

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2016 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 04/11/2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Zach Guenther (arrived at 7:38), Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Sandi Tschetter, RaDel Frye, Ron Burmood (SDPAA), Jim Julson, Chuck & Kay Addy, Ed Meyer, Mike & Alyssa Weber, Attorney Mike Fink, and Vern Arens (Arens Engineering).

The minutes of the Mar 7th regular meeting and Mar 21st & 28th special meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the Mar 7th regular meeting with the following correction to a motion made when discussing the BQM building: *A motion was made by Guenther, second by Anderson to ~~start a nuisance lawsuit and~~ do emergency patching to secure and make the building as safe as possible due to their lack of action.* Roll Call Vote: Anderson-aye, Guenther-aye, Hofer-aye, Holthaus-aye, Paweltzki-aye, Weber-no answer. Motion carried, and also approve the Mar 21st & 28th special meetings Motion carried. Paweltzki brought up that he would like to go back to having the meetings on the 1st Monday of the month no matter when that first Monday falls and try to avoid doing meetings by telephone when some of the council is absent for a quorum. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

The March 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 March Financial Statement. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of March were reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Weber, second by Holthaus to approve the March bills. Motion carried.

Ron Burmood (SD Public Assurance Alliance) talked with the council about the quote he did on the property (buildings, park property, sirens etc) coverage that the city currently has with the 2 local agents. SD Public Assurance Alliance is the SD non-profit public pool. We do already have our liability & vehicles with SDPAA. It is quite a savings (\$5000+) going with SDPAA. A motion was made by Holthaus, second by Weber to move our property insurance to SDPAA on 5-1-16 and 6-1-16 as these policies renew. Motion carried. No equipment breakdown coverage included at this time.

Todd Letcher Maintenance Report:

- People are complaining about the potholes. Mitchell doesn't make cold mix until the middle of May but Sioux Falls is. Sioux Falls cost is \$124 per ton and Mitchell's is \$80 per ton. Motion by Hofer, second by Holthaus to have Anderson Trucking pick up 8 ton of cold mix from Sioux Falls. Motion carried.
- Years ago Marv Rempfer let the city dump some old cement on his property by the city park with the promise that the city would cover it with dirt. The dirt cover never got done. He would like it covered as promised so he could take care of it. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to cover the concrete at Marv Rempfer's property by the park fenceline as promised. We will use the excess dirt by the ballfield. Motion carried.
- Letcher reported that some of the shop lights are going out and need new ballasts. He talked with Fensel's and they showed him the new high bay lights. These are a much brighter light. He would like to switch the old lights out with these new type of lights at \$150 per light plus the cost of misc install items. Motion by Holthaus, second by Weber to do the 3 shop lights that are out with these new high bay lights in the shop at a cost of \$150 per light. Motion carried.

Mayor Damm reported his contact information with Ilan Parente and the BQM building. Parente told him that they are working on a solution that should satisfy all. After more discussion about previous experiences with Ilan Parente, council will wait to hear from him.

Public Input:

Mike Weber asked about using some of the old clay/asphalt pile (junk dirt) at the ball field in the school parking at the north end of the football field. Anderson told about how it's been offered to anyone living in town first. It's been a couple years and since no one from in town has asked for any of the junk dirt in this old pile, he's been contacted by several out of town people who would like to use some of it. A motion was made by Anderson, second by Guenther that, after contacting city maintenance - Todd Letcher, the excess 'junk' dirt

at the ballfield will be made available to anyone on a first come first serve basis. You must contact city maintenance first!! Motion carried.

