

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 09/11/2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Travis Holthaus, Jessica Liesinger, Jerry Paweltzki, Jesse Sutton, and Lacey Weber. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Steve Sievers, Sandi Tschetter, Jim Julson, and Attorney Mike Fink.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Damm asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dr Lonnie Waltner who passed away today.

The minutes of last month's meeting was sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Sutton to approve the Aug 7th regular meeting minutes and Aug 30th special meeting minutes. Motion carried. Paweltzki brought up that he has received complaints on the salaries not being listed by person in the minutes. People can't figure out what each person is making when they are listed by department. Finance Officer Julson explained that they are all listed by name and hourly wage/salary in the January Salary Resolution each year according to SD Codified Law 6-1-10. In SDCL 6-1-10 it states that "...The governing board shall publish, in their minutes, at least monthly, a total of payroll by department" which is what we do in each month's minutes. Paweltzki brought up that we should list them both ways, by each individual and by department. Anderson agreed that it is the public's right to know since we are public employees. Sutton and Weber feel that the information is already there in the January Salary Resolution. Motion was made by Paweltzki, second by Anderson to list the salaries both ways, by every person and by department, in the minutes. Roll call vote: Anderson-aye, Holthaus-aye, Liesinger-nay, Paweltzki-aye, Sutton-nay, Weber-nay. Tie vote. Mayor voted nay since he feels it is already published and it would add more cost to the minutes. Motion failed. Mayor also added that he will revisit if he hears any public comments.

The August Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. Food & drink pricing at Sparky's was discussed. Mayor Damm also brought up the lack of help at the bar as he has put in a lot of hours to help keep it open. After discussion, a motion was made by Weber, second by Holthaus to approve the August Financial Statement. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of August were reviewed. A motion was made by Weber, second by Liesinger to approve the August bills. Motion carried.

Mayor Damm interjected at this point that he apologized for the out of control meeting last month. He pointed out that they all are going to have varied opinions on how things should go but the name calling & cursing at the meetings has to stop. He is more than willing to let everyone speak but that as professionals we need to refrain from the name calling.

Maintenance Report was read:

- Spraying and weed eating in the gutters.
- Working at lagoon-inspection coming up
- Still mowing
- Mosquito class in Aberdeen Oct 10 & 11 that he may attend
- Sprayed for mosquitos Friday night
- Made and installed another handrail at the Legion Hall
- Fixed playset at ball park
- Has question about mowing & trimming... If someone gets a letter to mow but doesn't trim their weeds, are we to go in & trim & charge them? Discussion: Mayor wondered if we should just contract with a mowing service to do these mowings, especially when the summer help is gone? Council doesn't feel maintenance should take all the time to trim. If we had a mowing service come in, they could maybe take care of all that. Will revisit again this winter if the council wants to have this option.
- Scott from Premier Contracting will be here on Wednesday to do the punch list for the water project.

Attorney Fink spoke with the council about the nuisance lawsuit for the house at 641 N Main Ave owned by John & Cynthia Hanson. We will publish summons for 4 weeks – if no answer after 1 month it will go before the judge to see where it goes from there. He would actually ask the court if he could hire an inspector to inspect the inside. Until we actually get inside, it's hard to know what will happen.

Public Input: Steve Sievers had questions about the snow removal by the Lumber yard. He would like to see what snow is plowed from the street be removed instead of pushing it onto his property. Letcher will remove the

snow in that area just like all of Main Street business district is. He would also like to see the storm drain in the ditch by the lumber yard hooked back up to help drain the water. CMC will be reminded to do again. Also Block 13 OT is messed up as far as block lines go. He would like to see it cleared up. Paweltzki stated that since we need to know the north end of the Block 13 for curb & gutter on 4th Street we need to have it surveyed, but the city will not be doing any particular homeowners lot lines. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Sutton to hire DGR Engineering to survey Block 13 OT to determine the street placement and curb & gutter. Motion carried.

At 7:45 the Public Hearing was held to approve some mowing assessments. No one came or submitted any comments. After council discussion, a motion was made by Weber, second by Holthaus to approve the following assessments and instruct finance officer to submit these assessments to the McCook County Auditor. Roll Call vote: Anderson-aye, Holthaus-aye, Liesinger-aye, Paweltzki-nay, Sutton-aye, Weber-aye. Motion carried.

Stjepanovic, Boro , 321 E 4th St, Bridgewater , SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lot 4 Blk 10 OT

Parcel #18.00.1004: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$718.88

Ruiz, Conrado, 651 E 6th St, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: N150' of E92' of Lot 4 3A Subdiv of NW4 13-1 01-56

Misc NW 13

Parcel #18.24.4304: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$559.13

Public Input con't: Jim Julson was here to address the council with the need for ambulance EMT help. Our 3 people who took the course haven't completed their testing yet. It was also noted that RN's do not have to take the course and could also help out. Mayor Damm said that another class is scheduled for Feb 2018.

Streets & Alleys: What to do with the snow this winter was discussed. Somewhere out by the ballpark area will be our best option for this year.

The Juniper street project hopefully will go out for bids the end of the year.

Sept. 26th the council will meet with DGR to go over drainage study.

Sidewalk drain breakage by Rural Medical Clinic and Heritage Pharmacy was discussed. Different trough ideas for drainage was discussed. The slope of the sidewalk down by Rural Medical Clinic, Heritage Pharmacy and S&D Sellers was also discussed with the approaching winter snow & ice. These items will be discussed with DGR when they are here for the drainage study.

