

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2014 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 08/11/14. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Acting Mayor George Guenther. Answering roll call was Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Absent: Zach Guenther. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sheriff Mark Norris, Attorney Mike Fink, Mark Vondra, Verlyn Hudson, Sandi Tschetter, and Vern Arens (Arens Engineering).

The minutes of the July 7th regular meeting and July 28th special meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Heiberger to approve the minutes of the July 7th and 28th meetings. 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 Heiberger, second by Weber to approve the July Financial Statement. Motion carried. 1st reading of 2014 Supplemental Appropriations Ord #A-93 was done.

The bills for the month of July were reviewed. A motion was made by Heiberger, second by Weber to approve the July bills. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Asked council what to do with street by Poplar & 2nd - council informed him to add more gravel if needed
- He reported that the dump being open for trees, branches, and garden waste is going well and not being abused. Council talked about opening the dump open at least until daylight savings time ends.
- Talked about dog issues

Water & Sewer: water lines at 7th & Juniper and in front of the Golden West building that keep freezing were discussed. At this time we know that they freeze so they evidently aren't deep enough. Council informed Letcher to dig these areas up and see what's going on with these lines.

Health & Landfill: Council will leave tree/leaves/branches dump open until daylight savings time ends. Finance Officer reported that she has had a lot of requests for another rolloff dumpster. Council decided to have one more rolloff gotten in October.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Letcher reported that the return air still needed to be hooked up on the new furnaces in the Legion Hall. Z Guenther will be asked to get that done.

Ambulance: Council discussed people that took the EMT class and didn't finish the class therefore owing the city for the EMT class. Letters will be sent reminding them of their agreement for payment or the city will be taking them to small claims court.

Streets & Alleys: At 7:30 Acting Mayor Guenther opened up the one (1) bid received from Commercial Asphalt for asphalt on 3 blocks - 2014 Bridgewater Asphalt. Bid read as follows: 5th St (2 blocks) – Shape for paving & pave 3" mat \$44,320.00 and 3rd St (1 block) – Grind and shape for paving & pave 3" mat \$29,196.00. Notes included: No tax included; MC 70 for Prime, if needed, will be @ \$1100.00 per ton; Unclassified Excavation for digouts will be \$10.00 per cubic yard; tack between lifts is included; and they could not guarantee completion by Oct 1, 2014. After the reading, Council discussed the note that Commercial Asphalt could not guarantee an Oct 1 completion date. Since they are doing Hwy 262 and Hwy 42 work, council was not too concerned about this figuring this would get done with that highway project. Council discussed the cost of the chip and seal that has been done the last few years and how it has not held up, feeling that on most of the streets it has been a waste of money. The asphalt that was done on Main Ave in 2001 seems to have held up well despite some of the sewer & storm sewer work that has had to be done in years since. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Anderson to accept the bid from Commercial Asphalt for putting a 3" mat on two blocks on 5th St and 1 block on 3rd Street for a cost of \$73,516.00 plus the incidentals of a prime coat and unclassified excavation for digouts if needed. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: Report for July was noted. Sheriff Norris was here for any questions. Council discussed with Attorney Fink and Sheriff Norris about animal control. Attorney Fink read a complaint letter about a couple being charged by a dog. Everyone seems to be a little confused as to the procedure we should use when dealing with dog calls. The city does have a contract with the SF Humane Society to take care of dog issues. After a lot of discussion about cost and whether it concerns just a loose dog or one that is vicious,

Acting Mayor Guenther decided to handle the dog calls and whether to call the Humane Society. Sheriff Norris will take care of the complaint of the couple that was charged by the dog.

Public Input: Mark Vondra asked about whether his neighbors drainage was ever taken care of. Letcher told him that there was a pipe there. (Vondra did call back later saying that he had just looked and there was no pipe. Letcher will check it out since they both must be talking about 2 different areas.) He also had questions about the tearing down of the house to the north of him. Attorney Fink was asked to check into this.

