

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2015 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 06/08/15. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Jerry Paweltzki, Lacey Weber. Absent Zach Guenther and Phil Heiberger. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, RaDel Frye, Kurt Potter, Steve Sievers, and Sherriff Mark Norris.

No letters of interest for the Ward I appointment were received. Council tabled the Ward I appointment until the July meeting. RaDel Frye volunteered but council feels that since they run the bar there is too much of a conflict of interest.

Motion by Paweltzki, second by Weber to designate the Bridgewater Tribune as the official paper, Farmers State Bank as the official depository, and Fink Law Office, PC as the city attorney. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The following 2015-2016 committees were set up until another person is found for Ward I:

Law enforcement: Mayor Damm as chair, with entire council

Health & Landfill: Mayor Damm as chair, with entire council

Ambulance: Guenther-chair, Heiberger, Weber

Government Buildings/Liquor store: Mayor Damm-chair, Weber, Heiberger

Parks & Recreation: Paweltzki-chair, Guenther, Heiberger

Streets & Alleys: Anderson-chair, Mayor Damm, Paweltzki

Water & Sewer: Anderson-chair, Mayor Damm, Paweltzki

Code Enforcement: Mayor Damm as chair, with entire council

Other Boards:

Firehall Board: Anderson, Heiberger

Planning & Zoning: Paweltzki, Mayor Damm

The minutes of the May 11th regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Weber, second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 11th regular meeting. Motion carried.

The May 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 May Financial Statement. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Pumping down at the lagoon due to the rain we've been getting
- Will be spraying for mosquitos as soon as possible
- Working on getting streets ready for asphaltting and chip and sealing.

Public Input: Steve Sievers addressed the council that he had to put a new sewer line in his home during 2013. He ended up going to the alley and then over to Walnut Ave. He's thinking that the city should have paid for the part from his property line to Walnut Ave. Council will look into the ordinances and check with the city attorney on this situation. He also spoke about the city council and that it should be made up of 6 "full time" council members not 6 "part time" members. He thinks that the council should be considering that when appointing another member. He also commented that he didn't feel we should be putting an asphalt mat on 5th St. He feels we could do a lot of blocks of chip and sealing for what that mat costs. Anderson brought up that on Main street we put that mat on it around 10 years ago and have not had to do anything to it since and probably won't for another 10 years. We have to chip and seal about every 3 years. Sievers commented that they used to have a 5 year rotation with chip and sealing the streets. Council realizes that it would be too expensive to mat the whole town even though it would be nice. Paweltzki brought up that they wanted to try the asphalt mat to see how it would last and since 5th street was redone a few years back it would be a good street to try it on. It was brought up that we have too many streets that have a dirt base and not a good gravel base. Years ago that was OK but it doesn't stand up to today's vehicles. Anderson also brought up that the chip and seal they put on the streets now days is a lot different than it was 25-30 years ago. Anderson commented that the council realizes how disappointed everyone is in the conditions of the streets so they thought of trying a mat on 5th street hoping that it would last for 20 years, but if that isn't what the public wants we need to chip and seal. His thinking was that if we do it right the first time and it lasts for 20 years it would be worth the money.

RaDel Frye expressed his thoughts on the need for a bigger bar building to be able to serve more food items. Anderson commented that the cost for a building for the finance office and bar was looked into just to get an idea of the cost but it hasn't gone any further. RaDel also commented that the floor in the women's bathroom needs to be redone/repaired. Liquor committee will look at the women's restroom in the bar and report back to the council.

Streets and Alleys: The old chip and seal on 3rd St has been tore up to get ready for the upcoming asphalt. Commercial Asphalt thought they would be here around the 22nd of June to do the one block on 3rd St and and the couple blocks on 5th St. to put down the 3" asphalt mats. Having the county do our chip and seal this year was discussed. We will be using the bid specs from McCook County chip and seal bid. McCook County will be doing the labor. We will purchase the oil from

Jebro and figure out where we will be getting our chips from. Anderson and Letcher will call the county to ask more questions about the chips to see what is the best deal for us. Tabled until the July meeting.

