

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

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 10/07/13. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, George Guentner, Zach Guentner (arrived at 7:05 pm), Phil Heiberger, Caron Neumann, Jerry Paweltzki, and Mayor Pringle. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, City Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sheriff Mark Norris, Tami Klyaic, Luke Olson, Craig & Heather Golder, Mike Damm, Jesse Sutton, Carl Nordwald - CMC Excavation, and Sandi Tschetter.

The minutes of the September 9th regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to approve the minutes of the September 9th regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

Zach Guentner arrived at this time.

The bills for the month of September were reviewed. Carl Norwald – CMC Excavation discussed with the council the \$4000 withheld from his bill for the 7th street project. Council agreed that this amount is due to CMC. A motion was made by G Guentner, second by Z Guentner to approve the September bills including the amount withheld last month from CMC Excavation. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Lagoon work
- Still waiting to hear back on the magnesium chloride for dust control on the gravel streets. Since we are trying to make sure any soft spots are taken care of before finishing the streets with chip & seal or asphalt, this would be used to control the dust while the streets are in the gravel stage.

Motion by G Guentner, second by Heiberger to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. Time 7:15 pm

The haying and ag/crop permits were discussed first. Motion by G Guentner, second by Z Guentner to approve #038 Bridgewater Nursing Home Corp – haying, #039 Ed Meyer – haying, #040 Mary Ann Smith Estate – haying, #041 Richards Development Inc – ag/crops, #042 Forrest & Paul Richards – ag/crops, #043 George H Shanard Estate – haying permits with the condition that the weeds and trees are kept trimmed and the property kept free from debris. These permits will be subject to nonrenewal next year if these conditions are not met. Permits will expire October 2014. Motion carried.

The permits for chickens were discussed next. Council listened to comments and complaints concerning the chickens. Each petitioner thought they had about 38 chickens. G Guentner recalled that when these Conditional Use permits for chickens were originally granted, it was the feelings of the council that we would allow the permits as long as there weren't any complaints. Now we have complaints – written & verbal. Motion by Anderson, second by G Guentner to not renew Conditional Use Permits #044 Luke & Dorothy Olson–chickens and #045 Tami Klyaic–chickens. Roll Call Vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Z Guentner, second by Heiberger that the chickens be gone in 30 days or next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by G Guentner, second by Neumann to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Time 7:47 pm.

Public Input: Mike Damm expressed his concerns about the condition of several properties in town.

Water & Sewer: Letcher & Paweltzki reported that we needed a new fence at the lagoon. Council instructed him to get some bids for doing next spring.

A letter was read from Wayne & Lori Olson requesting forgiveness on all or part of a water & sewer base charge bill for 700 E 3rd St. After discussion, a motion was made by G Guentner to accept payment of ½ of the bill for 700 E 3rd St if its paid in one payment since the owners were out of town for 6 years and there was no usage involved. Motion died for lack of second. It was then discussed that the money received for base charges on vacant or unoccupied property that are not disconnected from the main water and/or sewer line helps pay for our sewer loans. After more discussion, Paweltzki motioned to deny the request for abatement on the base charge bill at 700 E 3rd St. Seconded by Neumann. Roll Call Vote: Anderson-aye, G Guentner-aye, Z Guentner-aye, Heiberger-aye, Neumann-aye, Paweltzki-aye. Motion carried.

Ambulance: It was noted that we have 7 people taking the EMT course in Freeman.

Law Enforcement: Monthly report for September were noted. Sheriff Norris was here to answer any questions.

Code Enforcement: 1st reading of Amended Mowing Ordinance #2013-1 was done. Also the cleanup needed at 721 E 2nd Street was discussed.

Building Permits: Motion by Anderson, second by Z Guenther to approve building permits for Rich Mehlbrech and Golden West. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to set November 4th as next meeting date. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by G Guenther to go into Executive Session for Employee Reviews & Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2.4). Time 8:33 pm. Motion carried. Mayor declared Executive Session over at 8:43 pm. Employee reviews will be tabled until the November 4th meeting.

Motion by Anderson, second by Heiberger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:45 pm. Next meeting is November 4, 2013.

Ronald H Pringle – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3457.36; Animal Control 22.49; Finance Office 701.52; Fire 37.48; Gov't Bldg 224.85; Liquor 158.00; Mosquito Control 97.44; Parks 622.09; Sewer 914.96; Streets 811.35; Water 577.68; EFTPS-September payroll taxes 1772.50; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 536.54.

Supplies: M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 42.82; Meyer Motor LLC–trailer wire, 9.60; Potter's Tire & Service–gas and diesel, 261.63; Schwans Market–supply, 14.77; Sturdevant's Auto Parts, 18.32.

Repairs & Maintenance: Bender's Sewer & Drain–sewer line clean out on south Walnut, 693.00; CMC Excavation Inc.-Sewer line repair on south Walnut, 489.20.

7th St Street Project: CMC–withheld balance for clarification, 4000.00.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in September) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1531.10; Dakota Beverage, 1080.25; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 276.12; Republic National Distributing Co, 596.64.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 42.69, Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–September publishing, 214.82; First National Bank in SF-2 sewer SRF loans, 8834.09; Julson, Joan-Quickbooks Payroll annual renewal, 399.00; Nordwald Rentals–November rent (Payable 11/1/13), 350.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash–postage, 11.53; SD One Call-faxed locates for September, 9.99; SD State Treasurer–September garbage, etc. sales tax, 218.30; SD Unemployment Ins Division-3rd Q payment, 53.69; Yankton Area EMS Assoc.-7 EMT students, 3150.00.

Utilities (Paid in September): Addy Disposal, 3549.00; Golden West, 252.37; Hanson Rural Water, 4171.00; Xcel Energy, 1867.54.

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

Professional: Fink Law Office PC-September statement, 111.09.

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