Water & Sewer con't. Vern Arens brought the Opinion of Probable Costs for the Main Street Water Project from 2nd to 4th street. Total projected cost would be \$214,000 noting that this does not include replacing all of the cement on Main street just basically a 12' foot strip in the parking area where the water lines are. Council discussed ideas on what could be done with the rest of the Main street surface. SECOG will be contacted to get on State Water Plan. Then we will be able to proceed with seeing what types of grants and/or loans we would be able to get to finance this water line replacement project.

Code Enforcement: 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-7 – repealing section 5.0206B (specific canine breeds prohibited as vicious) was done. Motion by Heiberger, second by Weber to adopt Ordinance 2014-7. Roll call vote: Anderson-aye, G Guenther-aye, Heiberger-aye, Paweltzki-nay, Weber-aye Motion carried. (Ordinance 2014-7 published in August 14th Bridgewater Tribune.)

A letter was read from Keith Meiers asking for forgiveness on a mowing bill. Council did not accept. Motion by Heiberger, second by Anderson to file a lien on that property for the mowing bill. Motion carried.

A proposal from Bender's on relining or rebuilding a manhole on 6th & Poplar was gone over. Motion by Heiberger, second by Anderson to go with Bender's recommended method of relining the deteriorated 14th ft deep storm sewer manhole, installing a new base and install 12" pipe patch to repair 12" clay line. Cost is \$5875.00 Motion carried.

Letcher also reported that the storm sewer behind the nursing home has been repaired also.

Fall Fest was discussed. Motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to donate \$1065.00 to help with the remainder of costs. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Heiberger, seconded by Weber to approve building permits for Diamond Care Center, Rick & Shelley Safar, and Lori Determan. Motion carried.

First Reading on 2015 Budget was done.

Discussion was held on a collapsing cistern and also past due mowing and water bills.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:00 pm. Next meeting is September 8, 2014.

George A Guenther – Acting Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3852.57; Animal Control 37.85; Finance Office 641.69; Gov't Bldg 63.44; Fire 7.25; July 4th 34.07; Landfill/Dump 161.31; Liquor 146.86; Mosquito/West Nile 215.75; Parks 1140.46; Sewer 909.22; Streets 1216.91; Water 613.99; EFTPS-July payroll taxes 1947.66; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 525.42.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking–gravel & alley work, 2923.50; C&B Operations LLC–JD mower supply, 31.30; Campbell's–12V pump, measuring wheel, & misc supply, 234.91; Commercial Asphalt–street patch mix, 567.60; Danko Emergency Equipment–fire dept supply, 345.54; Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 1093.95; Matheson Trigas–amb oxygen & tank replacement, 168.76; Menard's–pressure washer & paint brushes, 420.98; Potter's Tire & Service–gas, diesel, supply, 788.39; Rosenbauer SD LLC–fire dept 100 Watt Dynamax speaker for pumper, 347.73; Schmidt Country Inc-weed eater parts, 79.65; Van Diest Supply–mosquito spray, 3051.20.

Repairs & Maintenance: Benders Sewer & Drain–cleaning & using camera to inspect storm sewer & sewer lines, 2084.00; Meyer Motor LLC–repair '89 Firetruck, 2375.00; SF Two Way Radio Svc–2 fire dept & 1 amb pager repaired, 370.47; Steamway Cleaning–firehall carpet cleaning, 226.21.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in July) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1326.35; Dakota Beverage, 1484.40; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 518.47; Republic National Distributing Co, 1139.45.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 42.69; Addy Disposal–dumpsters & trash tags, 65.00; Bridgewater Activities Club–Fall Fest donations, 1665.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly

donation & annual dues, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune–July publishing, 162.05; Nordwald Rentals–September rent (Payable 9/1/14), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash–mostly postage, 25.60; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 26.00; SD State Treasurer–July garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.44), 225.79; SF Area Humane Society-aggressive dog, 133.28.

Utilities (Paid in July): Addy Disposal, 3939.00; Golden West, 262.79; Hanson Rural Water, 4597.60; Xcel Energy, 1708.04; Stern Oil-Legion Hall propane, 382.20.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 273.24; Health Pool of SD, 3514.78.

Professional: Arens Engineering-alley pin search & mileage, 140.00; Fink Law Office PC-July statement, 42.75.

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