

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2015 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 05/11/15. 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, Phil Heiberger, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, Ken Haugen, Verlyn Hudson, RaDel Frye, Mike Damm, David & Amanda Olson, Zach Nelson-Verizon Wireless, and Sherriff Mark Norris.

The minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and April 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Anderson, second by Z Guenther to approve the minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and April 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Motion carried.

The April 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 April Financial Statement. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: A motion was made by Weber, second by Heiberger to hire Anthony Jaeger as part-time (less than 25 hours per week) summer maintenance help at minimum wage and Kristie Longe as part-time (2-3 sessions per week) summer rec coordinator at \$30 per session. Motion carried.

Being no further old business, a motion was made by Paweltzki, second by Heiberger to adjourn as old council. Time 7:03 pm. At this time the council thanked Acting Mayor George Guenther for his many years of service and commitment to the City of Bridgewater.

Oaths of Office were taken by Michael Damm - Mayor, and Zach Guenther - Ward II. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Mayor Damm. Answering roll call were: Bob Anderson, Michael Damm, Zach Guenther, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Ward 1 and 3 council person appointments for 1 year were discussed. Phil Heiberger consented to stay on & fill the Ward 3 seat for 1 more year until the next municipal election. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Guenther to appoint Phil Heiberger to fill the Ward 3 seat for a 1 year term. Motion carried. Oath was taken by Heiberger. Council discussed Ward 1 appointment. Verlyn Hudson and RaDel Frye both expressed interest in this Ward 1 seat. Council decided to put a notice in the paper asking any registered voter living in Ward 1 and interested in this 1 year position, until the next municipal election, to write a "Letter of Interest" to the council by the next meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Damm read Resolution #15-0511B. Motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to approve Resolution #15-0511B. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER**  
***Resolution #15-0511B***  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRIDGEWATER,**  
**TO APPROVE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS OF**  
**FINANCE OFFICER and MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Michael Damm, of the City of Bridgewater appoints Joan M. Julson as Finance Officer and Todd Letcher as Maintenance Superintendent, from May 2015 to the first regular meeting in May 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan M. Julson and Todd Letcher have accepted each respective appointment until the appointment and qualifications of successors;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Bridgewater approves the appointments by Mayor Michael Damm of Joan M. Julson as Finance Officer and Todd Letcher as Maintenance Superintendent all pursuant to Section 1.0101 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Bridgewater South Dakota.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

City of Bridgewater  
By: Michael Damm  
Its Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

City Finance Officer

(SEAL)

Motion by Paweltzki, second by Weber to elect Bob Anderson as Council President. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson, second by Guenther to elect Phil Heiberger as Council Vice President. All present except Heiberger voted aye. Heiberger voted nay. Motion carried.

Council discussed the 2015-2016 Committees. Motion by Guenther, second by Heiberger to have Mayor Damm fill in on the committees that George Guenther had been on and wait to do the formal change at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting or when Ward 1 council person is filled. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Discussed the summer chip and seal on how much of the street would get done. Council decided on a 24' driving lane and the parking if there is curb & gutter. The chip and sealing will probably be done sometime in August.
- Tree trimming was discussed.

Streets and Alleys: Commercial Asphalt should be here the end of May or beginning of June, depending on the weather, to do the asphaltting that didn't get done last year due to the weather.

Storm drainage during a heavier rainfall was discussed. Council discussed that the homeowners are not cleaning out their curb & gutter areas to insure proper drainage.

Motion by Weber, second by Guenther to set a \$2500 reserve on the surplused IHC Farmhall tractor that will be at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Wieman Auction. Motion carried.

Health & Landfill: Letcher reported that the shed roof at the dump site needs replacing. New tin would cost around \$350. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Guenther to repair the dumpsite shed roof. Motion carried.

The dumpsters were discussed. We went through 4 dumpsters in less than a month. It appears that it may be getting abused. Homeowners can purchase extra garbage tags for most larger items and any extra garbage over the (2) 32 gallon bags or containers allowed.

Motion by Guenther, second by Weber to recess the council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. Time 8:05. Mayor Damm read Resolution #15-0511A. Motion by Heiberger, second by Weber to approve Resolution 15-0511A. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried. David & Amanda Olson and Zach Nelson from Verizon were here to answer any questions anyone may have.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-0511A**  
 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE  
 CITY OF BRIDGEWATER, SOUTH DAKOTA,  
 CONSENTING TO REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

**WHEREAS**, following notice and a public meeting, held May 11, 2015, at the Bridgewater City Hall, in Bridgewater, South Dakota, at which time the Board of Adjustment reviewed a request for variance submitted by David Olson and Amanda Olson; said request relating to a telecommunications tower to be placed upon their property (which property is located within one mile of the city limits of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota); and

**WHEREAS**, the McCook County Zoning Regulations (specifically Regulation 11.09- Telecommunications tower) requires a minimum set back of 600 feet from the tower base to any existing residence or proposed residential development area, based on the land use plan; the Olsons request a variance from such requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, such requested variation is subject to the authority of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota, pursuant to the joint jurisdiction requirements of South Dakota law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Adjustment has received no opposition to such request,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Adjustment for the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota, does not object to the request of the Olsons (for a Variance).

