

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 07/10/2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Mayor Damm, Travis Holthaus, Jessica Liesinger, Jerry Paweltzki, Jesse Sutton, and Lacey Weber. Absent: Bob Anderson. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Alicen Strombeck, Roger Hofer, Sandi Tschetter, Jeff Pollman, Kevin Stahl, Rich Tschetter Jason Bailey-Bridgewater-Emery School Supt., Vern Arens-DGR Engineering, Clyde Ludwig, Attorney Mike Fink, and LeAnn Kerzman-Midwest Assistance Program.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of last month's meeting was sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to approve the June 5th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The June Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. It was discussed to send the \$800 portion of the CMC bill to Hanson Rural Water since they were the reason that CMC was called out for low water pressure. After discussion, a motion was made by Weber, second by Holthaus to approve the June Financial Statement. Motion carried.

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

Todd Letcher gave his Maintenance Report:

- Council discussed quotes for mosquito sprayer that were presented by Letcher:
 1. A-1 Mist Sprayer \$5695 – sprays up to 75' vertically & 100' horizontal, 40 gal tank, 15" fan, 11 HP Electric start Honda GX340 engine, 68"L x 35" W x 52" H, empty weight 480 lbs, wireless remote
 2. A-1 Mist Sprayer \$7095 – sprays up to 85' vertically & 150' horizontal, 100 gal tank, 19.5" fan, 20 HP Electric start Honda GX630 engine, 79"L x 39" W x 52" H, empty weight 608 lbs, wireless remote
 3. C&R Supply \$6750 – standard mist blower sprays up to 100', 55 gal tank, 18 hp skid mount unit

After a lot of discussion about the different mosquito sprayers presented, a motion was made by Weber, seconded by Holthaus to purchase the A-1 Mist Sprayer for mosquitos for \$7095. Motion carried.

- Cement pile at the ball park. Checking for the different options of getting rid of it.
- Waiting for finals on street project to get Main streets striped again
- Shaving back edges of street curb areas for drainage in the gutter areas. Council decided that we will try to maintain the parking areas of the streets for weeds and drainage as time permits.

At 7:30 Vern Arens – DGR Engineering spoke on the punch list for the water project with Premier Contracting. One item was the hauling out of the concrete pile as was in the contract. We will receive credit for this since Premier didn't do it. If they have to come in again they would want to be paid for their mobilization. Also Paweltzki brought up that the street lights on the west side aren't working again. Letcher would also like Premier to take the drain covers off on Main Street corner at 3rd St. just in case the cement curb would break or crack.

Vern Arens also brought up that the Juniper Street construction plans are into the state and waiting for approval to go out for bids. Bid process will start once its approved. Street committee and Mayor will meet with Vern Arens on Monday July 17 at 7 pm to discuss Juniper street project. Council also decided that the contractor is to dispose of the construction materials on the Juniper St project.

At 7:45 a Public Hearing on the dumpsite began. LeAnn Kerzman with Midwest Assistance Program gave an overview of the application for this. She explained that the state does recommend checking all the boxes (trees, & untreated wood waste, construction & demolition debris (no asbestos), waste tire storage, yard waste composting, furniture, mattresses, and similar wastes, white goods & scrap metal storage, wood ash and other inert wastes) so if there is something in the future the city would allow to go out there we wouldn't have to go thru this long process again. Rich Tschetter brought up his concern for the township road to the dump & would like to see a program, Roger Hofer had a question on tires, and Kevin Stahl brought up that he & various neighbors are very against the overall general usage of the dump again for anything other than how it's used now. Mayor Damm expressed the city's need for a place to go with trees, garden waste and also the city's roadway debris. At this point this would be a staging place to get rid of these things. The council is only looking for at trees & untreated woodwaste, yard waste composting, wood ash and a staging place for city roadway materials. We have clean-up days for furniture, mattresses, etc. We have people in town to take white goods

and we have no interest in waste tire storage or construction & demolition debris. Motion by Holthaus, second by Sutton to complete application for dump site only for trees & untreated woodwaste, yard waste composting, wood ash, and "city only" roadway materials. Motion carried.