Alyssa Weber asked why the donation for the Fall Fest got turned down and would like the council to reconsider their decision. Since we don't really do much for the 4th of July anymore, Fall Fest has become our main event for the city. She & Lacey Weber told of a couple of ideas that the Bridgewater Activities group would like to do for the city in an effort to "give back" such as helping secure some new playground equipment, helping with some of the various areas/buildings in need of painting that maintenance has a hard time getting done, and getting street banners to put up on Main street. Since we have had some younger families moving into town, just having things to do & different events to go to, they feel is a plus for the town. Lacey Weber explained that they would like to again request a donation of \$1500, the same as the previous 2 years. Guenther stated that he has a hard time spending tax payer money to fund this, but on the other hand he has never had so much questions/feedback as to why he voted to not donate to the Fall Fest at the March meeting. Hofer also stated that he had a lot of questions about his nay vote at the last meeting. Holthaus opinion was that he feels it is something we should help fund due to the sources that would be helped by the Fall Fest this year. He feels that it is on the right path to becoming a self-funding event for Bridgewater. A motion by Holthaus, second Weber to donate \$1500 to the Fall Fest with \$1000 coming from promoting the city and \$500 coming from parks. Paweltzki stated that Holthaus couldn't make the motion – it had to be someone who voted on the affirmative to reconsider the motion. It was stated that Holthaus did vote for it at the March meeting, then Paweltzki said it meant the winning vote which was nay. So Guenther stated that he would make the motion so that it would come up for vote again. Paweltzki then stated that it had to pass by a three quarter vote. Motion by Guenther, second Weber to donate \$1500 to the Fall Fest - \$1000 coming from promoting the city and \$500 coming from parks. Anderson stated before the vote that he was going to vote against it saying he's not against Fall Fest, he just feels that \$1500 is just too much cash to donate. He feels that they should have more events to raise money for Fall Fest instead of asking the city for that much money. Roll Call Vote: Anderson-nay, Guenther-aye, Hofer-aye, Holthaus-aye, Paweltzki-nay, Weber-aye. Paweltzki stated that the outcome of the vote needed to pass by 75%, it would need to be researched. Attorney Mike Fink left to research. Attorney Fink returned to meeting with what it stated in Roberts Rules of Order as there is no state law concerning this type of vote. He went on to explain the difference between a reconsideration of a vote, which is done at the same meeting and a renewed motion, motion that is brought up, discussed and voted on again at a different session passing by a simple majority. We had a renewed motion. Mayor declared: Motion carried. Ed Meyer and Chuck Addy also expressed their thoughts and support for the Fall Fest.

Streets & Alleys: Vern Arens was here to discuss the streets on 4th from Poplar to Walnut and Cherry Ave from 4th to 6th St. The water sits on the south side of 4th street from Poplar to Cherry and ruins the road. That area needs to have curb & gutter, with not much if any crown, to make it drain off the road properly. The rest of the roads need to be dug up & recrowned for proper drainage. Anderson said that he doesn't do any laser grading and we should talk to CMC about the grading. Anderson will still help where needed for hauling and such. Arens also said that the 2 blocks from Hwy 262 to 4th St would probably qualify for some DOT grant funds, so that area will wait until next year for work.

Main Street Water Project: Project has been submitted for funding. Waiting to hear on their outcome.

Water & Sewer: A letter from Hanson Rural Water System on a \$.20 per gallon rate increase was noted. At this point, there will be no change in our water rates charged to our customers.

Health & Landfill: Spring/summer cleanup was discussed. For any "white goods" that need to be disposed of, contact Todd Letcher – Maintenance. Motion by Weber, second by Hofer to bring in a total of 3 rolloff dumpsters by the firehall again starting after graduation. Motion carried. Same rules will apply for the rolloff dumpsters.

Gov't Bldg/Municipal Liquor Store: No letters of interest from any person interested in operating the bar have been received yet. A letter from Wanda Frye asking the city to reimburse them \$6825 in lost revenue for the time the sewer was not working in the bar was discussed. Council discussed with RaDel Frye that according to the Operating Agreement, their remedy for recouping their costs for being down are to extend their contract the same amount of days they were down. RaDel Frye stated that he couldn't extend the contract since he will be starting another job. He won't be open on the Monday the 9th of May, so a motion was made by Guenther, second by Weber to do inventory at the bar starting at 4 pm. before the May 9th meeting, recessing when finished and continuing the regular meeting at 7pm. Motion carried. Motion by Weber, second by Paweltzki to

have a meeting on the 18th of April at 7 pm to decide on bar issues with executive session for contracts & negotiations. Motion carried. Council also decided to continue to advertise the "Letters of Interest" for Bar Manager. Paweltzki brought to show the council the bldg. bid he presented a while back for a new bar building. Nothing done on this at this time.

