

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013 meeting postponed due to electric outage until
April 15, 2013 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 4/15/13. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Caron Neumann, Jerry Paweltzki and Mayor Pringle. Zach Guenther arrived at 7:01 pm. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Attorney Mike Fink, Steve Leber – Canistota Summer Rec, Carl Nordwald – CMC Excavation Inc, gentleman from Haarsma Construction, Vern Arens - Arens Engineering, and Sandi Tschetter.

The minutes of the March 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 March 11th regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report given by Todd Letcher:

- Dakota Pump will be coming to work on lift station pump as it won't run right now
- The line from the east well to the cistern is rotted out so it needs to be replaced. Pipe has been ordered.
- When the shop was used as the firehall there was a wall in the center and a water pipe in that wall to fill the fire trucks. The wall has since been taken out to allow for better shop space but now there is this water line coming up in the middle of the floor which is actually in line with the center of the doorway. He received an estimate of \$1210.55 from CMC Excavation on rerouting this line. Anderson agreed that it was a pain when trying to back in and work on any equipment. In his opinion it needed to be moved. Letcher also mentioned that he needed a sink in the shop. Motion by G Guenther, second by Anderson to have CMC Excavation remove concrete, reroute waterline from the center of the shop to the north wall (approx. 35') and run a 2" drain line for a sink for around \$1210.55. Motion carried.
- A trash pump is needed for the lagoon. It helps in aerating the pond, breaking down the solids and keeps from having to have the pond dredged. New pumps cost around \$500. Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to give Letcher the permission to purchase a trash pump under \$500. Motion carried.
- An estimate from Addy Construction for a new, wider east shop door to replace the old one which is worn out and falling apart and also too narrow for the plow truck. Estimate from Addy Construction for labor and materials to remove old door & opener, frame in new opening, install new insulated 16' X 11'3" door and install old opener for \$5495.13. Motion by Heiberger, second by G Guenther to have Addy Construction replace old shop door. Motion carried. Motion by Heiberger, second by G Guenther to surplus old garage door and dispose of properly as it is no longer useful for the purpose intended. Motion carried.

Steve Leber – Canistota Athletic Association addressed the council to see if they would consider letting them use our field for some of the games. They are undergoing renovations at their fields and they may not be ready in time. They are looking at trying to field a teenager team of area kids which would need a place to play. The council had no problems except in the case of night games the cost of the electricity increased drastically due to the overhead lights.

At 7:30 Mayor Pringle opened in the following order the sealed bids for the 2013 5th St Sewer Project and read as follows: Haarsma Construction – \$101,165.20; Slowey Construction – \$88,975.00; First Rate Excavate – \$89,794.00; Menning Backhoe – \$126,523.50; Feimer Construction – \$83,725.00; CMC Excavation – \$59,918.00. Vern Arens (Arens Engineering) took the bids and reviewed them. After his review, a motion was made by G Guenther, seconded by Z Guenther to award the 2013 5th St Sewer Project bid to

the lowest bidder which was CMC Excavation for \$59,918.00. Roll Call Vote – all present voted aye. Motion Carried.

At 7:45 a motion by Z Guentner, second by Heiberger to recess the Council and reconvene as the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. Steven Svancara is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (#037) for haying Lots 1-6, 8 & 9 Block 2 in city limits. This land has always been hayed and having received no complaints or concerns, a motion was made by G Guentner, second by Z Guentner to approve this Conditional Use Permit for haying for Steven Svancara for a period of 5 years. Motion carried. Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Motion carried. Time 7:46.

Streets & Alleys: A letter of interest for the part time summer maintenance help was received & read from Colton Golder. Motion by Z Guentner, second by Anderson to hire Colton Golder as part time summer maintenance help at \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried.

At 7:48, a motion by Anderson, second by Z Guentner to go into Executive Session for litigation (SDCL 1-25-2.3). Motion carried. Finance Officer was asked to stay. Mayor declared executive session over at 8:00 pm.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Z Guentner and Paweltzki reported on the quotes they received for propane furnaces for the Legion Hall. The quotes were just under \$3000 for 3 furnaces and council thoughts were that since fuel oil is so expensive we could pay for the furnaces with the fuel savings. Motion by Heiberger, second by Z Guentner to purchase these furnaces for the Legion Hall. Motion carried.

Fire: Motion by Z Guentner, second by G Guentner to clarify that the money received for firehall rent and table & chair rent belongs to the Bridgewater Rural Fire Protection District and the City equally. Motion carried. The rental money is used for major purposes such as supplies and repairs/maintenance on the firehall as deemed by the Rural Fire Board.

Motion by G Guentner, second by Z Guentner to sign the Annual Contract Service Agreement for Whelen Outdoor Warning Sirens with Frontline Plus Fire and Rescue for 2013. Motion carried.

