

**Bridgewater City Council Special Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2017 3:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for a special meeting on 12/28/17. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Travis Holthaus, Jerry Paweltzki, and Lacey Weber. Absent were: Jessica Liesinger and Jesse Sutton. Others present were Finance Officer – Joan Julson, Maintenance – Todd Letcher, Roger Hofer, Leslie Mastroianni (SECOG), and Gabriel Laber & Jesse Morris (DGR Engineering).

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing regarding drinking water and clean water utility improvements. Leslie Mastroianni (SECOG) started the Public Hearing going over the budget details of the projects, timelines and costs/payments. The total cost would be approximately \$2,691,000 for updating our water meters and adding storm sewer improvements (which would also help cover the cost of some of our street improvements). These projects were discussed at length especially the funding portion of a large project such as this. Gabriel Laber and Jesse Morris from DGR Engineering were also here to answer any questions from the public or council.

It was explained that our water meters are in that 10-12 year old range and beginning to fail and have problems. Our water program is very old and also needs to be updated. New programs are capable of reading the meters and then a bill would be received in the mail instead of the “self read” system we currently have. This new system would be more accurate (no estimating) and we would be able to tell if someone has a leak or excess water running. This cost would be approximately \$243,000 and include new meters, installation, and computer software.

The cost of the storm sewer update could run around \$2,448,000. Our current storm sewer is inadequate for the towns need and unable to get storm water out of town in a reasonable amount of time. We have a few areas that are more prone to flooding than others and this phase of a storm sewer update would help to start addressing those areas. It is also a way to be able to get some of the street updates done as currently the only grant or loan help you can receive for street work is those streets on Main by a business district or school. When street work is tied into a project you can get help financing that area dug up for the water or sewer project also by the grants or loans received for the water or sewer project.

The application timeline for grants and loans was also discussed at length, paying particular attention to maximizing the amount of CDBG grant money we could be eligible for. It was also noted that it is usually best to apply in Jan for the first round of financing, when they have the most money available.

At this time it was decided to do the water meter portion of the project and continue working on the storm sewer update project. A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Holthaus to pass Resolution 17-1228A. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

City of Bridgewater
RESOLUTION NO. 17-1228A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgewater (the “City”) has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its Drinking Water System, including but not limited to Water Meter Replacement (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and

Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$243,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project.

2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.

3. The Mayor or City Council President are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at Bridgewater, South Dakota, this 28th day of December 2017.

Resolution passed: 4 votes in favor; 0 votes opposed; 2 absent.

APPROVED:

Michael Damm

Mayor

City of Bridgewater

(Seal)

Attest: Joan M Julson

City Finance Officer

Motion by Weber, second by Holthaus to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:18 pm

Michael Damm - Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

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