

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 03/11/19. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Damm. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Mayor Damm, Dallas Furgeson, Travis Holthaus, Jessica Liesinger, Alicen Strombeck, and Lacey Weber. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Bar Manager-Jackie Luikens, Gabe Laber (DGR Engineering), Ross Glanzer & Doug Gilbert (Bridgewater Rural Fire Board), Veryl Haynes, and Sandi Tschetter.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to approve the February 11th regular meeting and February 19th special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The February Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Holthaus to approve the February Financial Statement. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance Report given by Letcher. He's been mostly moving snow and fixing stuff around the shop.

Water & Sewer: Gabe Laber – DGR Engineering gave a report on meter installs have been started. Motion by Holthaus, second by Weber to approve the \$6,601.55 Application for Payment #1 to All Star Plumbing. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Laber also presented Change Order #1 which is a deduct to the original contract price since we are not doing the resetters, which are more expensive, and doing the check valves and ball valves instead. Council did question the Item #3 of the change order which was for \$5500 in miscellaneous fittings. They would like a better explanation of this item, so it was taken out. This made a total decrease of \$14,365. Bringing the contract price down from \$93,639.14 to \$79,274.14. Motion was made by Holthaus, second by Weber to approve Change Order #1 with CO Item #3 - \$5500 in miscellaneous fittings, taken out. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Gabe also informed the council that the 28th of March is the funding meeting with DENR for the storm sewer project.

Council noted a letter was received from Hanson Rural Water that rates will increase by \$.15 per thousand gallons effective with the July 2019 billing. Council discussed checking our water usage rates again.

Fire: Bridgewater Rural Fire Board was here to extend the Contract for another year and approve the 2020 Budget. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to extend the contract with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District for another year and approve the 2020 Budget. Motion carried.

Public Input: No one came with any comments or input.

Law Enforcement: Council noted the February Law Enforcement Report.

Streets & Alleys: cleaning of the alleys was discussed by the council. Weber presented quotes form Maximum Promotions & Sign-A-Rama for American flags and banners for the street poles. Tabled for more information.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Holthaus, second by Liesinger to add Michelle Morris as part-time bartender at \$9.50 per hour. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec: will be advertising for summer maintenance help.

Clean-up dumpster will be here on May 18th for Clean-Up Day.

Motion by Anderson, second by Weber to have Schoenfish & Co do the 2017-2018 audit. Motion carried.

Mayor Damm gave an update on the Northwestern Energy natural gas probability of coming into the area.

Date for Local Board of Equalization Meeting will be 7 pm on the 18th of March.

Motion by Holthaus, second by Liesinger to go into Executive Session for Employee Reviews & Negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2.4) and pricing strategies for the liquor store (SDCL 1-25-2.5). Motion Carried. Time 8:38 pm Mayor Damm declared Executive Session over at 9:00 pm.

Council discussed getting a Sam's Club card for the city/bar. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to purchase a \$45 membership to Sam's Club for city/bar purchases. Motion carried.

Motion by Liesinger, second by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:12 pm. Next regular meeting is April 8, 2019.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3331.64; Finance Office 703.90; Liquor 5120.41; Parks 95.62; Sewer 809.97; Streets 3039.73; Water 895.53; EFTPS-Feb payroll taxes, 3457.28; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 1062.60.

Supplies: Bob's Candy Service–bar items, 1925.39; CHS Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 2323.45; Chesterman Company–Coke products for bar, 240.50; Country Pride–bar fuel oil (2) & grill propane, 892.24; Danko Emergency Equipment–fire dept supply, 35.28; Julson, Joan–bar supply, 162.59; Kaylor Locker–bar chislic, 562.50; Luikens, Jackie–bar supply, 475.31; Menards–bar, fire & shop supply, 190.48; Post Master–stamps for mailing water books, 77.00; Potter Tire & Service–Feb gas, diesel & supply, 760.31; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane, 1219.00; Sturdevants–light bar for plow truck, 251.46; Total Stop–bar supply, 22.28; Walts Homestyle Foods Inc–bar pizza etc, 178.75.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking–2/20,25 & 3/2 snow removal, 3375.00; CMC Excavation-thaw out 2 frozen water services, 1573.73; Meyer Motor-amb, firetruck maintenance, 142.75; Tessiers-maintenance contract, furnace & walk-in cooler repairs, 959.44.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in February) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1215.55; Dakota Beverage, 424.00; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 692.43; Republic National Dist, 572.62.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–Maintenance contract, 68.74; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)–February publishing, 192.12; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–April rent (Payable 4/1/19), 350.00; Petty Cash–bar supply, stamps, 50.34; RBS Sanitation-February garbage pick-up for 190 households 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-February dumpster fees (Legion Hall, bar, firehall, shop), 224.18; Ramkota Hotel-2 rooms for Amb conference in Pierre, 394.00; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing, 15.00; SD State Treasurer–Feb garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.43), 225.41; SD State Treasurer–Feb bar sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$13.02), 854.86; Sf Area Humane Society-Feb services, 103.90; Thaler, Barb-EMT class instructor & mileage, 133.00.

Utilities (Paid in February): Golden West, 418.23; Hanson Rural Water, 4719.80; Xcel Energy, 2534.59.

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

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