

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2015 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 07/06/15. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Mayor Damm, Zach Guentner, and Phil Heiberger. Jerry Paweltzki arrived at 8:08 pm. Absent Bob Anderson and Lacey Weber. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, RaDel Frye, David Olson, and Sherriff Mark Norris.

Due to the lack of quorum, items were only discussed and no motions were made until the arrival of Paweltzki at 8:08 pm. Items are listed in minutes as discussed but the motions were actually not made until later in the meeting.

No letters of interest for the Ward I appointment were received. Council tabled again the Ward I appointment until the August meeting.

The minutes of the June 8th regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Guentner, second by Heiberger to approve the minutes of the June 8th regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Todd Letcher:

- Mosquito spraying
- Working on getting 3rd & 5th streets ready for asphaltting
- 5th St storm sewer & sewer stub in finished

Per finance officer that with the changes in the health insurance laws, it was discussed that our part time summer maintenance help can put in no more than 130 hours per month. Council discussed that as of now he puts in 25 hours per week, so he would be able to work a few more hours with no issues with our health insurance.

Streets and Alleys: Mayor Damm discussed developing a 5 year plan for street work. Digging up some of the roads and putting in a good gravel base and then either asphalt or chip & seal. Council would also like to see how long the asphalt that is getting put on 3rd & 5th street will hold up. The asphalt on Main Ave has held up well with very little maintenance cost.

Motion by Guentner, second by Paweltzki to have McCook County do chip and sealing (approximately 7 ½ blocks of single seal @ \$1.25 per sq yard, 6 ½ blocks of double seal @ \$2.50 per sq yard and fog seal @ \$.28 per sq yard) using McCook County equipment, labor and bid specs. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Heiberger, second by Guentner to buy liquid asphalt from Jebro Inc. and quartzite materials from Concrete materials using McCook County bid specs for chip and seal project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer: In reference to the tabled sewer line question from Steve Sievers at the June meeting, a letter from Attorney Fink was discussed that addressed the city ordinances on water/sewer hook-ups and the city share of the cost. In Attorney Fink's letter, it was noted that with water lines the city is responsible for getting water to the property line. The cost of original installation of all plumbing between the property line and the service devises is borne by the land-owner. With respect to sewer line installation, no unauthorized person shall make any connection with or alter the public sewer without first obtaining a written permit from the City Council. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor. And, all costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. (Ordinance 8.0204(C)). When a sewer connection is made, such is to be made under the supervision of the Maintenance Superintendent. Council decided that since Mr Sievers was not present at the meeting, a letter will be sent addressing the sewer ordinance and also that the alley, where the sewer line was dug in, needs to be leveled out again to be able to be mowed.

Health & Landfill: Discussed our agreement to burn the rubble pile that the city used at Ron Pringle's farm. Mayor Damm will talk with the fire chief about getting that done. Discussed maybe opening the dump on Saturdays for a couple of hours, but will check with maintenance summer help first to see if it would work with his schedule.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Discussed the floor in the women's bathroom of the bar. It needs repairing/replacing as the ceramic tiles are all lifting up. RaDel Frye also stated that the central AC needs to be looked at. RADel also asked about a temp beer license for the Fall Fest. All items so noted. A letter from the DENR on the Free Abandoned Tank Removal Program was also noted.

Law Enforcement: Monthly report from June was noted. Issues with the speed of the traffic on 5th street was discussed. It was decided to set up the electronic speed sign for a while especially when school starts.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to approve building permit for AT&T. Motion carried.

At 8:05 Council recessed for a couple of minutes until Paweltzki arrived at 8:08. Since we now have a council quorum, all above items were voted on after the Public Hearing.

Code Enforcement: Public Hearing was held at 8:09 pm. A motion by Heiberger, second by Guentner to recess the council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. Motion carried. The McCook County conditional use permit for the David Olson/Verizon Wireless-wireless tower was discussed. Motion by Heiberger, second by Paweltzki to grant approval of

McCook County conditional use permit (Bridgewater permit #057) for David Olson/Verizon Wireless-wireless tower. Motion carried. Motion by Heiberger, second by Guentner to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Roll Call Vote: all voted aye. Motion carried. Time 8:11

Motion by Guentner, second by Paweltzki to note and approve 2013-2014 audit report from Schoenfish & Co. Motion carried.

It was noted that Mayor Damm would be attending the Elected Officials workshop and Budget Training. It was also noted that Letcher will be on vacation July 17-24 and Julson on vacation July 29-31.

Motion by Heiberger, second by Guentner to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:15 pm. Next regular meeting is August 10, 2015.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3031.41; Finance Office 718.30; Gov't Bldg 30.88; Landfill/Dump 314.99; Liquor 149.85; Mosquito 123.52; Parks 978.25; Sewer 930.09; Streets 1574.38; Water 604.37; EFTPS-June payroll taxes, 2317.22; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 551.56; SD Unemployment Ins Div.-2nd Q Unemployment 25.10.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking–8 loads of gravel & hauling and tear up & haul out on 3rd St, 2950.00; Campbell's–jetter parts, 195.11; Guentner, Zach–ductwork supply for Legion Hall furnaces, 659.80; Heritage Pharmacy–Summer Rec supply, 8.77; Longe, Kristine–summer rec supply, 4.74; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 204.40; Meyer Motor LLC–supply, 19.70; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 389.25; Quill–mostly calculator, printer ink & paper, 164.97; Scott Supply–door latch for skid steer, 25.00; Sturdevants–pkup door handle, 17.29.

Repair & Maintenance: CMC-5th St sewer line stub in and 5th St storm sewer work, 10289.34.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in May) Beal Distributing, Inc., 956.50; Dakota Beverage, 1035.30; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 387.18; Republic National Dist, 453.07.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 46.95; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Best Western Ramkota Hotel-room for FO workshop in Pierre, 191.98; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–June publishing, 170.95; First National Bank in SF- 2 SRF sewer loan payments, 8834.09; Nordwald Rentals–July rent (Payable 8/1/15), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash-stamps, 4.42; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 15.00; SD Municipal League-Budget Training workshop for Mayor Damm, 25.00; SD One Call-12 faxed locates for May, 13.44; SD State Treasurer–June garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.44), 225.67.

Utilities (Paid in June): Addy Disposal, 3763.50; Golden West, 244.24; Hanson Rural Water, 4451.40; Xcel Energy, 2015.52.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 382.18; Health Pool of SD, 3202.36; Hometown Insurance Agency–adding leased tractor, 568.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance-Liability & auto coverage, 8633.00.

Professional: Fink Law Office, PC- June statement, 170.24; Schoenfish & Co, Inc. 2013-2104 audit, 8500.00.

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