

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2013 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 11/04/13. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ronald H Pringle. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson (arrived at 7:06 pm), George Guenther, Zach Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Caron Neumann, Jerry Paweltzki, and Mayor Pringle. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, City Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Craig Golder, Mike Damm, Sandi Tschetter, and Attorney Mike Fink.

The minutes of the October regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Heiberger, second by Neumann to approve the minutes of the October 7th regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of October were reviewed. A motion was made by Paweltzki, second by G Guenther to approve the October bills. Motion carried.

Bob Anderson arrived at this time.

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Gave council information on dust control sprayer for the streets that are in the gravel stage. Council instructed him to find out more info at a Towns & Township meeting concerning spraying the magnesium chloride for dust control.
- Furnaces are almost all installed in Legion Hall.
- Getting lagoon ready for winter.

Attorney Mike Fink was here to inform the council that he was going forward with the litigation the city has with Roger Johnston concerning his property by city park.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by G Guenther, second by Z Guenther to renew the 2014 Municipal Liquor licenses for the City Bar. All present voted aye. Motion carried. It was also noted that the bar requested a Temporary Liquor/Beer license for a dart tournament in the Legion Hall on Dec 14th. Public Hearing will be held at the December meeting.

Health & Landfill: Paweltzki reported that kids are going into the BQM packing plant. Attorney Fink was called to come back for advise on the situation. He advised the council that since there are open windows and doors that kids are getting into, it presents an emergency and so as not to have any kids get hurt, any open windows & doors should be boarded up and secured. Motion by G Guenther, second by Heiberger to board up and secure the open areas and have Attorney Fink send a letter to the owner along with a bill for the cost of supplies used. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Finance Officer informed the council that Anne Richards had approached her about St Stephen's Church donating the little park north of the church to the city. After speaking with Attorney Fink, the deed would have to be free and clear in order for the city to accept. Motion by G Guenther, second by Heiberger that the city pays for a title search to be done on this park property before accepting this property. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: No monthly report received.

Code Enforcement: 2nd reading of Amended Mowing Ordinance #2013-1 was done. This ordinance cleans up the wording and adds that only one (1) notice will be sent to the landowner during a growing season. Motion by G Guenther, second by Anderson to adopt Ordinance #2013-1. Roll Call Vote – all present voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER
ORDINANCE # 2013-1**

AN ORDINANCE REVISING BRIDGEWATER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.0103 PERMITTING GRASS OR WEEDS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS TO GROW OVER 8" (INCHES).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGEWATER, MCCOOK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT CHAPTER 3.0103 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 3.01 – NUISANCES

3.0103 Permitting Grass or Weeds Within the City Limits To Grow Over 8" (Inches). No person shall allow grass or weeds to grow over 8" (inches) upon any private property. If any owner or occupant of real estate allows such vegetation to reach 8", notice shall be ~~given~~ sent by regular US Mail to the owner of such property to remove the growth, so as to bring the property in compliance. Only one such notice need be given to any landowner during a growing season. After a notice has been sent, the property owner shall have five (5) working days to bring the property into compliance. If the property owner fails to do so within this time limit, the City shall proceed to mow the property and remove weeds where necessary. Thereafter, the property owner shall receive a bill from the City for mowing. For subsequent violations within the same growing season, the City may proceed to mow the property (if the grass/weeds exceed 8" (inches) without further notice or time for compliance. The rate will be \$75.00 per hour for mowing and weed removal. ~~A second offense~~ Subsequent mowing upon the same property within the same season will result in the rates doubling to \$150.00 per hour. ~~If the any bill is not paid~~ remains unpaid, the City may recover the expenses so incurred from the person in a civil suit instituted for such purpose, or it may levy an assessment against such property and collect the same. The City Council shall cause to be published all assessments, together with a notice that said assessments shall be considered by the City Council at the regular ~~October~~ September meeting of each year, at which time and place any person may appear and be heard. Such notice shall be published once in the official newspaper and at least ten (10) days prior to the ~~October~~ September meeting. ~~Within ten (10) days~~ After the assessment has been approved by the City Council, a ~~certified~~ copy of the same shall be filed with the ~~Finance Officer~~ County Auditor, and shall be due and payable to the City. ~~If the assessment is not paid within sixty (60) days of filing, a penalty cost of ten (10) percent shall be added in addition to an annual interest rate at the highest rate allowed by law on the unpaid balance. (SDCL 9-29-13).~~
Dated this 4th day of November, 2013.

