

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2015 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 02/09/15. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Acting Mayor George Guenther. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, George Guenther, Zach Guenther, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Absent: Phil Heiberger. Others present: Finance Officer - Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, Jamie Schryvers, RaDel & Wanda Frye, Carol Mehlbrech, LaVetta Moen, Sheriff Norris, and Mike Damm.

The minutes of the Jan 7<sup>th</sup> regular and Jan 26<sup>th</sup> special meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Weber, second by Z Guenther to approve the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> regular and January 26<sup>th</sup> special meetings. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Discussed snow removal
- Summer street work

Streets and Alleys: Summer street work discussed. Other than 3<sup>rd</sup> St between Poplar & Cherry and the west end of 5<sup>th</sup> St that didn't get done last year by Commercial Asphalt and will be getting done this year, council discussed doing 7<sup>th</sup> St from Main Ave east and that the south end of Main Ave needs some gravel. Council discussed putting some crushed rock on 7<sup>th</sup> St, as it is very soft and a muddy mess. Letcher and the street committee will get together and work on a map of streets that should be chip and sealed this year for the March meeting.

Council decided to take old IHC Farmall tractor with street sweeper to Wieman's Auction to sell. This tractor w/sweeper was declared surplus at the November 7, 2011 meeting. It was advertised for sale but no bids were ever received.

Fire: Motion by Z Guenther, second by Weber to surplus old firehall furnaces for junk. Motion carried. Furnaces have been replaced in the firehall.

Law Enforcement: Monthly report from January was noted. Sheriff Norris was here to answer any questions.

Parks & Recreation: Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to advertise for help with the Summer Rec program and maintenance to be decided at the April meeting. Motion carried

Code Enforcement: Talked with Sheriff Norris about getting some of the cars towed that are unlicensed and sitting on the street. Sheriff Norris also talked with council about ticketing those vehicles that are not moved for snow removal. Council instructed Finance Officer to look into purchasing tickets.

2015 Fall Fest: After discussion, a motion was made by Z Guenther, second by Paweltzki to donate \$1500 to this years Fall Fest. Roll Call Vote: all voted aye. Motion carried. Fall Fest is tentatively set for Sept 12, 2015.

Finance Officer gave the council information on credit card processing through PayGov. The advantage to using PayGov is that there are no charges to the city. There is a fee assessed to the card holders that use the service. Card holders will be able to pay at the Finance Office or online thru the city website. In checking with Hartford City & Salem City finance offices, they both use PayGov for their credit card processing and both reported that they were very happy with it and haven't had any problems with it. A motion was made by Z Guenther, second by Weber to go with PayGov for the city's credit card processing. Motion carried.

Gov't Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Council needed to decide on which party to award the Liquor Store Operating Agreement to. Paper ballots were handed out to each council member to vote for either RaDel & Wanda Frye or Dean & Jamie Schryvers. Acting Mayor Guenther announced that the Frye's received the majority of the votes. Motion by Z Guenther, second by Weber to grant the Liquor Store Operating Lease to RaDel & Wanda Frye. Motion carried. Between Carol Mehlbrech and the Frye's it was decided to do a March 2<sup>nd</sup> change over. Council will do inventory at the bar on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 1 pm. Operating Agreement will be signed also at that time. Carol Mehlbrech also informed the council that there is some old broken bar things that should also be surplus.

Public Input: Lavetta Moen spoke with the council earlier about when 7<sup>th</sup> St would be getting chip and sealed. She felt that 6 years of waiting were long enough and that we shouldn't have to put up with gravel streets that long in town. 7<sup>th</sup> St was discussed in Streets & Alleys. Mike Damm asked if he could have some of the fill dirt at the ball field for around his house. Council agreed but he should check it out first. Sandi Tschetter asked if we could put in the minutes the need for volunteer firemen and EMT's. Council agreed to periodically put it at the bottom of the minutes.

Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:00 pm. Bar inventory is March 1, 2015, 1pm at the Bridgewater Bar. Next regular meeting is March 9, 2015.

George A Guenther – Acting Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 2698.62; Finance Office 686.90; Fire 19.30; Gov't Bldg 7.72; Liquor 158.77; Parks 272.34; Sewer 784.11; Streets 1419.95; Water 968.28; EFTPS-January payroll taxes, 1719.92; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 553.08.

Supplies: B&B Automotive-snow plow exhaust pipe, 60.00; Campbell's-shop & street supply, 62.48; Farmers Alliance-firehall & shop propane, 2260.50; Heritage Pharmacy-FO supply, 4.28; M/S Pump-N-Stuff-gas, 46.49; McCook Co Highway Dept-16T salt/sand mixture, 410.72; Menard's-firehall & shop supply, 59.08; Meyer Motor LLC-firehall & misc shop supply, 93.03; Potter Tire & Service-gas, diesel & supply, 189.08; Schmidt Country Inc-Stihl bar oil, 14.25; Sievers Sales & Service-shop bolts, 3.75; Stern Oil-1/13/15 Legion Hall propane, 403.20; Stryker Sales Corp-Power pro amb cot-city portion, 12163.87; Sturdevant's-supply, 9.06. .

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-1/6/15 snow removal, 1800.00; Flatlanders Sales & Repair-bar walk-in cooler repair, 120.00; Justice Fire & Safety-Annual fire extinguisher inspection for firehall, Legion Hall & shop, 245.50.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in January) Beal Distributing, Inc., 2444.35; Dakota Beverage, 1784.25; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 552.81; Republic National Dist, 825.99.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Maintenance contract, 46.95; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune-January publishing, 128.79; Buche, Geoff & MaryAnn-balance of water deposit, 18.63; Nordwald Rentals-March rent (Payable 3/1/15), 350.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash-tax forms, calculator ribbon & 1096 mailing, 14.00; Post Master-postage to mail remaining water books & FO postage, 53.90; Richards, Anne-EMT & EVOG CPR/AED Certifications (13 people) & mileage, 149.82; SD Dept of Revenue-water testing, 13.00; SD One Call-1 faxed locate in Jan, 1.11; SD State Treasurer-Jan garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.49), 229.34.

Utilities (Paid in January): Addy Disposal, 3900.00; Golden West, 238.62; Hanson Rural Water, 4335.80; Xcel Energy, 1965.29.

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

Professional: Fink Law Office PC-Jan statement, 25.00.

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