

Bridgewater City Council Special Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for a special meeting on 9/26/17. 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 were Finance Officer – Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Jesse Morris (DGR Engineering), Gabriel Laber (DGR Engineering) and Attorney Mike Fink.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council opened with discussing the garbage contract term. Motion was made by Holthaus, second by Sutton to change from a 1 yr to a 5 yr term on the garbage contract. Motion carried.

Spoke with Attorney Fink about the Water Project punch list. Premier Contracting came and did a few things on the list and then left. Punch list was to be done August 11th. \$18,300 was held back in payment for the punch list items. Attorney Fink explained that according to our contract we can accept the work as is with our engineer determining the diminished value of the work, reject the items that were fixed and fix them, or terminate the contract. In terminating the contract, the contractor would have 7 days to get any of his items off the sight. The city would then take control of the project. We then can have someone else come in and fix the work. We would then make a claim against Premier Contracting for any additional costs. Motion was made by Holthaus, second by Weber to terminate the contract with Premier Contracting for the 2017 Main Ave Water Main Project effective as of today and withhold necessary funds until work is completed in a satisfactory manner and determine at a later date what we will accept with a diminution in value and what we will reject and have fixed by a different contractor. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Attorney Fink will issue the letter for the above termination of the contract to Premier Contracting. At the October meeting, we will have pictures to determine the areas that need repair or just accept as is.

Jesse Morris and Gabriel Laber of DGR Engineering presented the drainage study for the city. They went over the highlights of the study in the different areas of the city. For their data collection they use topographic maps & field maps taking into consideration the land use and soil type. They also used a 24-hour rain event for our area which would be 2.6" every 2 years, 3.4" every 5 years and a 5.7" rain every 100 years. According to this study, our storm sewer pipes in the core area of town (Basin A in this study) are vastly undersized limiting the capacity of storm drainage water we can handle especially during one of these rain events. This Basin A area is where we have the most backed up/flooding areas of town. They broke the city into 5 different Basin areas, talking about all the different areas and their drainage issues good or bad. They did come up with a possible "Phase 1" for helping the drainage in the core area or Basin A. This would eliminate existing pipes under houses, up size pipes that are undersized and identify the areas that have very poor drainage particularly areas that have more than one 8" pipe draining into one 8" pipe in the intersections. The council also noted for them other areas in the Basin A that are also prone to very slow drainage or backing up. We also went over types of funding available for these types of projects and the schedule for the funding options. We also would have to be on the State Water Plan again to go for any funding. After a lot of discussion, a motion by Paweltzki, second by Holthaus to get on the State Water Plan for potential storm sewer project. Motion carried.

Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:16 pm.

Michael Damm - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

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