

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2012 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 12/10/12. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Council Vice President Bob Anderson. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Zach Guentner, Phil Heiberger, Caron Neumann, and Jerry Paweltzki. Absent were George Guentner and Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sherriff Mark Norris, Vern Arens (Arens Engineering), and Sandi Tschetter.

The minutes of the November 5th regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Z Guentner, second by Neumann to approve the minutes of the November 5th regular meeting. Motion carried.

The November Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Paweltzki, second by Z Guentner to approve the November Financial Statement. Motion carried. Motion by Z Guentner, second by Heiberger to approve Contingency transfers of \$10 to Elections and \$500 to Finance Office. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Vern Arens – Arens Engineering distributed copies of Payment #4 – Final Pay request for the 2012 Main Street Sewer Project. Discussion was held on the service areas on north Main Ave. Vern explained that they had credited us for a load of asphalt on the final pay request #4 for this area on north Main. After more discussion, a motion was made by Paweltzki, seconded by Heiberger to approve Application for Payment #4 – Final and also the Arens Engineering final engineering bill. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Z Guentner, second by Heiberger to authorize Mayor Pringle to sign the Certification of Completion. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Next Vern went over the Change Order #2 which adjusts quantities for the final pay request. Motion by Heiberger, seconded by Z Guentner to approve Change Order #2. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Contracted Law Enforcement: Sheriff Norris was here for any questions. Council noted reports for October & November. Finance Officer inquired what was being done with the electronic speed signs. Sheriff Norris stated that there will be a Federal Grant for speed signs with an 80/20 match in March/April. We will further discuss in 2013. Council instructed finance officer to send a thank you to Marion City Council for the usage of their electronic speed sign.

Maintenance Report given by Todd Letcher:

- Got load of hot mix for streets to patch some holes
- Snow Removal
- Requested a wire welder. Council said to see if he could come across a used one. Motion by Heiberger, second by Anderson to allow Letcher \$1000 for used wire welder if he comes across one for sale. Motion carried.

Streets and Alleys: Christmas decorations were discussed. Council instructed Letcher to see what it would cost to have electric outlets put on the poles.

Water and Sewer: Letcher hasn't heard anything from Schoenwald Well Drilling on checking the wells out yet.

Letcher informed council that we have a couple of homes with bent curb stops that need fixing in order to shut off the water. Council informed him to fix, weather permitting.

Health & Landfill: Council wanted public to know that garbage tags are available for the large items like sofas, mattresses, etc.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Heiberger, second by Z Guentner to renew the Municipal Liquor License for 2013. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

A past due bill from Mulder Refrigeration to the prior bar manager was discussed. Since it was for filters for the ice maker that were purchased in the end of June 2012 and since his resignation was in July, a motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to pay this Mulder Refrigeration bill. Motion carried.

Ambulance: Motion by Z Guentner, second by Heiberger to write off uncollectible ambulance bills (Medicare/Medicaid/Insurance Assignment) of \$9,838.75. Motion carried. (Total charges were \$28,396.42 less payments of \$18,557.67 leaving an assignment balance of \$9,838.75. 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 have to write these amounts off at the end of the year.)

Planning and Zoning: Motion by Paweltzki, second by Z Guentner to approve the building permit for Mark Gross. Motion carried.

Motion by Z Guentner, seconded by Heiberger to set aside in reserves - \$500 to sewer repair & maintenance, \$5000 in ambulance, and \$5000 for firetruck. Motion carried.

Council noted a 30 day Raffle Notice for My Fishing Pond.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Neumann to approve Resolution #12-1210 – 2013 City Attorney Agreement. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1210
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRIDGEWATER,
TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgewater desires to retain counsel to serve as City Attorney for the calendar year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Fink Law Office, P.C. has proposed to perform such services as are set forth in the attached Agreement With City Attorney;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City shall be authorized to enter into a contract with Fink Law Office, P.C., in the form attached hereto, all pursuant to Section 1.0101 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Bridgewater South Dakota.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of December, 2012, by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

City of Bridgewater
By: Ronald H Pringle
Its Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

City Finance Officer

(SEAL)

Planning and Zoning Committee will be meeting on Thursday the 20th of December.

Motion by Paweltzki, second by Neumann to go into Executive Session for Employee Reviews & Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2.4). Motion carried. Time 8:20 pm. Vice President Anderson declared Executive Session over at 8:27 pm.

Motion by Z Guentner, second by Neumann to give the 2 city employees a 2% raise effective 1-1-2013. Motion carried.

In the absence of the Mayor and President, motion by Neumann, second by Heiberger to have Vice President added as an authorized signer at the bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Z Guentner to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:30 pm. Next meeting is January 7th 2013.

Bob Anderson – Council Vice President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

November bills to be paid in December:

Salaries (Gross): Joan M. Julson, 2855.92; Todd Letcher-includes 4¾ hr OT, 3625.44; Ambulance Payroll, 2685.00; EFTPS-November payroll taxes, 2555.89; SDRS-Employee payment & city match of retirement, 777.78.

Supplies: Anderson, Bob–gasket for maintainer, 26.12; Heritage Pharmacy–amb supply, 62.99; CHS–Legion hall fuel oil & propane for shop & firehall, 1345.60; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 88.38; Mac’s Inc–fire hydrant supply & shop supply, 143.98; Meyer Motor LLC–tires & wiper blade, 454.00; Mid American Research Chemical–FO & shop supply, 230.10; Moore Medical–Amb Supply, 359.06; Potter’s Tire & Service–gas,

diesel & skid loader tires, 1610.33; Quill– FO & shop supply, 149.86; Salem Tractor Parts Inc–rims for skid loader, 585.00; Schwans Market–Legion Hall & firehall supply, 17.28; Sievers Sales & Service–Blower Assembly & switch & hose parts, 258.65; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio Service–fire dept pager batteries, 160.93; Us Postal Service–Balance due for stamped envelopes, 6.35; Zabel Steel–snow plow shoe parts, 272.98.

Repair & Maintenance: CMC Excavation Inc–repair 2 storm drains by south Main & PTS, 1974.49; Meyer Heating & Cooling–install exhaust hood fan, 975.00.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in November) Beal Distributing, Inc., 2474.50; Dakota Beverage, 1299.95; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 1593.37; Republic National Distributing Co, 1261.04.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 42.69, Addy Disposal–dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–November publishing, 90.36; Nordwald Rentals–Jan rent (Payable 1/1/13), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; McCook Co Register of Deeds–variance filing, 30.00; Petty Cash–postage, 6.95; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 13.00; SD State Treasurer–November garbage, etc. sales tax, 207.93; SD One Call–fax locates for November, 1.11; SDML Workers Comp Fund–2013 Renewal, 2304.00.

Utilities (Paid in November): Addy Disposal, 3737.00; Golden West, 234.99; Hanson Rural Water, 3351.80; Xcel Energy, 1613.71.

Insurance: AFLAC–reimbursed by employees, 273.24; Health Pool of SD, 2926.82.

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