

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 2/10/2020. 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, DGR Engineers – Trent Bruce & Scott LaVoy and Veryl Haynes.

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 Vondra to approve the January 6th regular meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of January were reviewed. A motion was made by Weber, second by Strombeck to approve the January 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. Anderson and him went to Huron to pickup the newly purchased grader from SD Federal Surplus with Anderson's trailer. Anderson told the council that he is not charging the city for this pickup of the trailer in Huron. He stated that Todd has let him use the shop, when one of his pieces of equipment had frozen up, to thaw out that piece of equipment. Council agreed that it was fine and thanked him for all the extra (unpaid) things he does for the city.

Public Input:

- Veryl Hayes was here on behalf of the American Legion. It is Girls/Boys State time again and they have 4 girls from Bridgewater that would like to go and the American Legion does not have enough funds to pay the \$200 per person to send them. He was wondering if the city would be able to help out again this year. After discussion, a motion by Weber, second by Vondra to give an \$800 donation to the Legion to send 4 girls to Girls State. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

At 7:15 President Holthaus opened up the 2 bids that were received for the foosball table. Bids listed as opened: Sharon Weber - \$413.63 and Jay Hofer - \$53.00. Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Strombeck to accept the \$413.63 bid for the foosball table from Sharon Weber. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Streets & Alleys: Anderson & Letcher discussed the drainage for the Lumberyard. There could be issues with boring under Highway 262, due to concrete being on both sides. There is a pipe that is already over there, but we'd have to check the elevations to see if it would drain. Council discussed with Trent Bruce (DGR Engineering) about our options other than boring under Highway 262. CMC will be asked to check the elevations over there for that pipe that is already in the area. Tabled for further information.

Storm Sewer Project: Trent Bruce (DGR Engineering) gave a copy of the plans as to where we're at with this project. The plans are about 90% complete before going to bidding. The detention ponds are the remaining parts of the project to be decided. He discussed that in order to significantly improve the drainage, we need places for the water to go. This plan increases the pipe size in town to get better drainage, pushing it to the outlet pipe. (The outlet pipe is the old sanitary & storm sewer line that is a 24" clay pipe that runs 2½ miles to the lagoon area. This part of the project would not increase that 2½ miles of pipe.) So, to improve the system in town, we need places for the water to sit during a large rain event and then be able to drain out. We are currently looking at the triangular piece of city property along highway 262 between Juniper & Cedar Avenues as one area for detention. It is currently 5' deep there and would make it 8' deep with a low flow pipe underneath it, trying to keep it aesthetically pleasing. During a standard rain event water would just drain out with very little sitting there. A large rain event of 2½" or more it would hold the water until the pipe drained down & then would drain out. For a large rain

event (2-year rain event) we need an area to hold about 9 acre feet of water. Currently our system doesn't come close to that, so this would be a significant improvement. Streets in the project will be improved with curb & gutter and also drain tile would be put in to also help with the drainage. We also need to find another area or two for detaining more water, knocking down the peak flow, for those large rain events.

Council did look at the cost of replacing the outfall line (24" line going to the lagoon area) with a 48" line, since that would have been the natural first step of doing a project like this, but the cost came in at \$2,000,000+ with little to no funding mechanism for doing just storm sewer projects. So, the total cost falls on the city. (This storm sewer project we're doing had some impact on our sanitary sewer system and consequently we are able to get help with sanitary work.) It should be noted that this outfall line is deteriorating and will be needing repaired/replacing sooner than we would like.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to have a special meeting with DGR Engineering on Friday, Feb 21st at 1 pm in the council room to further discuss the Storm Sewer Project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was brought to the councils attention that Scott Olson with Premier Contracting has passed away. The Main Street Project hasn't been totally finalized on this project that he did. We are holding around \$4000 for him to sign the final paperwork. We will talk with his attorney after a time on getting this contract finalized.

Law Enforcement: January Law Enforcement report so noted.

Code Enforcement: A notice for Default Judgment and Notice of Entry of Default Judgment papers were received from Attorney Robin Eich on the property at 431 N Poplar Ave. This property will be abated when time permits.

Notice of Air Quality Operating Permit for SD Grain Elevators was noted.

FEMA will be conducting a Recovery Scoping meeting here on Feb 13th for the September flooding.

Council noted that we received an application for "Paint South Dakota" for this summer.

2017 & 2018 Audit review notes were gone over.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Weber to adjourn.

Motion carried. Time 9:04 pm.

Next regular meeting is March 9, 2020.

Travis Holthaus - President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4142.78; Finance Office 1516.91; Fire 136.35; Liquor 345.54; Parks 361.97; Sewer 1576.01; Streets 3539.61; Water 1709.38; EFTPS-Jan payroll taxes, 3354.52; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 1180.38.

Supplies: Equipment Blades Inc–blades for snowplow truck, 1740.00; Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 1995.56; Fensel's Electrical Supply–shop highbay light bulbs & misc, 1294.98; Fensel's Flower Shop–amb funeral plant, 68.00; Heritage–amb batteries, 7.28; Menards–mostly shop supply, 119.63; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 70.00; Potter Tire & Service–January gas, diesel supply, 646.63; Stern Oil Co–Legion Hall propane and annual LP tank lease, 927.50; Sturdevant's–shop supply, 143.24; Vander Haag's–plow truck used tires, 800.00; Zabel Steel–shop supply, 123.20.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking–1/1 to 1/21 snow removal (14 hrs total–payloader & 2 trks), 3262.50.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in January & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 2447.45; Dakota Beverage, 474.30; Republic National Dist, 451.89.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & extra copies, 73.75; Banyon-annual utility billing support, 1385.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)–January publishing, 164.85; Core & Main- Sensus annual support contract, 2500.00; Julson, Jim-mileage to amb convention in Pierre, 154.56; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–March rent (Payable 03/01/20), 350.00; Petty Cash-

mostly ink & stamps, 93.30; RBS Sanitation-Jan garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-Jan dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; Schoenfish & Co Inc-2017 & 2018 audit, 9500.00; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing, 15.00; SD One Call-3 faxed locates for Dec., 3.36; SD State Treasurer-Jan garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.42), 224.36; Sun Gold Sports-4 amb winter coats (paid by Dakota Access Grant balance & donations), 475.00; Thaler, Barb-EMT class instructor & mileage, 133.00; US Bank-SRF water loan DW-1, 1389.37; US Bank-accrued interest on advancements on the water meter SRF loan, 1636.49.
Utilities (Paid in January): Golden West, 313.08; Hanson Rural Water, 4031.00; Xcel Energy, 2176.98.
Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; Health Pool of SD, 3311.12.
Professional: Eich Law Office-January statement, 830.80.

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