

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2013 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 8/05/13. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Bob Anderson. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Zach Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Caron Neumann, and Jerry Paweltzki. Absent were Mayor Pringle and George Guenther. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, City Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Anne Richards, Carol Mehlbrech, Vern Arens - Arens Engineering, Deputy Sheriff Matt Borman, SEFP (Nancy Larsen, Curt Lukes, John McDonald, Alan VanRuler-GMDA President) and Sandi Tschetter.

The minutes of the July meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Neumann, second by Z Guenther to approve the minutes of the July 8th regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

First reading of Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance #A-91 was done.

The bills for the month of July were reviewed. After discussion with Vern Arens on the CMC gravel bill, a motion was made by Z Guenther, second by Heiberger to approve the July bills. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Helped with chip and sealing
- Discharging at lagoon
- 5th street project work

Ambulance: Anne Richards reported on the EMT status. They are in dire need of more EMTs as we are once again down to 5 active EMT's. They put in between 250 to 300 pager hours per month and are on the verge of burnout. There will be an EMT class in Freeman starting the 23rd of September. We need to apply for hardship again due to not being able to always have enough EMT's on the calendar. We may also have to consider going to a first responder status if we can't get more people to take the EMT course. First responder status would mean a 25 to 30 minute wait for an ambulance to come from Salem or Freeman. We would not do any transporting. Anne also turned in her resignation effective immediately as director of the ambulance. Ambulance committee will look into putting something in the paper and maybe holding a public meeting for public input. Anyone interested in the EMT course should contact the finance office. Just a note also that the city does pay for class & testing costs with stipulations.

At 7:29 Vice President Anderson opened up the 7:15 pm Public Hearing for a 2-day temporary liquor license for the Lucky Horseshoe Street Dance on August 24 with the Legion Hall as a place in case of rain. No one expressed any concerns or objections, so a motion was entertained by Z Guenther, seconded Neumann to grant the 2-day temporary liquor license to the Lucky Horseshoe for the Street Dance on August 24-25th. Roll Call Vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried. Hearing declared closed at 7:31 pm.

SEFP (Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project) gave a presentation at this time. Council thanked them for coming.

Public Input: Sandi Tschetter asked about the volume of the warning siren and if it could go louder. Council reported that it's preset and as loud as it can go.

Contracted Law Enforcement: Deputy Borman was here for any questions.

Health & Landfill: Roll-off dumpsters for clean-up have gone over well. Council decided to do one more time. Motion by Z Guenther, second by Paweltzki to allow Rich Mehlbrech to hay the old dump at his own risk. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Paweltzki asked that we check with Xcel on when the light out by the ball field entrance will be in.

Code Enforcement: Three nuisance letters & code enforcement issues were addressed. Council also instructed that Attorney Fink send a letter to a homeowner concerning vehicles in an alley.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Paweltzki, second by Heiberger to approve building permit for Diane Austin. Motion carried.

An audit report acceptance letter from SD Dept of Legislative Audit was noted.

A Greater McCook Development Alliance letter was noted.

A letter from the SD Historical Society letter on the First Presbyterian Church was noted.

First reading of the 2014 Budget was done. Paweltzki brought up that he feels we should cut the Contracted Law Enforcement with the county by 25% and use that savings on the streets. Suggestion noted and will be discussed with full council.

Water & Sewer: 5th St Sewer Project – Vern Arens reported that most of the project has been completed. Discussion was held on how to apportion the gravel between the sewer fund and the street dept. Motion by Z Guenther, seconded by Heiberger to set a special meeting on August 12, 2013 to discuss the 7th Street work to be done with Arens Engineering and CMC Excavation. Motion carried.

Motion by Z Guenther, second by Paweltzki to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:31 pm. Next meeting is September 9, 2013.

Bob Anderson – Vice President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3269.22; Finance Office 682.56; Fire 63.71; July 4th 138.60; Liquor 158.00; Mosquito 93.69; Parks 1115.36; Sewer 853.60; Streets 1577.16; Water 596.46; EFTPS-July payroll taxes 2057.25; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 549.28.

Supplies: Colonial Research-case of red safety paint, 101.92; M/S Pump-N-Stuff-gas, 102.07; McCook Co Highway Dept-maintainer blades, 364.00; Menards-plexi glass for street sign, 36.50; Paweltzki, Jerry-gas tamper for streets, 114.00; Potter's Tire & Service-gas and diesel, 888.56; Schwans Markety-amb & shop supply, 14.37; Sievers Sales & Service-bolts, 9.60; Sioux Falls Winair Co-3 propane furnaces for Legion Hall, 2795.14; Sturdevant's-shop & park supply, 69.82; VanDiest Supply Co-40 gal Mosquito spray (Insectrin X), 2088.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Allegiant Emergency Services Inc-fire dept CO2 tester repairs, 316.65; Bender's Sewer & Drain-sewer cleanout on North Main, 305.00; Road Guy Construction Co Inc- 27881 sq yds of chip and seal, 33791.77.

5th St Sewer Project: Arens Engineering-Project Admin., construction observer & staking, American Engineering Testing for soil testing, misc, 4091.50; CMC Excavating Inc-Payment #3 & 1127T of gravel, 28,719.69.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in July) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1691.40; Dakota Beverage, 1186.45; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 199.85; Republic National Distributing Co, 334.88.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Maintenance contract, 42.69, Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Anderson Trucking-hauling 7 semi loads of gravel for 3rd St, 1599.50; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune-July publishing, 172.53; July 4th-Kids Money Find cash, 39.00; Nordwald Rentals-September rent (Payable 9/1/13), 350.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash-postage, 16.08; R&S Sanitation Inc – 1 RollOff dumpsters & tip fee, 380.52; Schoenfish & Co, Inc – 2011 & 2012 Audit, 8000.00; SD Dept of Revenue-water testing, 13.00; SD One Call-8 faxed locates for June, 8.88; SD State Treasurer-July garbage, etc. sales tax, 220.14.

Utilities (Paid in July): Addy Disposal, 3705.00; Golden West, 268.48; Hanson Rural Water, 4606.20; Xcel Energy, 1594.58.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 273.24; Health Pool of SD, 3076.94.

Professional: Fink Law Office PC-July statement, 152.00.

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