Contracted Law Enforcement: Council noted report for March. The speed of the semi traffic going through town was noted and will be discussed with Sheriff Norris.

Parks & Rec: We received 2 letters of interest for the summer rec activity director. They were from Katherine Jaeger and Natasha Letcher. Since we received no complaints on Natasha Letcher from last year, a motion was made by G Guentner, seconded by Paweltzki to hire Natasha Letcher part time position as summer rec activity director at \$30 per session. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Fireworks for the 4th of July were also discussed. Tabled until May meeting.

Code Enforcement: Attorney Fink gave information on the nuisance action for the property at 951 E 1st St owned by Roger Johnston. On August 2012, Attorney Fink sent a letter to Mr Johnston advising that his property located at 951 E 1st St had been declared a nuisance. The deadline for his nuisance abatement was October 1, 2012. On Sept 21st, Mr Johnston called Attorney Fink and advised that with the then existing burning ban, he was unable to get the house down. The date was extended to December 31, 2012. He was going to try to work with the fire dept in getting it burned down which never happened. Attorney Fink has heard nothing from Mr Johnston since and the nuisance violation has still not been abated. Attorney Fink recommended we start legal action seeking abatement on this nuisance violation against Mr Johnston. A motion was made by Z Guentner, second by G Guentner to authorize City Attorney, Mike Fink, to initiate litigation on the nuisance violation by Roger Johnston. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by G Guentner to renew the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society contract. Motion carried.

Attorney Fink brought up the condition of the Bridgewater Quality Meats building. No action taken at this time.

The official canvass of the April 9th election results was done. The results of the election for Mayor were as follows: Ron Pringle – 41 votes and Kenneth E Haugen – 18 votes. Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to approve the results of the official canvas. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried. Oaths of Office will be taken at the May meeting.

Motion by Z Guentner, second by G Guentner to have Schoenfish & Co do our 2011–2012 audit and to send the engagement letter to SD Dept of Legislative Audit. Motion carried.

Finance officer informed the council of what went on during the electric outage April 9-11. Expenses will be marked just in case we would be able to recoup any of the costs if declared a disaster. \$485 was collected in monetary donations. Council also asked finance officer to put a Thank You in paper for all the help during the electrical outage.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Neumann to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:02 pm. Next meeting is May 6, 2013.

Ronald H Pringle - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Finance Office 701.52; Fire 14.99; Gov't Bldg 14.99; Streets 1379.10; Parks 386.00; Ambulance 3199.20; Liquor 158.00; Water 858.15; Sewer 768.21; Accounts Management Inc-wage garnishment, 189.00; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 1588.83; SD Retirement System-city share 274.87.
Supplies: Campbell's-trailer parts, 43.97; Industrial Chem. Labs & Services-lift station degreaser, 116.21; Julson, Jim-amb diesel, 77.00; Matheson-amb oxygen, 154.90; Meyer Motor LLC-amb repair, firehall supplies, 851.21; Moore Medical-ambulance supply, 239.96; M/S Pump-N-Stuff-gas, 203.11; Potter's Tire & Service-gas and diesel & supply, 211.47; Schwans Market-mostly groceries for electric outage, 221.05; United Energy/Farmers Alliance-legion hall fuel oil, 1352.32.
Repair & Maintenance: Bender's-3/9&3/14 jetting storm sewer lines, manholes & catch basins, 2853.00; Golder, Loren-firehall hallway & dining room painting, 250.00.
Beer and Liquor: (paid in March) Beal Distributing, Inc., 2003.15; Dakota Beverage, 736.15; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 336.86; Republic National Distributing Co, 532.36.
Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Maintenance contract, 42.69, Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Banyon Data Systems Inc-WINFUND Support, 795.00; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune-March publishing, 379.80; First National Bank-Accrued interest & Admin surcharge on SRF #461112-03, 5731.21; First National Bank-2007 SRF loan payment, 5482.80; Frontline Plus Inc-Annual Siren Contract Service Agreement, 250.00; Heiman, Kathleen-election board official, 125.00; Hofer, Evelyn J-election board official, 125.00; Nordwald Rentals-May rent (Payable 5/1/13), 350.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Parker City-admin fee for street oiling, 30.00; Petty Cash-postage, 19.13; Schroeder, Carolyn-election board official, 125.00; SD Dept of Revenue-water testing, 13.00; SD One Call-2 fax locates for March, 2.22; SD State Treasurer-March garbage, etc. sales tax, 218.38; SD Unemployment Ins Div-1st Q Unemployment, 110.60.
Utilities (Paid in March): Addy Disposal, 3822.00; Golden West, 230.35; Hanson Rural Water, 3086.20; Xcel Energy, 1883.94.
Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 273.24; CNA Surety-Public Officials Bond, 567.50; Health Pool of SD, 2926.82.
Professional: Arens Engineering-Project bid opening for 5th st sewer, 1225.00.

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