

## Bridgewater City Council Special Meeting Minutes March 28, 2016 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met at Council Room for a special meeting on 03/28/16. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Zach Guenther arrived at 7:03. Others present were Finance Officer – Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Carl Nordwald-CMC and Attorney Mike Fink.

The purpose of the meeting was to look at figures for repairing/replacing the disintegrated sewer line in the Municipal Liquor Store (Lucky Horseshoe). On Saturday night, the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, the sewer at the bar was not working properly. Thinking that the line was plugged, the bar manager called out a plumber to snake the line. The plumber could only go out about 65 feet with their snake and was thinking that the line either was collapsed or offset. On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the city called out Bender's Sewer & Drain from Mitchell to run a camera down the line to see what the problem was. It was found that a major portion of the sewer line was gone and would need to be replaced. Carl Nordwald (CMC Excavation) explained that last week they were called in to put a cleanout in the sewer line so that Benders could come back out to try to clean out the line. It was found that the bottom of the clay tile sewer line was pretty much gone. This sewer line is tied into the line that also serves the Vondra Jewelry building but they weren't able to get into that line to see what that was like. The line that goes to the bathrooms is pretty much intact yet and maybe could be lined at some point. The idea is to remove the floor to reroute a sewer line out the north wall of the bar. This would connect the 2 existing floor drains under the 2 bar areas also tying in the kitchen plumbing. The line would then go to the west to Main street and connect to the sewer line in the middle of Main which is 14 feet deep. The bar would then have its own sewer service line. At this time, the city had a porta potty brought in for the bar to use. The CMC Excavation bid came in at \$16,760.00. This includes the concrete removal inside the bar, hand digging trenches for plumbing, hook ups for the main drain from bathrooms and plumbing replacement under floor for the 2 existing drains under the bar counter, running new drain line out the north bar wall of the building, remove concrete in street for new service, install new service from city main to bar building and tie in, compaction in the street and replacement of surface with base course material, and hookups inside to be completed by commercial licensed plumber. It doesn't include replacement of carpet or carpet cleaning, bar cleanup after work is completed, grass seeding on the north side of building, and replacement of street concrete. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Anderson to accept CMC Excavation bid of \$16,760.00 with the timeline to be determined if and when we decide to do the sewer work. Roll Call vote: all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Council continued to discuss their concerns with clean-up, doing the project right instead of having to do it in a hurry, and maybe doing some other updates. Since Wanda Frye only has until May 8<sup>th</sup> left on her Operating Agreement contract, council is wondering about letting her out of the contract early, so they wouldn't have to deal with the mess and that it can be done properly and not in such a hurry. With so many questions about proper procedure for doing this, Mayor Damm called in Attorney Mike Fink. After discussion with Attorney Fink, a motion was made by Guenther, second by Hofer to have Attorney Fink speak with Wanda Frye about the 2 options they have for this sewer replacement. Options being that: 1) the operating agreement be extended the amount of time its closed for repairs that will start on April 4<sup>th</sup> or 2) negotiate getting out of the contract early so they don't have to deal with the mess. They need to let the council know by Friday noon the 8<sup>th</sup> of April of their decision. Motion carried.

The Council discussed going into the bar on Sunday to cover and protect any items needed, getting it ready for Mondays work. Agenda will be posted just in case there is more than 3 council people showing up on Sunday.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Guenthner to secure an easement for the sewer line from Farmers State Bank. Motion carried.

Finance Officer gave other options for advertising for the Municipal Liquor Store Manager. Motion by Guenthner, second by Hofer to also put ads in Country Trader, Hometown Shopper, Mitchell Daily Republic & Advisor, and JobHQ for Municipal Liquor Store Manager. Motion carried.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:38 pm.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

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