

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 08/10/15. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Mayor Damm, Zach Guenther, Phil Heiberger, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Bob Anderson arrived at 7:21 pm. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Travis Holthaus, Sandi Tschetter, RaDel Frye, and Veryl Haynes.

A letter of interest for the Ward I appointment was received from Travis Holthaus. After some discussion, a motion by Weber, second by Paweltzki to approve the Ward 1 appointment of Travis Holthaus until the next election. Motion carried. Holthaus took his Oath of Office and was seated on the council.

The following 2015-2016 committees were set up:

Law enforcement: Mayor as chair, with entire council
Health & Landfill: Mayor as chair, with entire council
Ambulance: Z Guenther-chair, Heiberger, Weber
Government Buildings/Liquor store: Weber-chair, Heiberger, Holthaus
Parks & Recreation: Paweltzki-chair, Guenther, Heiberger
Streets & Alleys: Anderson-chair, Holthaus, Paweltzki
Water & Sewer: Anderson-chair, Holthaus, Paweltzki
Code Enforcement: Mayor as chair, with entire council

Other Boards:

Firehall Board: Anderson, Heiberger
Planning & Zoning: Paweltzki, Mayor Damm

The minutes of the July 6th regular meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Heiberger, second by Guenther to approve the minutes of the July 6th regular meeting. 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 Holthaus to approve the July Financial Statement. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of July were reviewed. The final bill from Commercial Asphalt for the 3" mat on 3rd & 5th street was gone over. It actually came in \$1270.00 less than estimated. The actual figures are as follows: 5th St from 435th Ave to Cedar Ave (752' X 31') - shape for paving @ \$3.00/sy = \$7,770.00 & pave 3" mat 419 T @ \$85.00/T = \$35,615.00, 5th St Total is \$43,385.00; 3rd St from Poplar to Cherry Ave (318' X 39') - grind & shape for paving @ \$7.00/sy = \$9,646.00, pave 3" mat 219 T @ \$85.00/T = \$18,615.00 & 240 sy of fabric @ \$2.50 sy = \$600.00, 3rd St Total is \$28,861.00. Commercial Asphalt also hauled 30 loads of dirt off of 3rd St. A motion was made by Weber, second by Paweltzki to approve the July bills. Motion carried.

Anderson arrived during the Maintenance report discussion. Time 7:21.

Read Maintenance Report:

- Letcher will be attending a water sampling meeting in Sioux Falls on August 12th
- McCook County should be here the week of the 17th to do the chip and sealing as long as the weather holds out
- A trash pump is needed at the lagoon to help with the algae buildup and sludge. *After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Guenther to give Letcher permission to purchase this trash pump with cost to be under \$1000. Motion carried.*
- Talked with the state on taking out 3rd street on the south side of Hwy 262 and filling in the ditch where the water collects. *Council discussed and will be talking with the RailRoad first before doing anything.*
- What are the plans for 4th street from Poplar Ave to Walnut Ave? *Council discussed getting engineer here to see how much this street would need to get cut down. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Holthaus to have Arens Engineering come and stake out and give us an estimate on how much gravel would be needed to repair and reshape the 2 blocks on 4th street from Poplar Ave to Walnut Ave. Motion carried.*
- Spraying & cutting out weeds in gutters and blading gravel areas that are to be chip and sealed
- Parking lot north of the football field needs to be cleaned out, so that it is ready for the football games. *Council discussed different areas that could use the fill – Luke & Dorothy Olson would like 10 more loads (hauled at their own expense), the balance could be put on Iowa St from Ash Ave going east to get that road built up or in the area of 3rd St & Hwy 262 to fill in that ditch where water sits.*
- Cemetery asked if the city could help level off the pile of dirt on the east side. *Council discussed having Letcher go out and level the dirt pile at the cemetery.*
- Will be spraying for mosquitoes sometime this week again

At 7:42, the 7:15 Public Hearing for the temporary beer license for the Lucky Horseshoe during the Fall Fest was held. During the comments/concerns, Sandi Tschetter questioned that in order to go into the bar during the Fall Fest Dance you had to pay the entrance fee for the dance. She didn't feel that was fair. Weber & Paweltzki commented that that is how several of the area towns also do it. With no other comments Mayor Damm continued and a motion was made by

Heiberger, seconded by Anderson to allow the Temporary Beer License for the Fall Fest to the Lucky Horseshoe. Motion carried.

