

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2020 7:00 pm

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room and via Zoom (teleconference) for their regular meeting on Monday 6/08/2020. 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 (via Zoom), Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Sheriff Norris, and DGR Engineers–Trent Bruce & Scott LaVoy.

Since this is a teleconference meeting, all motions will be done with a roll call vote.

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 May 11th regular meeting. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

The May Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve the May Financial Statement. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried. First reading of Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance A-109 was also done.

The bills for the month of May were reviewed. A motion was made by Hofer, second by Strombeck to approve the May bills. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

Letcher gave the Maintenance Report. 1)The trailer that was voted on last month to purchase from SD Federal Surplus turned out to be too narrow, so was never purchased. 2) working at the lagoon with the driveway, fence etc. 3) storm sewer project work.

Public Input: No one here to express any concerns. President Holthaus moved on.

Streets & Alleys: First reading of Ordinance #2020-1 – Golf Cart licensing was done. Currently, unless it is allowed by the city, state law says that it is illegal to drive nonlicensed vehicles on city streets. This ordinance would give people the option to be legal on the city streets under state law. Sherriff Norris also answered some questions concerning this ordinance and state law concerning golf carts being driven on city streets and not being licensed.

Water & Sewer: A letter was received from Hanson Rural Water and a July 1st increase of \$.25 per 1000 gallons of water. Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to pass Resolution #20-0608A. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

Resolution #20-0608A

A Resolution of the City of Bridgewater to amend Section 8.0115 - Rates for Water Service of the 2005 Revised City of Bridgewater Ordinances.

WHEREAS, Hanson Rural Water has completed a rate review and will be implementing a \$.25 per thousand gallons rate increase because B-Y has increased the cost of water to them effective July 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.0115 – Rates for Water Service states that rates may be adjusted by the City Council, from time to time, by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that effective July 1, 2020 the water rate shall be as follows: the minimum monthly rate will be \$9.50. In addition, for metered water the charge will be \$6.90 per 1000 gallons.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2020, by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent:0

City of Bridgewater

By: Travis Holthaus

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson
City Finance Officer
SEAL

It was noted that the 2019 Annual Drinking Water Report is completed. It is on the website or a copy is available upon request from the Finance Office.

Storm Sewer Project: Trent Bruce, DGR Engineering, gave an update of the Storm Sewer Project. Sanitary sewer work should be done this week and so they will be starting on the storm sewer. During the review of the existing sanitary sewer services located on 4th St, it was observed that additional services (110 & 130 E 4th St & 431 N Spruce Ave) were located west of the proposed sanitary sewer manhole and sewer main relocation. Change Order #1 was produced which proposed a sanitary sewer main extension west down 4th street. This change order will allow connection of sanitary sewer services to 3 identified houses that would require connection to the main. Curb & gutter assessments were also discussed for those areas on 4th street. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve Change Order #1 contingent upon Attorney Robin Eich's guidance on the curb & gutter special assessments. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

It was also noted that DENR paperwork has been accepted on the Main Ave Project with Premier contracting.

Also Rexwinkle Contracting has been given a list of warranty work to do on the 4th Street from Poplar to Walnut Ave project. He plans on addressing the punch list when he is here working with the storm sewer project.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to renew the Operating Agreement for the Liquor Store as is with Cody & Megan Northern but reduce the rent to \$400 for July reviewing the rent monthly. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: monthly report so noted. Sheriff Norris here to answer any questions.

Code Enforcement: Letcher brought up the maintenance nuisance at 651 E 6th St. After council discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Strombeck to turn the property at 651 E 6th St over to the attorney for nuisance proceedings. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried. Council also discussed the 431 N Poplar nuisance. Since the Default Judgement and Notice of Entry of Default Judgement was received back in February and noted in the February 2020 minutes, and since council decided to wait to abate the nuisance for more favorable weather, council discussed having it abated now. Council asked Anderson if he would be interested in taking down this house at 431 N Poplar Ave. Since he was, Anderson abstained from anymore discussion on this matter. A motion was made by Hofer, second by Vondra to have Bob Anderson abate this nuisance at 431 N Poplar Ave for \$3500 as soon as possible. Roll Call Vote – Anderson abstained, Hofer – aye, Holthaus- aye, Strombeck – aye, Vondra – aye, and Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Couple of complaints were received concerning property maintenance. Letters will be sent to homeowners to abate.

Building Permits: Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to approve permit for Roger Paweltzki. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Vondra to purchase fireworks from Lew's Fireworks for \$2569.40. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

Our 8:00 Public Hearing was held at 8:27 for the Conditional Use Permit. Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

The following conditional use permit was discussed. No one was here to express any concerns. A motion was made by Vondra, second by Hofer to approve #067 Mary Smith Estate/Rhonda Smith – haying permit with the condition that the weeds and trees are kept trimmed and the property kept free from debris. Permit is good for one (1) year. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Motion carried. Time 8:29 pm

Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to go into Executive Session for contractual matters SDCL 1-25-2.3. Roll call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried. Time 8:30 pm. President Holthaus declare Executive Session over at 8:46 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Vondra to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:47 pm.

Next regular meeting is July 6, 2020.

Travis Holthaus - President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3186.52; Dump 42.26; Finance Office 1029.29; Liquor 232.51; Parks 1928.52; Sewer 2237.16; Storm Sewer 31.70; Streets 1368.53; Water 855.68; EFTPS-May payroll taxes, 3555.88; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 787.92.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking–18 semi loads of gravel & hauling patch mix, 6493.00; C&B Operations-mower belt, 84.75; Campbell's/Runnings–mostly shop supply, 108.88; Colonial Research-55 gal drum of Total Kill, 2048.22; Concrete Materials-patch mix, 2631.67; MARC–shop chemicals, 193.05; Mr G's Tires Inc-mower tire tube, 10.00; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 70.00; Potter Tire & Service–May gas, diesel supply, 622.81; Sturdevant's–shop supply for maintainer, trucks & skidsteer, 461.31.

Repairs & Maintenance: CMC Excavation Inc-lagoon work, 784.44; Meyer Motor–Grass unit batteries & install, 283.90.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in May & reimbursed by The North 40): Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 246.70.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement, 72.81; Arrow Manufacturing Inc-final 60% down payment of 2021 Ford amb, 83736.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)–May publishing, 315.62; DENR-annual drinking water fee, 220.00; Julson, Joan-monthly Zoom mtg plan, 15.96; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; McCook Co Treas.-amb application for title & registration, 15.00; Mehlbrech, Deb-return of firehall rent due to COVID, 100.00; Nordwald Rentals–July rent (Payable 07/01/20), 350.00; Parkston Rural Amb District-amb assist, 759.19; Petty Cash-stamps, 43.90; RBS Sanitation-May garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-May dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD State Treasurer–May garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.25), 213.24; Signarama-graduation banner, 168.00; Thaler, Barb-EMT class instructor & mileage, 133.00.

Utilities (Paid in May): Golden West, 465.68; Hanson Rural Water, 4773.60; Xcel Energy, 1953.78.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; Health Pool of SD, 3311.12; SD Public Assurance Alliance – annual renewal & amb change, 14870.17.

Professional: DGR Engineering – project services, 23104.03; Eich Law Office-Mar/April/May statement, 1440.80.

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