

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2018 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 04/09/2018. 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, Jesse Sutton and Lacey Weber. Jessica Liesinger arrived at 7:03 pm. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Attorney Mike Fink, Gabe Laber & Trent Bruce (DGR Engineering), Sherriff Mark Norris, Ross Glanzer & Jim Hoffman (Bridgewater Rural Fire Board), Jim Julson, Alicen Strombeck, and Sandi Tschetter.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of last month's meetings was sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Weber, second by Sutton to approve the Mar 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and Mar 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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. A motion was made by Anderson, second by Sutton to approve the March bills. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Letcher.

- Pumping down the lagoon
- Repairing drain by 220 E 4<sup>th</sup> St with CMC
- Asked about getting some gravel in for stock pile for spring use & repairs
- Discussed patch mix for potholes
- Other drain work by 6<sup>th</sup> & Poplar (almost mid-block), 3<sup>rd</sup> & Oak (corner), and 4<sup>th</sup> & Oak (corner)
- Work on street area on 4<sup>th</sup> street coming off of Hwy 262

Bridgewater Rural Fire Board was here to extend the Contract for another year and approve the 2019 Budget. Motion by Paweltzki, second by Weber to extend the contract with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District for another year and approve the 2019 Budget. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jim Julson (Bridgewater Cemetery Assoc.) talked about the mowing at the city cemetery with the council. With an expected cost increase, the mowing has become quite an expense. He was wondering whether the city would be able to give a donation to help with the mowing cost. After discussion, it was decided to table until the May meeting. Julson also reported that the stair chair for the ambulance came in today. He had it here for the council to look at. The ambulance is also in need of new tires. Motion by Anderson, second by Sutton to purchase new tires for the ambulance at \$165 each from Meyer Motor. Motion carried. He also reported that we may need a new backup battery for the ambulance power cot.

Health & Landfill: Paweltzki reported on the zoning meeting with the McCook Co Planning & Zoning in Salem for rezoning the land area at the dump. The Planning & Zoning passed it on to the McCook County Commissions, which will have its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. A majority of the council may be attending this meeting.

Gov't Bldg/Municipal Liquor Store: Bar manager Cassidy Lehrman gave a verbal resignation as manager at Sparky's effective May 1, 2018. Council agreed that if another manager isn't found before then, we will have to shut until further decisions are made.

We purchased a stair chair for the Legion Hall for the inside front stairs. It can be seen in "action" on the Bridgewater facebook page. We also had received a quote for a ramp system, but due to the cost it was decided to keep looking.

Ambulance: Weber brought up adding a timeline for reimbursing of the class costs after taking the EMT course. This will be looked at the May meeting.

Streets & Alleys: Gabe Laber with DGR reported that Rexwinkle Concrete Inc is thinking of mid-May as a start date for the 4th & Juniper projects.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Paweltzki to get cold mix, 250T of 2" base coarse & 500T of crushed gravel for summer street repair work. Motion carried.

Council discussed doing something for Donovan from the DCC for all his street cleaning that he does around town. Weber will look into doing something.

Mayor Damm brought up gutter cleaning. He wondered if we could get ahold of Emery to use their gutter cleaner/street sweeper. This will be looked into.

Law Enforcement: Monthly report for Feb & March so noted.

Parks & Rec: Summer Maintenance letter of interest was received from Duel Shape. Motion by Weber, second by Anderson to hire Duel Shape at \$10.50 per hour. Motion carried. No letter of interest was received for the Summer Rec program.

Park bathrooms need specs drawn up since they would have to include ADA guidelines. Motion by Sutton, second by Liesinger to have Alicen Strombeck draw up plans for the park bathroom at \$75 per hour. Motion carried.

It was also noted that we received \$1000 from Golden West for the park project.

Weber brought up that the Bridgewater Activities group would like to put a little book library at Sparky's park. The concept is a little "house" like structure with a door to keep out the weather where kids could get a book to read, bring it back and exchange it for another book. Motion by Sutton, second by Anderson to place a book library at Sparky park. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Anderson reported that he has cleaned up the yard at 641 N Main Ave but would like to wait for the house tear down due to the soft streets. Council agreed.

Planning & Zoning: A permit was received by Mike Fink for the storage building behind his office. Planning and Zoning decided that since it was not a permanent building it didn't need a permit. Fee will be returned.

