

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2012 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 07/09/12. 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, Jerry Paweltzki, and Mayor Pringle. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Mark Vondra, Dan Gran (Administrator Freeman Regional Healthcare), Vern Arens (Arens Engineering), Roger Hofer, Sheriff Mark Norris, Bernie Weber, Terri Shape (Learning Bridge Daycare), Evelyn (Mrs. Calvin) Hofer, Attorney Mike Fink, Rick Reed (Golden West), and Sandi Tschetter.

The minutes of the June 11th regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by G. Guenther, second by Heiberger to approve the minutes of the June 11th regular meeting. Motion carried.

The June Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion about how the rental income from the firehall was listed, a motion was made by Paweltzki, second by G Guenther to approve the June Financial Statement. Motion carried.

1st reading of Supplemental Budget Ordinance A-88 was done.

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

Public Hearing for Rural Medical Clinic tower variance was not needed due to a height exception for towers. Maintenance report was read

- Areas to be chip and sealed this summer
- Lagoon mowing
- Some apron work in project areas to do yet
- 7th street work discussed
- Painting lines on Main street

7:15 – One bid of \$2000 was received from Mary Anderson for the JD 445 all wheel steer lawn & garden tractor with 60” deck. Motion by G Guenther, seconded by Paweltzki to accept the \$2000 bid from Mary Anderson for the JD 445 all wheel steer lawn & garden tractor with 60” deck. Motion carried.

Public Input:

- Terri Shape – concerns with speeding traffic by daycare. After a lot of discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Z Guenther to put a stop sign at 4th & 5th streets on Walnut Ave and put up a 15 mph sign by daycare. Motion carried.
- Mark Vondra discussed nuisance ordinances with council and city attorney. Attorney Fink discussed with council that cities don't get into drainage law. It is more of a private issue than a public issue.
- Rick Reed with GoldenWest spoke with the council about the GoldenWest agreement that comes up for renewal in March of 2013. A franchise agreement in Resolution form will be done at the August meeting.
- Bernie Weber – excess pigeons in town. Not good since they carry diseases. Letters will be sent to property owners. He also had comments on 3rd street between Poplar & Cherry. He was informed that city has been looking into this area, but it just takes time.
- Roger Hofer had comments on Poplar Ave & 7th street that more gravel is needed yet to get to a proper grade. He was informed that city has already been looking into this before any chip & seal would be done.

7:30 Rich Mehlbrech & Carol Luke were here to show their interest in managing the bar. Carol read their proposal. A couple of the changes they would like to see were allowing the \$5000 deposit to cover the hard assets (tables, chairs, coolers, etc) in the building, lower the rent to \$800 to allow the business to be built back up again, and change the agreement to 2 years with rent renegotiated at that time. Council discussed these changes noting that they feel lowering the rent by \$200 won't make much difference, but in order to keep another business from closing, they feel these changes are fair. City attorney was asked to draw up a new agreement and present it to the council and Rich & Carol at a special meeting. Motion by G Guenther, second by Z Guenther to have a special meeting on July 12th at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Attorney Mike Fink & Sheriff Norris discussed with the council the vicious dog ordinances. Tabled for examples at the August meeting.

Streets & Alleys: Testing of the asphalt base oil was discussed for the upcoming chip & seal project. It appears that the oil we've been currently using doesn't appear to seal the chips into the oil very well. Council would like to have the base oil tested to see that we are getting what is in the bid specs. Vern Arens suggested we call American Testing for quotes on this type of testing. Finance Officer will get ahold of American Testing for information and report at special meeting on Thursday.

Water & Sewer/Sewer Project: Vern Arens – Arens Engineering here to discuss project and Change Order #1. The change order was for adding an additional manhole removal and replacement at 6th & Main and also for adjustment of concrete pavement replacement. Anderson also questioned why the asphalt patch wasn't level with the edges of the rest of the street. Arens will contact contractor and they will look at that area. A letter from Visu-Sewer requesting a 30 day extension of the project completion date was addressed. They would like to combine our project with a project in Huron and Huron's is not ready yet. They offered a 1% reduction in their unit cost for this 30 day extension. After more discussion, a motion was made by Z Guenther, seconded by Heiberger to have Vern Arens make a counter offer granting the extension to Visu-Sewer for a 2% reduction in their unit cost. Roll call vote Anderson-aye; G Guenther-nay; Z Guenther-aye; Heiberger-aye; Neumann-aye; Paweltzki-aye. Motion carried. The cement patch at 2nd & Main was discussed. It is rough due to all the old patches around it. It will be looked at what could be done to fix this area. Discussed the area that was repaired/replaced by the SW corner of 3rd & Main. It was decided to be paid out of streets and not put into the project. It was also noted that Payment Request #3 would be signed by Mayor Pringle.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: When to do the bar inventory will be decided at the special meeting.

