

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on 04/08/19. 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, Bar Manager-Jackie Luikens, Gabe Laber (DGR Engineering), Jeff & Jordan Stricherz (All Star Plumbing), Jim Julson, Alyssa Weber, Jerry Paweltzki, 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 Holthaus, second by Liesinger to approve the March 11th regular meeting and March 18th BOE 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 Liesinger to approve the March Financial Statement. Motion carried.

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

No Maintenance Report – Letcher absent.

Street & Alleys: Weber went over her findings on the street banners & brackets. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to order 12 summer seasonal street banners from Signarama at \$263 each contingent upon them working with our hanging frames. Motion carried. Another quote for American flags (144 - 12"X18" & 14 - 3'X5') & 16 - 6' aluminum poles was gone over from Maximum Promotions. Veryl Haynes went over this quote with the council. These would be for the cemetery & street poles. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to buy the American Flags (144 - 12"X18" & 14 - 3'X5') & 16 - 6' aluminum poles from Maximum Promotions to be paid from the Promote the City Dept with the balance paid from the street fund. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jerry Paweltzki would like to see the flooding at the lagoon controlled from getting onto his property and also the fence needs fixing out by the lagoon.

Water & Sewer: Gabe Laber – DGR Engineering gave a report on meter installs. Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to approve the \$20,821.62 Application for Payment #2 to All Star Plumbing and the SRF loan reimbursement request to DENR. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Jeff Stricherz – All Star Plumbing explained deducted Item #3 of Change Order #1 which was for \$5500 in miscellaneous fittings. He explained that he had included the cost of some of the brass fittings in his bid for the resetter installation, but that since we aren't using the resetters and he still needs to use the brass fittings, he would like to be reimbursed for them at \$20 per household. This was the reason for the \$5500 in miscellaneous fittings. After further discussion, a motion was made by Holthaus, second by Furgeson to approve Change Order #2 for the miscellaneous fittings for \$5500 (\$20 each for 275 installs). Motion carried. Stricherz reported that they are still hoping that they will be completed May 1st. Some meters are taking longer to put in than others. Motion by Anderson, second by Holthaus to declare the old meters surplus and research the recycle price. Motion carried.

Storm Sewer Project: Gabe Laber went over the results from the March 28th DENR funding application meeting in Pierre for the storm sewer project. The total cost for Phase 1 of this project is \$2,783,000 and we have received a \$258,000 Community Access grant and a \$765,000 Community Development Block grant so far to assist in the costs. The DENR will give us a \$1,760,000 Clean Water SRF loan at 2.75% for 30 years with 14.8% as principal forgiveness not to exceed \$260,000. The annual loan payment would be approximately \$73,592 for this SRF loan. We would need to establish a monthly surcharge of \$24.45 per household to meet this annual debt service compliance. If we decide to move forward with this project the schedule would likely be as follows: Design: Summer-Winter 2019; Bid: Feb 2020; Construction starts: May 2020; Construction complete: October 2020. DENR did suggest that we may want to establish a storm sewer utility to help take care of future storm sewer projects. Council discussed the following points:

1. How important is this to the future function and development of Bridgewater

2. We've had homeowners putting up with flooding in certain areas for years – they've had extra cost for years due to the flooding
3. \$24.45 is a significant surcharge not to be taken lightly
4. Construction costs increase every year
5. Streets within the project would be new asphalt, curb & gutter, etc
6. 46% of this project is grant money & principal forgiveness
7. Are future councils & citizens going to regret that this council didn't take action now instead of years down the road when the costs are higher with a much higher surcharge

Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to move forward with Phase 1 of the Storm Sewer Project. Roll Call Vote: Anderson-nay; Furgeson-aye; Holthaus-aye; Liesinger-aye; Strombeck-aye; Weber-aye. Motion carried. Holthaus brought up that council will need to figure out how the monthly surcharge will be figured: per household or street front footage or land area charge.

Streets & Alleys: Mayor Damm brought up, while Gabe Laber was here yet, that water sits at the north corner of Juniper & 3rd and should drain west – it's too flat. Wondered if a drain shouldn't be put in that area to get that water out of there. Will look into it.

