

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2020 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 1/6/2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Lacey Weber, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Roger Hofer, Jerry Paweltzki, Steve Sievers, Yvonne & Sage(son) Mendoza, and Mike Damm.

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 Anderson, second by Vondra to approve the December 10th regular meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The December Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Weber to approve the December Financial Statement. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The bills for the month of December were reviewed. A motion was made by Weber, second by Strombeck to approve the December bills. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance report by Letcher. He reported that he's been doing snow removal and also working on getting items ready for summer work. Weber asked how he does it for snow removal and cars parked along the streets. Whether he calls Sheriff Norris to ticket them or what is being done. Notice will be put in paper to remind people to make sure they are parked off the street in order to avoid a ticket and possible tow. He also reported that Anderson & him went up to check on the 1985 Caterpillar 130G Motor Grader w/hydraulics in Huron at the SD Federal Surplus. They both drove it. It has 245 hours on it, is in pretty good shape, and a lot of machine for that price. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to purchase the 1985 Caterpillar 130G Motor Grader w/hydraulics from SD Federal Surplus at a cost of \$16,000. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Council discussed declaring the old one surplus and putting the old one on some kind of auction. Anderson and Letcher will check out the auction sites in the area and their costs and bring to the next meeting.

At 7:15 it was brought up that no bids were received for the foosball table. It will be rescheduled for next month.

Public Input:

- Yvonne Mendoza came to inform the council about the rental condition of a home in Bridgewater that they just moved out of. Mike Damm also gave input on this home. Council discussed asking our attorney about what we could do as a city with any rental property that has questionable living conditions.
- Roger Hofer had a few comments on the storm sewer project. Vondra commented that if the farmland drainage wasn't draining thru the city, we wouldn't have half the drainage problems. The field ditching and going thru the berm by the park should never have been allowed. He's had water about up to his house due to all of this.
- Jerry Paweltzki addressed the housing in town, the keeping of the old Tribunes, and also the planting of new trees in town.

President Holthaus moved on as there being no other public input.

Storm Sewer Project: Vondra is still working with the landowner for a proposed retention pond but hasn't received any answer yet. More info for the February meeting.

Steve Sievers asked when the Lumberyard storm sewer was getting done. He's tired of waiting and it needs to be done. Letcher & Anderson will talk with CMC and if they're too busy we'll have to find someone else to do it.

Law Enforcement: December Law Enforcement report so noted.

Code Enforcement: Council received attorney information on nuisance issues on Poplar and Oak.

Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to sign the AT&T Request for Estoppel Certificate relating to the tower site. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to sign the revised SDPAA Intergovernmental Contract. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Weber, second by Anderson to set April 10th as our Election date. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Seats up this year: 1 yr – Mayor & Ward II & III Council seats (Vondra & Hofer)
 2 yr - Ward I, II, III Council seats (Strombeck, Anderson, Weber)

Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to pass Resolution #20-0106–Salary List. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**City of Bridgewater
 Resolution #20-0106**

WHEREAS, in compliance with SDCL 6-1-10, which states that a complete list of all salaries paid to all city officials and employees be established by resolution and published in the minutes of the first meeting of the fiscal year and thereafter published monthly by department;

WHEREAS, all volunteers of the ambulance and the fire department are covered under the City of Bridgewater’s work comp;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following is a list of all said salaries:

FISCAL YEAR 2020

GROSS ANNUAL WAGE:

NAME	Position	Salary	Per Meeting Attended
	Mayor	\$750.00	\$75.00
Bob Anderson	Councilperson	\$600.00	\$75.00
Mark Vondra	Councilperson	\$600.00	\$75.00
Tony Hofer	Councilperson	\$600.00	\$75.00
Travis Holthaus	Council President	\$600.00	\$75.00
Alicen Strombeck	Councilperson	\$600.00	\$75.00
Lacey Weber	Council Vice-President	\$600.00	\$75.00

HOURLY WAGE:

NAME	Position	Per Hour
Julson, Joan	Finance Officer	\$18.38
Letcher, Todd	Utility/Maintenance Supervisor	\$21.13
Eich Law Office	Attorney & Assistant	\$200.00 / \$100.00

AMBULANCE:

NAME	Position	Per Trip	Carrying Pager per Hour
Hofer, Roger	EMT	\$60.00	\$1.00
Rinehart, Susan	EMT	\$60.00	\$1.00
Gilbert, Doug	EMT	\$60.00	\$1.00
Julson, Jim	EMT	\$60.00	\$1.00
Duerksen, Christine	RN	\$60.00	\$1.00
Hofer, Robin	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00
Johnston, Roger	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00
Pollman, Jeff	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00
Sorenson, Dan	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00
Watters, Ryan	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00
Weber, Alyssa	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00
Appletoft, Zac	EVOC	\$50.00	\$1.00

Both EMT’s & EVOC drivers are paid \$15.00 for No Transport w/ No Treatment calls and \$30.00 for No Transport w/Treatment calls.