Public Input: Veryl Haynes spoke about the speeding traffic on 5th street on the new blacktop. He would like to see a couple of stop signs go up on either end to help control the speeding before someone is hurt. Council discussed putting in some temporary speed bumps or even a temporary stop sign. Mayor Damm will look into this further.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: RaDel Fyre asked about putting in Direct TV for the NFL Ticket. Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to allow the Lucky Horseshoe to put in Direct TV for the NFL Ticket only if it doesn't interfere with our Golden West hookup. Motion carried. The walk-in cooler has quit in the bar. Quotes were received by Doctor Heating & Refrigeration – Option 1 was for a complete condensing unit \$2558.59 and Option 2 was to replace the compressor, start components, Freon & labor \$1645.68. Tessiers, Inc. – replace compressor, contactor, start kit, run capacitor, liquid line drier and refrigerant \$1530.00. Motion by Heiberger, second Anderson to go with the Tessiers quote for \$1530.00. Motion carried. The air conditioner is also not working well in the bar. Council also told him to have Tessiers put in a new blower motor as per their recommendation when here earlier. Frye was also told to ask Tessiers for cost of yearly maintenance for the furnace, air conditioner and walk-in cooler and bring to Sept meeting.

Ambulance: Attorney will be contacted about a media policy as suggested by Safety Benefits.

Law Enforcement: No monthly report was received. Council discussed a notification from the county about a \$1.50 per hour raise for the contracted Law Enforcement. Right now we pay \$31.00 per hour which was set in 2009 and effective 1/1/16 it would go to \$32.50 per hour. Bridgewater is contracted for 15 hours per week. (In checking the records - from Jan to June 2015 we've received 618 hours of actual patrol. Our contracted hours were 365.73 hours in that 6 month period.) Motion by Holthaus, second by Weber to accept the \$32.50 per hour for Law Enforcement services. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Weber brought up amending ordinance 5.0207 – Disturbance of Peace by Animals. She is suggesting that if the council receives 3 written complaints in a 12 month period about a barking dog that the dog will need to leave town. Council decided to have Attorney Fink rewrite ordinance 5.0207.

Mayor Damm addressed the council about his meeting with the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Together they discussed code enforcement on nuisance items and also how other towns are handling nuisance items.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Heiberger, second by Guenther to approve building permit for Amber Cullison. Motion carried.

1st Reading of the 2016 Budget was done. A budget request from Brookings Area Transit Authority which manages the Freeman Community Transit system based out of Freeman was discussed. Finance Officer will gather more information on this.

Council looked over a letter from McCook County Equalization stating that they will no longer act as a Consolidated Board. Each city will be responsible for the Local Board of Equalization. Council so noted.

An AT&T proposal for changes to the tower contract were discussed. Attorney Fink will be asked to look over.

The officials liability deductible in our Governmental Liability Coverage agreement was gone over. It was noted that the \$5000 deductible for employment related claims will be waived in the event that the member: 1) prior to any actions taken regarding employment issues, contacts the employment practices hotline; 2) advice provided by the hotline is followed by the member. Council so noted and Mayor signed endorsement.

Council decided to change the September meeting to Tuesday – Sept 8th, since the 7th falls on Labor Day.

1st Reading of Supplemental Budget Ordinance a-96 was done.

Motion by Weber, second by Guenther to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:02 pm. Next regular meeting is September 8, 2015.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 2853.41; Finance Office 658.02; Fire 115.80; Gov't Bldg 23.16; July 4th 61.76; Landfill/Dump 323.49; Liquor 149.85; Mosquito 200.72; Parks 926.18; Sewer 791.74; Streets 1221.69; Water 742.82; EFTPS-July payroll taxes, 1902.26; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 539.38.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking–325 Ton of gravel & hauling, 1156.25; Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 378.25; Freeman Lumber–dump shed roof steel etc, 309.78; Glanzer Trucking LLC–126.86 Ton of gravel & hauling, 1649.18; Heritage Pharmacy–Summer Rec supply, amb Epi pens (\$974.00), FO supply, 985.96; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 125.73; McLeod's–1000 laser checks, 157.79; Moore Medical–amb supply, 186.71; Office Depot–park/shop/govt bldg. bath tissue (case), FO & shop supply, 134.90; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 362.69; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane, 98.40; VanDiest Supply–40 gal of Insectrin X, 2152.00.

Repair & Maintenance: Benders–storm sewer line jetting, 459.00; Commercial Asphalt-3rd & 5th St asphalt mat, 72246.00; Meyer Motor LLC–pkup repairs (bearings), 183.65; Tessier's Inc.–liquor store Air conditioner repair, 293.80

Beer and Liquor: (paid in July) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1585.45; Dakota Beverage, 674.40; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 503.92; Republic National Dist, 316.96.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 46.95; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–July publishing, 136.41; Damm, Michael-mileage to workshop in Pierre & Sioux Falls, 189.00; Lew’s Fireworks, 2511.40; Nordwald Rentals–Sept rent (Payable 9/1/15), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2015.00; Petty Cash-timecards, 9.85; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 30.00; SD One Call-11 faxed locates for June & July, 12.32; SD State Treasurer–July garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.20), 210.31; Truebenbach, Emma-balance of water deposit, 36.53.

Utilities (Paid in July): Addy Disposal, 3705.00; Golden West, 243.13; Hanson Rural Water, 4965.00; Xcel Energy, 1915.46.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 382.18; Health Pool of SD, 3202.36.

Professional: Fink Law Office, PC-July statement, 62.50.

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