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

5 votes in favor

0 votes opposed

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER**  
 By: Michael Damm  
 Board of Adjustment Chairman

ATTEST:  
Joan M Julson  
 Finance Officer  
 (SEAL)

Dean Connors is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (#047) for haying. After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Weber to grant the Conditional Use Permit for haying with the conditions that the weeds & trees are to be controlled and trimmed. The permit will be subject to nonrenewal next year if these conditions are not met. Permit will expire May 2016. Motion carried. Motion by Guenther, second by Weber to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Time 8:15 pm.

Health & Landfill continued: An email from Salem on going in on another mosquito sprayer was discussed. Council decided to just use the mosquito sprayer that we have since the council feels that we get good coverage with it.

Ambulance: Ambulance rates were discussed. Medicare has done some changes with the rates and so to be able to get the most reimbursement that we can, since the majority of our calls our reimbursed by Medicare, we need to adjust

our rates. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Guentner to raise the ambulance rates to \$600 for an emergency call, \$400 for a non-emergency call, and \$13 per mile. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: Monthly report from April was noted. Complaints about speeding traffic on Hwy 42 was discussed with Sheriff Norris.

Planning & Zoning: Council discussed replacing George Guentner on the Planning & Zoning as he no longer wanted to be on this committee. Something will be put in the paper for a volunteer for this committee. Motion by Anderson, second by Guentner to approve building permits for Randy Byington—demo house, Todd Letcher, Mike Clarey/Rev John Rader, and Kenny Weber. Motion carried.

4<sup>th</sup> of July: Information was received on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks from Lew's Fireworks. Motion by Heiberger, second by Weber to go with the same package of fireworks as last year. Cost around \$2511.40. Motion carried.

Motion by Guentner, second by Anderson to continue employee insurance as is and renew. Motion carried.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Guentner to allow finance officer to attend FO School in Pierre on June 10-12. Motion carried.

It was noted that the auditors will be here starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Guentner, second by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:45 pm. Next regular meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

### **Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3118.48; Council 4849.96; Election-mileage 29.60; Finance Office 993.55; Fire 23.16; Landfill/Dump 15.44; Liquor 228.02; Parks 737.26; Sewer 1322.40; Streets 1709.98; Water 1137.12; EFTPS-April payroll taxes, 2298.83; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 790.86.

Supplies: Barco Municipal Products-street signs, 350.20; Concrete Materials—13.9T patch mix, 2557.60; Fensel's—shop supply, 96.97; Freeman Lumber Co—sand, 47.80; Julson, James—Franklin Instrument clock for amb, 50.56; M/S Pump-N-Stuff—gas, 131.53; McLeod's—election supply, 13.55; Matheson—amb oxygen, 91.00; Menards—park & shop supply, 327.51; Michael Todd & Co Inc.—traffic paint & gutter broom attachment & freight, 432.43; MooreMedical—amb supply, 24.58; Potter Tire & Service—gas, diesel & supply, 301.25; Sturdevants—mostly shop impact tool & sockets, 696.54.

Repairs & Maintenance: Frontline Warning Sustems-warning siren head repair, 500.00

Beer and Liquor: (paid in April) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1316.05; Dakota Beverage, 910.50; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 1199.14; Republic National Dist, 667.90.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc—Maintenance contract, 46.95; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Anderson Trucking-hauling patch mix from Sioux Falls, 175.00; Bridgewater Development Corp—monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune—April publishing, 201.19; Fensels Flower Shop-amb funeral flowers, 45.00; Hofer, Evelyn J-election official, 125.00; Nordwald Rentals—June rent (Payable 6/1/15), 350.00; McCook County—Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; R&S Sanitation-4 dumpsters (4/20, 4/25, 5/1, 5/5), 1460.72; SD Dept of Revenue—water testing, 15.00; SD One Call-1 faxed locate, 1.11; SD State Treasurer—April garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.16), 207.67; Solem American Legion Post-yearly rent donation, 300.00; VanWoert, Elaine-election official, 125.00; Vondra, Sherril-election official, 125.00.

Utilities (Paid in April): Addy Disposal, 3412.50; Golden West, 241.35; Hanson Rural Water, 3482.40; Xcel Energy, 2193.91.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 382.18; Health Pool of SD, 3514.78.

Professional: Fink Law Office, PC- April statement, 31.25.

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