Volunteer Fire Dept: Chief – Doug Weber, Asst. Chief – Craig Meyer, Sec./Treas. – Kenny Erickson, Training Officer – Chad Addy. Other members: Ed Meyer, Todd Letcher, Brian Cable, Marv Rempfer, Zach Guenthner, Roger Hofer, Chuck Addy, John Paweltzki, Jalen Weber, Troy Hofer, Kenny Weber,

Matt Anderson, Scott Hofer, Doug Gilbert, Ryan Watters, Mike Weber, Michael Kroger, and Matt Kroeger.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mike Damm, Allison Strombeck, Zac Appletoft, Mark Vondra, and Sandi Tschetter.

Dated this 6th day of January 2020 in Bridgewater, South Dakota.

Travis Holthaus
Council President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson
Finance Officer
SEAL

Weber brought up paying Holthaus the Mayor salary since he has been the one doing the official signing and other duties that go along with being a Mayor. Motion by Weber, second by Strombeck to give Holthaus the Mayor salary until one would be elected. Roll call vote: All voted aye except Holthaus abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to designate the Bridgewater Tribune as the official newspaper for 2020. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vondra, second by Strombeck to designate Rivers Edge Bank as the official depository for 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Weber to continue the monthly donation to \$200 to the Bridgewater Development for 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to sign the 2020 Agreement with Eich Law for city attorney. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Weber to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:16 pm.

Next regular meeting is February 10, 2020.

Travis Holthaus - President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3917.82; Dump 435.32; Finance Office 981.97; Fire 10.07; Govt Bldg 45.29; Liquor 226.81; Parks 175.14; Sewer 1344.72; Streets 1440.30; Water 1042.26; EFTPS-Dec payroll taxes, 2189.76; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 735.32; SD Unemployment Ins-4th Q unemployment, 33.30.

Supplies: Campbell's Supply-supply for loader, 207.50; Core & Main-3 transmitters, 375.00; Farmers Alliance-shop & firehall propane, 1810.43; Freeman Lumber Co-lagoon supply, 102.24; Johnston Supply-ignitor for shop furnace, 186.52; Mac's-shop supply, 41.02; Menards-mostly shop supply, 125.49; Post Master-water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 70.00; Potter Tire & Service-Dec gas, diesel supply, 502.95; SD Federal Property Agency-1985 CAT Road Grader & misc shop supply, 16435.00; Stern Oil Co-Legion Hall propane, 506.25; Sturdevant's-shop supply, 246.35; Two Way Solutions Inc-amb radio battery, 85.00; US Postal Service-stamped, self addressed envelopes, 631.40; Zabel Steel-shop supply, 217.75

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-12/30 snow removal (8½ hrs total-payloader & 2 trks), 2550.00; Custom Painting-council room painting, 218.80; Justice Fire & Safety-fire extinguisher repairs & inspection, 194.25; Meyer Motor, LLC-amb repair, 10.50;

Dues & Fees: Bridgewater Development Corp-2020 annual dues, 100.00; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems-2020 dues, 370.00; SD Amb Assoc-2020 dues, 75.00; SD DENR-2020 wastewater fee, 450.00; SD DENR-2020 water & wastewater certificate renewal for Todd, 18.00; SECOG-2020 Dues, 760.00; SD Municipal League-2020 Dues, 564.96; SD Governmental Finance Officers Assoc-2020 Dues, 40.00

Beer and Liquor: (paid in December & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1808.95; Dakota Beverage, 271.40; Republic National Dist, 1043.70.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc—copier lease agreement & extra copies, 75.45; Bridgewater Development Corp—monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)—December publishing, 424.90; McCook County—Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; McCook Co Register of Deeds-variance filing (Letcher to reimburse), 30.00; Nordwald Rentals—February rent (Payable 02/01/20), 350.00; Petty Cash, 33.47; RBS Sanitation-Dec garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-Dec dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD Amb Assoc-conference registration & extra meal, 320.00; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing, 15.00; SD State Treasurer—Dec garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.37), 220.99; US Bank-2 Sewer SRF loans, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in December): Golden West, 314.92; Hanson Rural Water, 4173.20; Xcel Energy, 2000.23.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; Health Pool of SD, 3311.12.

Professional: Eich Law Office-December statement, 608.75.

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