Code Enforcement: At 8:00 pm a motion by Paweltzki, second by Weber to recess the council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. The haying and ag/crop permits were discussed. Motion by Weber, second by Anderson to approve #048 Bridgewater Nursing Home Corp – haying, #049 Ed Meyer – haying, #050 Mary Ann Smith Estate – haying, #051 Richards Development Inc – ag/crops, #052 Forrest & Paul Richards – ag/crops, #053 Marvin Rempfer – haying, #054 Larry Paweltzki – haying, #055 Debra Cossairt/Charles Purdie – haying, #056 Rich & Carol Mehlbrech - haying permits with the condition that the weeds and trees are kept trimmed and the property kept free from debris. Permits are good for 2 years and will expire June 2017. Motion carried. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Anderson to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer: A sewer stub for 431 Spruce is being put in on 5th St before the mat is done, since they will be having to replace their sewer connection in a year or so.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to renew the malt beverage licenses for Wildcat Inn and M/S Pump-N-Stuff. Motion carried. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Weber to sign off the Terrorism coverage on the commercial insurance policy. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: Monthly report from May was noted. Issues with dogs, barking and loose, and how the animal ordinances can be enforced were discussed with Sheriff Norris.

Code Enforcement con't.: Mayor Damm brought up the dilapidated/falling down buildings/houses in town. Council discussed.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Weber to approve building permits for Donna Presuhn and Perry Hofer. Motion carried. Motion by Weber, second by Paweltzki to appoint Kurt Potter to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Weber to approve a request from AT&T concerning T-Mobile adding onto the AT&T tower. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:04 pm. Next regular meeting is July 6th, 2015.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4220.41; Finance Office 667.79; Landfill/Dump 183.45; Liquor 153.10; Parks 1029.93; Sewer 840.72; Streets 1114.63; Water 643.86; EFTPS-May payroll taxes, 2508.19; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 522.80.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking–14 loads of gravel & hauling, 3237.50; Colonial Research–55 gal drum of Total Kill, 1804.96; Danko Emergency Equipment–fire dept foam, 184.00; HD Supply–sewer supply, 1084.20; JP Cooke Co–200 pet tags, 62.44; Longe, Kristine–summer rec supplies, 8.34; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 201.31; MAC's Inc.–shop supply, 50.37; Meyer Motor LLC–dump keys, hose & clamp, 9.15; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 380.72; Richards, Anne–amb supply, 23.82; Schmidt Country–2015 Stihl FS90R trimmer, 305.96; Sturdevants–turn signal & wiper switch for pkup, 118.09.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in May) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1947.30; Dakota Beverage, 1460.90; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 810.50; Republic National Dist, 824.87.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 46.95; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Activities Club-Fall Fest donation, 1500.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–May publishing, 213.27; DENR-2016 Drinking water fee, 220.00; Farmers State Bank-annual safe deposit box rent, 20.00; Nordwald Rentals–July rent (Payable 7/1/15), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash-stamps, 9.80; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 15.00; SD Dept of Revenue-Malt Beverage licenses, 250.00; SD Gov Finance Officers Assoc-FO School registration, 75.00; SD Municipal League-Elected Officials workshop registration, 50.00; SD One Call-13 faxed locate, 14.56; SD State Treasurer–May garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.52), 230.93; SEFP-2015 Partnership contribution, 1968.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society-dog issue, 111.20.

Utilities (Paid in May): Addy Disposal, 3705.00; Golden West, 250.38; Hanson Rural Water, 4220.20; Xcel Energy, 2063.26.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 382.18; Health Pool of SD, 3514.78; Hometown Insurance Agency–Commercial bldg. insurance pkg except firehall & bar, 3946.00; Julson Insurance–firehall & liquor store bldg. insurance, 3271.00.

Professional: Fink Law Office, PC- May statement, 81.25.

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