 302.00; Schwans Market-supply, 1.55; Spencer Quarries Inc–2” base course for Poplar Ave, 913.96; Sturdevants–supply, 90.07; Tri-State Equipment–switch for skid steer, 55.25; United Energy–legion/city hall fuel oil, 803.96.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Anderson Trucking–Dec. hauling & work on Poplar Ave, 1288.00; Meyer Motor-repair ’96 pkup & supply, 115.74; Sensus-water autogun repair, 152.25; SF Two Way Radio Svc. Inc–5 fire pagers repaired, 195.00.

**Machinery & Equipment:** Pfeifer’s–Bobcat sweeper w/gutter brush attachment, 5282.00; Pfeifer’s–cutting edge for skid steer, 224.93.

**Beer and Liquor: (paid in December)** Beal Distributing, Inc., 1568.70; Dakota Beverage, 1159.20; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 446.84; Republic National Distributing Co, 215.78.

**Miscellaneous:** A&B Business Inc-Copier Maintenance contract, 38.80; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–December publishing, 175.62; DENR–2012 Renewal of Certification of Operators for Water/Wastewater, 18.00; Nordwald Rentals–February rent (Payable 2/1/12), 350.00; First National Bank in SF–SRF loan, 5482.80; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Medicare Part B–Revalidation Fee, 505.00; Petty Cash–mostly postage, 27.67; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 12.00; SD One Call–11 fax locates, 12.21; SD State Treasurer–December garbage, etc. sales tax, 206.04; SD Unemployment Ins Division–4<sup>th</sup> q payment, 42.41.

**Utilities (Paid in December):** Addy Disposal, 3515.00; Golden West, 226.70; Hanson Rural Water, 3087.60; United Energy LLC-shop propane, 963.90; Xcel Energy, 1447.11.

**Fees & Dues:** DENR–2012 wastewater fee, 550.00; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems–2012 dues, 345.00; SD Gov’t Finance Officers Assoc.–2012 dues, 40.00; SD Municipal League–2012 dues, 641.61; SECOG–2012 dues, 665.00.

**Insurance:** AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 379.45; Health Pool of SD, 2862.54;

**Professional:** Arens Engineering –Construction Plans/Bid Documents Preparation payment, 1130.00; Fink Law Office PC- December statement, 165.01; Meierhenry Sargent LLP-Bond Counsel for sewer SRF loan, 2610.00.

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