No applications for summer help were received.

Law Enforcement: Council noted the March Law Enforcement Report.

Fire: Motion by Weber, second by Liesinger to sign 2019 Annual Service contract for Whelen Vortex siren. Motion carried.

Health & Landfill: A draft copy of the states landfill permit was noted. Closing the dump due to the soft ground.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Small Claims lawsuit from Wanda Frye was noted that it was sent to Attorney Robin Eich. Motion by Weber, second by Holthaus to add Jenna Olson & Ron Burden as part-time bartender at \$9.50 per hour. Motion carried. Motion by Liesinger, second by Weber to have Jackie Luikens take the ServSafe course. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Nuisance property on 1st & Oak Ave will be sent to Attorney Robin Eich for 30-day notice to clean-up.

Alyssa Weber spoke to the council about the Learning Bridge Daycare. They are having trouble finding a new director. Council invited her to next council meeting with more information.

Motion by Liesinger, second by Weber 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 9:17 pm Mayor Damm declared Executive Session over at 9:40 pm.

Motion by Liesinger, second by Weber to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:41 pm. Next regular meeting is May 6, 2019.

Michael Damm – Mayor

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3424.97; Animal Control 30.20; Finance Office 703.90; Fire 10.07; Govt Bldg 80.52; Liquor 4972.82; Parks 80.53; Sewer 1105.19; Streets 2463.48; Water 979.37; EFTPS-Mar payroll taxes, 3033.86; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 1026.28; SD Unemployment Ins Div-1st Q unemployment, 156.59.

Supplies: Bob's Candy Service–bar items, 2465.47; Campbell Supply–mostly rain gear, 211.31; CHS Farmers Alliance–shop propane & bar fuel oil, 873.04; Chesterman Company–Coke products for bar, 368.00; Core & Main–water meter project (187 meters, 276 radios, remote wire & parts), 66341.44; Freeman Flower Shop–flowers for 2 funerals, 95.00; Freeman Lumber–bar shelving, misc, 132.11; Johnston Supply–water filters for ice machine, 118.76; Julson, Joan–bar supply, 162.59; Menards–bar, fire & shop supply, 457.19; Meyer Motor LLC–fire dept supply, 9.54; Parkston Food Center–bar supply, 213.13; Potter Tire & Service–March gas, diesel & supply, 619.92; Roskens Farm Supply Inc–rock salt, 20.00; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane, 460.00; Total Stop–bar supply, 28.83; Walts Homestyle Foods Inc –bar pizza etc. 269.25. .

Repairs & Maintenance: CMC Excavation-thaw out 2 frozen water services & dig out ice & debris at lagoon, clear storm drains, 1685.54; Fisk's Heating & Cooling-Legion Hall furnace repair, 549.16; Justice Fire & Safety-bar semi annual maintenance on fire suppression system, 177.30.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in March) Beal Distributing, Inc., 1554.43; Dakota Beverage, 934.60; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 736.18; Republic National Dist, 528.67.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-Maintenance contract, 68.74; Avera Health Plans-overpayment on ambulance trip, 1143.40; Banyon Data Systems-Fund Accounting & Payroll support, 1590.00; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)-March publishing, 199.81; Damm, Michael-mileage to Pierre for storm sewer project, 152.88; Frontline Warning Systems-annual siren service agreement, 250.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals-May rent (Payable 5/1/19), 350.00; Petty Cash-bar supply, stamps, 71.21; RBS Sanitation-March garbage pick-up for 190 households 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-March dumpster fees (Legion Hall, bar, firehall, shop), 224.18; Sam's Club-membership, 45.00; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing, 30.00; SD Dept of Revenue-PTS malt beverage license, 150.00; SD State Treasurer-March garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.62), 237.96; SD State Treasurer-March bar sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$11.28), 740.58; Thaler, Barb-EMT class instructor & mileage, 133.00; US Bank-2 SRF loan payments, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in March): Golden West, 426.12; Hanson Rural Water, 4412.00; Xcel Energy, 2566.22.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; Health Pool of SD, 3141.70; SDML-2018 work comp audit, 34.00.

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