

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 02/08/2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Zach Guenther, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Ken Haugen, Sandi Tschetter, RaDel Frye, and Sheriff Mark Norris.

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

The bills for the month of January were reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Guenther, second by Holthaus to not renew the SD Towns & Township annual membership. Motion carried. A motion was made by Holthaus, second by Guenther to approve the rest of the January bills. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to purchase 2008 Ford F350 Supercab pkup with utility boxes from SD Federal Surplus for \$18,800.00. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

- Working on equipment in the shop getting ready for spring
- Snow removal

Streets & Alleys: Council talked about having Engineer Vern Arens go over the streets to be done this summer.
Main Street Water Project: Council was notified that we will be holding 2 Public Hearings for the Main Street Water Project at our March meeting.

Gov't Bldg/Municipal Liquor Store: RaDel Frye said that there still is a sewer smell every once in a while. Council reminded him that water needs to be put in the trap every day as it is evidently getting syphoned out when some other drain is being used.

Parks & Rec: Paweltzki asked the council for permission to put up a football history sign on the grandstand. After discussion a motion was made by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to allow a football history sign put up on the grandstand. Roll Call Vote: Anderson-aye, Guenther-aye, Hofer-aye, Holthaus-nay, Paweltzki-aye, Weber-nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Guenther, second by Hofer to advertise for Summer Rec and Maintenance help for the summer. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: Law Enforcement report for December & January was given to the council. Sheriff Norris was here to answer any questions.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Damm & Anderson reported to the council the findings from the McCook County Commissioners Jan 28th meeting concerning the process for demolition of dilapidated properties in an effort to clean up our communities. The County Commission was going to decide at their Feb 9th meeting if they are willing to pay for a county-wide assessment. If the County Commission approves of paying for the assessment, the assessment will be done by a code enforcement officer who will present the findings to the City Council. At that time the city council will review the assessment and either approve or reject the process for which the county will provide an unspecified dollar amount of funds to assist the city in tearing down dilapidated structures within the city of Bridgewater. The unspecified amount of funds that the county is potentially willing to provide will be based upon need within each municipality in the county and is contingent upon the council accepting the process. If the council denies this Code Enforcement assistance from the county at this time, NO funds will be available to help pay for removal of said structures. After a continued discussion on the pros and cons of hiring a code enforcement officer to be eligible to receive the funds from the county, a motion was made by Paweltzki, second by Hofer to not go with hiring the county recommended code enforcement officer. Paweltzki and Hofer withdrew their motion until more information is known based upon a completed assessment by the county.

Date for Local Board of Equalization Meeting will be Mar 21st at 7 pm.

Motion by Guenther, second by Hofer to go into Executive Session for preparing for Contract Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2.4). Motion carried. Time 8:07 Mayor Damm declared Executive Session over at 8:28 pm.

Motion by Paweltzki, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:28 pm. Next regular meeting is March 7, 2016.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 2899.43; Finance Office 698.52; Liquor 159.68; Parks 251.18; Sewer 925.33; Streets 1367.35; Water 1098.39; EFTPS-January payroll taxes, 1737.95; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 576.00.

Supplies: Farmers Alliance–1/27 firehall propane, 745.50; MAC’s–lining for 2008 truck compartments, 33.73; Matheson–amb oxygen tank rental, 16.12; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 84.67; Physio Control Inc–2 adult BP cuffs & hose, 157.00; Post Master–stamps mostly for mailing water books, 59.50; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 119.55; Salem Special–275 2016 water books, 318.00; SD Federal Property Agency–shop supplies (grinder, sockets & misc supply), 472.00; Stern Oil–12/24 & 1/14 Legion hall propane, 503.00; Sturdevants Auto Parts–shop supply, 84.66; Zabel Steel–shop supply steel, 149.60.

Repair & Maintenance: Justice Fire & Safety–annual fire extinguisher inspection for Legion Hall, Fire Dept & Shop, 400.00; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio–amb radio repair, 52.09.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in January) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1026.20; Dakota Beverage, 372.40; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 455.63; Republic National Dist, 254.69.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 51.64; Addy Disposal–dumpsters, 40.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–January publishing, 152.37; Division of Motor Vehicles–Title & plate reassign for 2008 Ford Trk, 10.00; Golder, Zeb–return of water deposit, 100.00; Nordwald Rentals–Mar rent (Payable 3/1/16), 350.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Petty Cash–weigh scale charge & tax forms, 14.50; SD Ambulance Assoc– dues & Feb 13-14 conference for 2 people, 375.00; SD State Treasurer–January garbage, etc. sales tax (includes a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.30), 216.57; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society–2 animal calls, 250.57
Utilities (Paid in January): Addy Disposal, 3861.00; Golden West, 236.86; Hanson Rural Water, 3834.50; Xcel Energy, 2054.87.

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

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