Elections: Council will meet on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to canvas the April 10<sup>th</sup> election.

Paweltzki reported on information he had on getting natural gas into town.

A letter from Attorney Mike Fink was discussed about his desire to not renew his contract with the city. He just feels he has too much "Conflict of Interest". He gave several recommendations. Council instructed Finance Office to contact Attorney Robin Eich. Attorney Fink was thanked for his time with the City.

Motion by Anderson, second by Liesinger to go into Executive Session for proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2.3) Motion carried. Time 8:25 pm. Others in session: Attorney Mike Fink, Gabe Laber & Trent Bruce (DGR Engineering), Todd Letcher (Maintenance), & Joan Julson (FO). Liesinger left meeting at 9:17 pm. Mayor declared over at 9:38 pm.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Sutton to pay \$6691.91 on Payment #4 on Main Street Water Project to Premier Contracting. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Liesinger absent. Motion carried. Motion by Holthaus, second by Sutton to pay \$14,000.00 to Premier Contracting for the amount we can justify for the storm sewer inlet work based on Attorney Brendtro and DGR Engineering. Roll call vote: all present voted aye. Liesinger absent. Motion carried. Note: the storm sewer work was additional work done not included in the Main street water project.

Motion by Anderson, second by Paweltzki to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:50 pm.

Next regular meeting is May 7, 2018.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

### **Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4998.68; Dump 50.37; Finance Office 860.84; Fire 16.79; Gov't Bldg 285.43; Liquor 4232.64; Parks 407.18; Sewer 1249.77; Streets 2153.34; Water 1232.97; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 3274.40; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 909.46.

Supplies: A-OX Welding Supply–shop safety glasses, 2.88; Bob's Candy Service–bar food items, 1274.58; Chesterman Company–Coke products for bar, 143.50; CHS Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 1601.05; Country Pride–liquor store fuel oil, 305.03; Kaylor Locker–bar chislic, 312.50; McLeod's–election supply, 11.75; Menard's–shop, bar, fire, misc supply, 35.23; Potter Tire & Service–gas, diesel & supply, 567.99; Roskens Farm Supply–rock salt, 32.00; Stern Oil Co–Legion Hall propane, 575.00; Sturdevant's–supply, 108.30; Total Stop–bar supply, 11.18; Walts Homestyle Foods Inc–bar pizza etc, 240.00; Zabel Steel–parks/shop metal, 187.62.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-13 hr snow removal 3/6 & 3/9, 2925.00; CMC Excavation– vacuum 7 storm boxes, 318.88; Meyer Motor-amb & firetrk work, 1385.73.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in March) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1536.70; Dakota Beverage, 303.40; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 427.38; Republic National Dist, 438.74.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 62.48; Anderson Publications-bar ad in Hometown Shopper, 64.00; Austin, Randy-stairchair for Legion Hall, 1800.00; Banyon Data Systems-annual support for fund acctg and payroll, 1590.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 100.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)–March publishing, 418.45; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Miller, Loren-karaoke for St Patricks Day, 225.00; Nordwald Rentals–May rent (Payable 5/1/18), 350.00; Paweltzki, Jerry-US flag for cemetery, 42.07; Petty Cash–bar supply & postage, 115.27; Physio-Control Inc-amb Multitech Gateway Data Plan annual renewal, 208.92; RBS Sanitation-March garbage pick-up for 190 households, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-March dumpster fees (Legion Hall, bar, firehall, shop), 224.18; Rinehart, Sue-8 EMT CPR certification for amb, 64.00; SD One Call-faxes locates for Feb & March, 3.36; SD State Treasurer–March garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.84), 252.32; SD State Treasurer–March bar sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$10.86), 712.89; SF Area Humane Society-Feb animal services for animal bite, 108.32; Tessier’s Inc-maintenance contract for Sparky’s, 302.60; US Bank-2 sewer SRF loan payments, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in March): Golden West, 421.89; Hanson Rural Water, 4347.50; Xcel Energy 2503.42.

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

Professional: DGR Engineering-Juniper & 4<sup>th</sup> St projects, 4990.69; Fink Law Office,PC–March statement, 423.52; Frieberg, Nelson & Ask, LLP-nuisance legal items, 175.73..

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