Our 8:00 Public Hearing was held at 8:23 for the Conditional Use Permits. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Holthaus to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment.

The following permits were discussed:

#058 Bridgewater Nursing Home Corp – haying

#059 Ed Meyer – haying

#060 Mary Ann Smith Estate – haying

#061 Richards Development Inc – ag/crops

#062 Forrest & Paul Richards – ag/crops

#063 Marvin Rempfer – haying

#064 Larry Paweltzki – haying

#065 Debra Cossairt/Charles Purdie – haying

#066 Sean Luke – haying

Since most of the haying has been done for the year, the council has decided to table these applications until January 2018 meeting for decisions on haying.

Motion by Weber, second by Sutton to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jason Bailey-school superintendent gave an update on the school track. It is getting in the final stages. They did remove some scrub trees that were on the city property. It elevated a bank in the area. Final will be leveled with grass. Also he had a question on the field drainage going into the city storm drain. We will have the DGR engineers check to make sure the drainage won't affect the city's drainage. DGR is doing a drainage study for the city. Paweltzki did bring up the issue with the trees & taking them off city property without permission. He would like to see a couple trees going back in. Letcher did say that he had mentioned that it would look much better if the school would take the trees out. The majority of the council was onboard with what has been done out there and thought it looked good. After more discussion about various things like parking lot lighting, bathrooms, & gating an area, Mr Bailey was thanked for coming. Clyde Ludwig had questions about the curb and gutter by his home at 4th & Cherry. Alicen Strombeck talked about the concrete pad (old tennis courts) @ the city park and also she has heard that the city was thinking of putting in camping spots.

Streets: Paweltzki brought up that he would like to chip and seal some of the streets in his ward. It was brought up that it was getting too late to get on someones schedule to chip & seal & the budget it probably pretty much gone for any additional this year.

Health/Landfill: Council discussed with attorney about changing the ordinance to putting trash can out and trash can back in for 24 hours. He will bring ordinance change to August meeting

Gov't Bldg/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Holthaus, second by Sutton to hire Karmen Brown to work parttime at the bar (Sparky's) for \$9.50 per hour. Motion carried. Council decided to have Mike Weber give an estimate to redo the landscaping in front of the Legion Hall, historic marker and firehall (subject to approval from the firehall board). No lessee applicants for the bar were received. It was noted that we need a handrail on the south side of the Legion Hall steps outside and also the doors need adjusting.

Law Enforcement: Reports for May & June were noted.

Ambulance: It was noted that we are having trouble with the rear air conditioning in the ambulance.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Paweltzki, second by Holthaus to add Alicen Strombeck and Zac Appletoft to replace Sandi Tschetter and Evelyn Hofer on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Attorney Fink said we have a court order telling us we can demolish the house at 831 N Main Ave. Paweltzki asked who owns the personal property and Fink instructed that the owner does unless it's still in there when the house is taken down. Paweltzki wondered if he received the owners permission to get some of the personal items out of there if he could. Attorney Fink said yes.

Attorney Fink's office has talked to the owner of the house at 641 N Main Ave. She told them that she would not fight a demolition of the house. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to give permission to Attorney Fink to move forward on the house demolition at 641 N Main Ave. Motion carried.

Mayor Damm has received complaints on the house at 100 S Oak Ave. The house at 731 E 4th St also has a dilapidated camper & appliances sitting in the driveway. Sutton also brought up the property condition of the

Anderson property along the highway. He doesn't feel right going after other properties when a councilperson also has a nuisance. Weber understood but we also need to realize how much work he does for the city. Mayor Damm said he would talk to Anderson. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Sutton to designate Farmers State Bank as official depository. Motion carried.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Liesinger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 10:34 pm.