Ambulance: It was noted that the ambulance transmission went out. It is repaired and back in working order.

Law Enforcement: Law Enforcement report for March was given to the council.

Parks & Rec: Letter from Natasha Letcher to run Summer Rec program. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Guentner to hire Natasha Letcher Summer Rec director part-time 2-3 days a week – \$30 per session. Motion carried. A letter for the summer maintenance help from Duel Shape was read to the council. Anthony Jaeger had also had his application in at last months meeting. Anderson had visited with Anthony about the job and told he to get back to Todd Letcher or him as to whether he is still interested. Neither one heard from him. Motion by Hofer, second by Holthaus to hire Duel Shape as temporary part-time summer maintenance help at \$8.55 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Guentner to approve the 2016 Annual Siren Service Contract with Frontline Plus. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Various letters for yard & clutter cleanup will be issued.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Guentner, second by Holthaus to approve building permit for Chad Addy. Motion carried.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Hofer to allow Finance Officer to attend finance officer schooling in Spearfish June 8-10. Motion carried.

Motion by Guentner, second by Holthaus to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:31 pm.

Next regular meeting is May 9, 2016.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4587.87; Dump-206.71; Finance Office 1040.05; Liquor 423.43; Parks 564.45; Sewer 1415.07; Streets 1518.46; Water 1248.12; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 2266.33; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 823.10; SD Unemployment Ins Div-1st Q 2016 Unemployment, 24.22.

Supplies: C&B Operations LLC–2155 JD filters, 49.21; Farmers Alliance–3/15 shop propane, 498.75; M/S Pump-N-Stuff–gas, 74.10; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–amb oxygen & tank rental, 75.11, Menards–bar, firehall, & shop supply, 134.22; Moore Medical–amb supply, 106.00; Porta Pros, Inc–portable toilet for bar, 175.00; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 426.85; Schmidt Country Inc–Oil, 19.99; Stern Oil–3/15 Legion hall propane, 234.00; Sturdevants Auto Parts–mostly maintainer batteries, 449.92; Zabel Steel–shop supply steel, 38.70.

Repair & Maintenance: Around the Clock Drain Master–Liquor store sewer line, 280.95; Bender's Sewer & Drain – Bar sewer line work on 3/12 & 3/21, 1573.00; CMC Excavation Inc–install new sewer line into the bar building, 16219.18; Meyer Motor–mostly amb transmission replacement, 3307.75; Tessier's Inc–3/14/16 replaced condenser coil & filter drier in bar walk-in cooler, 1124.99.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in March) Beal Distributing, Inc., 809.65; Dakota Beverage, 332.00; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 653.76; Republic National Dist, 133.80.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 51.64; Addy Disposal-dumpsters, 40.00; Banyon Data-Annual FUND accounting support, 795.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–March publishing, 551.64; First National Bank-2 SRF loan payments, 8834.09; Frontline Warning Systems–FY2016 siren service contract, 250.00; JobsHQ–bar manager ad in Daily Republic & online, 459.72; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–May rent (Payable 5/1/16), 350.00; Physio Control Inc-1 yr Verizon Data Plan for amb LIFEPAK modem update, 208.92; SD Dept of Revenue–water testing, 15.00; SD One Call-2 faxed locates for Feb & March, 2.24; SD State Treasurer–March garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.36), 220.82.

Utilities (Paid in March): Addy Disposal, 3763.50; Golden West, 245.30; Hanson Rural Water, 3512.50; Xcel Energy, 2058.40.

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

Professional: Arens Engineering–2016 Main Ave Facility Study, 1800.00; Fink Law Office, PC–March statement, 220.12.

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