Planning & Zoning: Attorney Fink was asked about the definition of a foundation. He will get back with definition at later meeting. Motion by Paweltzki, seconded by G Guenther to pass tower permit for Freeman Regional Health Services. Motion carried. Building permit for Steven Svancara was tabled for thurs meeting. The Planning & Zoning Committee will go back to meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month instead of before our council meetings.

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

4th of July: Only problem noted was the Declaration of Independence and singing of the National Anthem may not have been heard by all due to the speaker in the truck. Complaints about shooting fireworks the next day after 10 pm was discussed.

Code Enforcement: Clean-up day was discussed. Tentatively may have another one in late August.

Building Permit: Motion by Paweltzki, second by G Guenther to approve building permit for Freeman Regional Health Services. Motion carried. Building permit for Steven Svancara was tabled until the special meeting on Thursday.

Motion by Z Guenther, second by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:48 pm.

Ronald H Pringle - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

June bills to be paid in July:

Salaries (Gross): Joan M. Julson-includes 3¼ hr OT, 1971.60; Todd Letcher-includes 10 hr OT, 2576.22; Matthew Anderson, 728.65; Natasha Letcher, 270.00; Ambulance Payroll, 2141.00; EFTPS-June payroll taxes, 1654.93; SDRS-Employee payment & city match of retirement, 545.74.

Supplies: C&B Operations/Fred Haar Company–grommet, sensor universal joint, gasket, 49.38; Campbell's–pump for washing streets, 382.46; Colonial Research–55 gal drum of Total Kill, 1650.00; DSG-urinal for ballpark restroom, 325.19; Fensel's Plumbing & Elec Supply–supply, 43.37; Hauff Mid-America Sports–4th of July trophies, 79.50; Heritage Pharmacy–amb supply, 11.39; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–amb oxygen, 25.69; Menards–mostly park supply, 63.31; Potter's Tire & Service–gas, diesel, 686.26; Sievers Sales & Service–sickle mower parts & water parts, 13.85; SF Two Way Radio Service–3 portable radios & 12 pagers, 6147.00; Schwans Market–summer rec supply, 4.47; Sturdevants–battery core credit & grease tubes for shop, 18.90

Repair & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-6 hrs of pushing in rubble, 750.00; Bender's Sewer & Drain—retrieving PVC pipe in sewer main, 1777.50; Iron Wheel Sales & Service Inc—sewer cleaning, 285.00; Meyer Motor LLC—fire trucks repairs, 74.39.

Sewer Project: Arens Engineering-2nd payment, 5264.00; Prunty Construction-2nd payment, 59583.66.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in June) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1003.30; Dakota Beverage, 500.70; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 544.44; Republic National Distributing Co, 1020.32.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Copier Maintenance contract, 38.80; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp—monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune—June publishing, 313.06; First National Bank in SF—SRF sewer loan payment, 5482.80; Julson, Jim—bean bag game to raffle on 4th, 65.00; Julson, Joan—FO school meal & mileage, 76.79; Nordwald Rentals—Aug rent (Payable 8/1/12), 350.00; McCook County—Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash—postage, 9.40; SD Dept of Revenue—water testing, 13.00; SD Lottery—license renewal, 100.00; SD One Call-12 fax locates, 13.32; SD State Treasurer—June garbage, etc. sales tax, 204.44; SD Unemployment Ins Division-2nd q payment, 107.04; Super 8—FO schooling room, 122.00.

Utilities (Paid in June): Addy Disposal, 3607.50; Golden West, 225.58; Hanson Rural Water, 4651.00; Xcel Energy, 1539.06.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 273.24; Health Pool of SD, 2862.54.

Professional: Fink Law Office PC- June statement, 183.88.

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