Ronald H Pringle - Mayor

ATTEST: Joan M Julson - Finance Officer

SEAL

First Reading: October 7, 2013
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A complaint letter concerning dismantled autos & stray cats was received and discussed.

A letter from AT&T requesting whether a building permit is needed for adding 3-6 new antennas, 6 remote radio heads, 2 fiber cables, 4 power cables, and 2 surge arrestors to the existing antenna by the ball park. Motion by G Guenther, second by Z Guenther to sign the AT&T form advising that no building permit is needed for these items. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to approve Resolution #13-1104. Roll call vote - all present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER
RESOLUTION #13-1104

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, City of Bridgewater, will be forgoing the local Board of Equalization to continue participating in a Consolidated Board of Equalization along with the County Board of Equalization. The City Council of Bridgewater will provide two members for the Consolidated Board of Equalization along with one member of the Bridgewater-Emery School Board as representation on the consolidated board.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th of November, 2013 by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 6

Nayes: 0
Absent: 0

City of Bridgewater
By: Ronald H Pringle
Its Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson
Finance Officer
(SEAL)

Motion by Z Guenther, second by G Guenther to lease the propane tank for the Legion Hall from Stern Oil at \$50 per year. Motion carried. Council instructed to have them also auto fill that propane tank.

Mayor Pringle left at this time.

Motion by G Guenther, second by Anderson to go into Executive Session for Employee Reviews & Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2.4). Time 8:07 pm. Motion carried. President G Guenther declared Executive Session over at 8:26 pm. Motion by Z Guenther, second by Paweltzki to give a 1% raise effective 1-1-14 to finance officer & maintenance supervisor. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Neumann to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:29 pm. Next meeting is December 9, 2013.

Ronald H Pringle – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3506.72; Animal Control 82.46; Council 3825.00; Finance Office 1049.12; Fire 44.97; Gov't Bldg 860.06; Liquor 243.32; Parks 798.22; Sewer 1367.11; Streets 757.02; Water 1136.64; EFTPS-October payroll taxes 2581.27; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 814.52.

Supplies: Cambell Supply–circular saw & batteries, 208.00; Fensel's Plumbing & Elect.–supplies for hooking up Legion Hall furnaces, 236.63; Julson, Jim–amb supply & ball park antifreeze, 36.10; Krohmer Plumbing Inc–curb box & install, 301.04; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 36.63; Menards–mostly materials for shutting window in furnace room of Legion Hall, 189.39; Potter's Tire & Service–gas and diesel, 474.87; Schwans Market–shop & FO supply, 25.98; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio Svc–Kenwood external radio speaker for amb, 42.95.

Repairs & Maintenance: Empire Building Construction–labor & material to remove & replace firehall gutters, 1400.00; Schulz Electric–Legion Hall furnace electrical work, 169.37; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio Svc Inc–amb radio & pager repair, 348.97.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in October) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1665.25; Dakota Beverage, 620.63; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 201.05; Republic National Distributing Co, 633.86.

Miscellaneous: A-OX Welding Supply Co-1 yr lease for shop welder cylinder, 35.00; A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 42.69; Addy Disposal–dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–October publishing, 71.37; Nordwald Rentals–December rent (Payable 12/1/13), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash–postage, 5.06; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 189.00; SD State Treasurer–October garbage, etc. sales tax, 236.26; Sioux Falls Winair Co-2 multi position coils for legion hall furnaces, 984.00.

Utilities (Paid in October): Addy Disposal, 3705.00; Golden West, 252.46; Hanson Rural Water, 3467.00; Xcel Energy, 1838.62.

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

Professional: Fink Law Office PC–October statement, 137.75.

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