Health/Landfill: 2nd reading on Ordinance 2017-2 was done. Motion by Anderson, second by Holthaus to adopt Ordinance 2017-2. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2

AN ORDINANCE REVISING BRIDGEWATER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, SECTION 3.0202-
"STORING GARBAGE PRIOR TO COLLECTION"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGEWATER, MCCOOK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Ordinance 3.0202 STORING GARBAGE PRIOR TO COLLECTION shall be amended to read as follows:

3.0202 Storing Garbage Prior To Collection. Every owner, lessee, or occupant of any private dwelling house and every keeper of a hotel, restaurant, eating house, boarding house, or other building where meals are furnished and every other person having garbage, rubbish, rubble, or refuse in the City of Bridgewater shall utilize, at all times, a garbage container approved by the city (and supplied by the garbage contractor) and shall deposit in such container, and not elsewhere, all garbage, rubbish, rubble, or refuse accumulating on said premises. Such containers shall be so located on the premises as to be readily accessible (on garbage pickup day) to the garbage, rubbish, rubble or refuse collector who is required to render pickup service. Containers shall be made accessible to the collection service at the curb site of the nearest public traveled thoroughfare. Garbage, rubbish, rubble, or refuse containers shall not be placed adjacent to the street for pickup service more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to pickup times; the containers shall be removed within ~~twelve (12)~~ **twenty-four (24)** hours after pickup.

First reading: August 7, 2017

Second reading: September 11, 2017

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

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Michael Damm, Mayor
City of Bridgewater

ATTEST:

Joan M. Julson, Finance Officer
(SEAL)

Gov't Bldg/Municipal Liquor Store: Resolution 17-0911 – Video Surveillance Policy was discussed and tabled until Oct meeting for further clarification from Attorney Fink.

No lessee applicants for the bar were received. Council decided to advertise for a Bar Manager again with the pay negotiable depending upon experience since we are not having good luck finding a lessee again.

Law Enforcement: Reports for August were noted.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Holthaus to approve a building permits for Bridgewater Development/Learning Bridge, Maria Zapeta Gomez and Diane Austin. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: House at 831 N Main should be getting taken down shortly.

Mayor Damm spoke on the looks of the Bridgewater Lumber Yard. He is asking for a motion to get the buildings down and items cleaned up. Motion by Weber, second by Holthaus to proceed with nuisance suit against the Bridgewater Lumber Yard removing old buildings and items cleaned up. Roll call vote: Anderson-nay, Holthaus-aye, Liesinger-aye, Paweltzki-nay, Sutton-aye, Weber-aye. Motion carried.

Holthaus reported on a verbal complaint of abandoned vehicles and campers at 1st & Oak, property owned by Jeannette Ross. Anderson stated that he also had the same complaint on this property. Council will have Attorney Fink revisit this property.

2nd Reading of Appropriation Ordinance #A-102 was done. Motion by Anderson, second by Sutton to adopt 2018 Appropriation Ord #A-102. Motion carried.

Motion by Sutton, second by Liesinger to set the October meeting to Tuesday, October 10th. Motion carried. Annual Municipal League Conference will be Oct 3-6 in Sioux Falls. At this time, Damm & Sutton are planning on going.

Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:05 pm.

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 10th.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3425.30; Finance Office 822.16; Fire 203.90; Gov't Bldg 550.58; Landfill/Dump 279.89; Liquor 4562.16; Mosquito 48.90; Parks 1716.47; Sewer 1217.18; Streets 1635.68; Water 1480.50; EFTPS-August payroll taxes, 4028.94; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 871.60.

Supplies: Bob's Candy Service–bar food items, 2327.92; Chesterman Company–Coke products for bar, 180.10; Colonial Research–supplies, 166.58; Heritage Pharmacy–FO supply, 8.08; JD Concrete–concrete by the Legion Hall side door & out at the ball field by bathrooms, 343.38; Kaylor Locker–chislic for bar, 625.00; MAC's–shop supply, 82.19; Menard's–shop, bar, park supply, 137.38; Michael Todd & Co–yellow spray striping paint, 96.44; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 398.00; Shape, Terri–bar vacuum & other supply, 34.90; Sturdevant's–mostly shop supply, 284.05; Sun Gold Sports-amb supply (pd with donation funds), 175.44; Walts Homestyle Foods Inc–bar pizza etc, 198.25; Zabel Steel–shop, Legion Hall, street supply, 197.56.

Repair & Maintenance: A&B Business-Printer/computer modem issue repair, 32.50; Bartscher Fencing & Construction–Labor for cement work at Legion Hall & ball park, 1963.50; Bob Berg Electric, LLC–hook-up hand dryers in bar bathrooms, 227.28; CMC Excavation Inc–install drainage around Legion Hall, 3562.09; Iron Wheel–bar water heater & install, 961.09; Justice Fire & Safety–semi-annual maintenance of fire suppression system at bar, 191.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–shop torch supply, 71.00; Tessier's Inc–bar contract maintenance on a/c & walk-in cooler, 302.60.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in August) Beal Distributing, Inc., 732.50; Dakota Beverage, 377.38; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 284.10; Republic National Dist, 770.72.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 56.81; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune–August publishing, 177.08; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–October rent (Payable 10/1/17), 350.00; Petty Cash–bar supply & postage, 127.66; RBS Sanitation-August garbage pick-up for 190 households, 2660.00; RBS Sanitation-August dumpster fees (Legion Hall, bar, firehall, shop), 224.18; Schoenfelder, Julie-Karaoke at Sparky's, 225.00; SD Dept of Revenue-water testing, 30.00; SD Lottery-Annual lottery license, 100.00; SD State Treasurer–August garbage,etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.86), 253.44; SD State Treasurer–August bar sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$9.34), 613.27.

Utilities (Paid in August): Golden West, 441.80; Hanson Rural Water, 7104.00; Xcel Energy, 2210.89.

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

Professional: Fink Law Office PC-August statement, 518.57.

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