Next regular meeting is August 7th.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3999.68; Finance Office 760.24; Fire 50.00; Gov't Bldg 70.00; Landfill/Dump 105.95; Liquor 3375.93; Mosquito 236.36; Parks 1394.50; Sewer 1257.31; Streets 1586.46; Water 845.92; EFTPS-June payroll taxes, 3532.81; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 649.24; SD Dept of Labor-2nd Q Unemployment, 68.25.

Supplies: A-OX Welding Supply-tank (5 yr lease) for pipe freezer, CO2, & cutting tips, 200.60; Anderson Trucking – hauling patch mix, 150.00; Barco Municipal Products Inc, 229.45; Bob's Candy Service-bar food items, 1435.56; C&B Operations LLC-mower parts, 334.83; Chesterman Company-Coke products for bar, 258.40; Colonial Research-solvent cleaner & fire hydrant paint, 340.12; Commercial Asphalt-9.51 T patch mix, 1283.85; Damm, Michael-bar supply, 149.54; Fensel's-shop supply, 17.05; Heritage Pharmacy-amb & FO supply, 39.95; Julson, Jim-bar pop, solo cups, paper towels, chips, popcorn & crackers, 110.49; Julson, Joan-mileage to Pierre, FO supply, bar pop, cups & misc, 242.39; Kaylor Locker-chislic for Sparky's, 468.75; MARC-black nitrile gloves, 64.61; McLeod's-minute book, 127.60; Menard's-shop, bar, park supply, 341.07; Michael Todd & Co-Main street striping paint & handicapped decals, 441.43; Moore Medical-amb supply, 449.46; Office Depot-FO & bar supply, 121.43; Post Master-certified mailing for Dump letters, 92.26; Potter Tire & Service-gas, diesel & supply, 644.39; SD Federal Property Agency-misc shop tools, 123.00; Sturdevants Auto Parts-drill bit set, 70.74; Van Diest Supply-mosquito spray, 2216.00; Walts Homestyle Foods Inc-bar pizza etc, 634.25; Wildcat Inn-bar ice, 40.25.

Repair & Maintenance: Bender's Sewer & Drain-6/15 jetting obstructed bar sewer line, 404.00; CMC Excavation Inc-replaced water valve at Hwy 262 & Juniper and call out for low water pressure, 1728.32; Hydro Klean-hook up sewer line for Fink Law that was missed in 2011 sewer project, 1650.00; Premier Contracting LLC-Payment #2, 90878.79.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in June) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1546.95; Dakota Beverage, 788.55; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 166.4; Republic National Dist, 886.00.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Maintenance contract, 56.81; American Engineering Testing Inc-Main street project cement testing, 2135.33; Bridgewater Activities Group-Fall Fest donation, 1000.00; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune-June publishing, 396.58; DENR-Annual Drinking Water fee, 220.00; Farmers State Bank-safe deposit box rental, 20.00; Lew's Fireworks, 2500.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals-August rent (Payable 8/1/17), 350.00; Petty Cash-bar supply & postage, 101.30; RBS Sanitation-June garbage pick-up for 190 households, 2660.00; RBS Sanitation-June dumpster fees (Legion Hall, bar, firehall, shop), 224.18; RBS Sanitation- city wide clean-up day, 500.00; Ramkota Hotel-FO workshop room & meal, 206.73; Salem Special-bar ads, 11.00; SD Dept of Revenue-wastewater & water testing, 385.00; SD One Call-13 faxed locates for May, 14.56; SD State Treasurer-June garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.53), 231.48; SD State Treasurer-June bar sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$11.09), 728.06; US Bank-2 SRF loan payments, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in June): Golden West, 451.93; Hanson Rural Water, 6005.10; Xcel Energy, 2359.61.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; Health Pool of SD, 3141.70.

Professional: Fink Law Office PC-June statement, 788.42.

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