

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
September 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 Tuesday 9/08/2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, Mark Vondra, and Lacey Weber. Absent – Bob Anderson. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Matt Kroger – Bridgewater Fire Dept, and DGR Engineer–Trent Bruce.

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 August 10th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The August Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Hofer to approve the August Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. 1st Reading of Supplemental Appropriations Ord # A-111 was gone over and done.

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

Letcher gave the Maintenance Report. 1) mowing 2) getting lagoon & dump ground work done. 3) storm sewer project work.

At 7:15 pm President Holthaus opened the Public Hearing for the temporary beer/liquor permit for the North 40 for the Firemen's Ball at the Legion Hall on Sept 12, 2020. No one came to express any comments or concerns. Motion by Weber, second by Vondra to grant the temporary 2-day beer/liquor permit to the North 40 for the Firemen's Ball at the Legion Hall on Sept 12, 2020. All voted aye. Motion carried. At 7:16 Public Hearing was declared over.

4th St Poplar to Walnut 2018 project: Trent Bruce–DGR Engineering did report that he has been in touch with Rexwinkle Concrete about getting the warranty punch list work completed on the 4th St and Poplar to Walnut area that was done in 2018. Rexwinkle will be here on the storm sewer project and plans on getting it completed then. It was told to them that this area has to be at the top of their list to get completed.

Storm Sewer Project: Trent Bruce-DGR Engineering did report that the project is now on Main Street area for about 3 weeks. Contractor wants to work as long as they can before the winter weather would hit. There may be a few areas that will not get completed until next year which they do have until August 2021 for completion. It was also discussed that some of the aggregate is not meeting specs, some of the areas are passing and some aren't. The part not passing deals with the clay binder in the aggregate, it's called the plasticity index. It's fine when dry but when wet it could retain water when it has a hard surface such as asphalt put on it, but to our benefit we also have the drain tile and fabric in the roads to help "wick" away any water. They've been mixing and blending to try to correct it which also included getting it from another pit. GeoTek has been giving them recommendations on how to correct it. Council asked questions and discussed about how this will affect those roads in the future. First Rate will be negotiating with us to give us a deduct in cost on the aggregate. They are using a DOT deduct process. Holthaus explained this DOT process with the rest of the council. Other than that, curb & gutter should be getting started and the project seems to be moving along quite well barring no more underground surprises.

Pay Request #3 was discussed with Trent Bruce–DGR Engineering. This is for all work done by First Rate Excavate Inc up to August 31st. The amount due is \$1,069,302.08 less previous payment of \$698,169.96 and \$106,930.21 (10% retainage) which equals \$264,201.91 for Pay Request #3. Motion by Hofer, second by Weber to approve Application for Payment #3 of \$264,201.91 to First Rate Excavate Inc. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Weber to approve Council President Holthaus to sign the SRF loan reimbursement request #4 for \$193,070.00. All voted aye. Motion carried. (This is for a portion of the First Rate Excavate bill and a GeoTek bill)

Motion by Weber, second by Hofer to approve Council President Holthaus to sign the CDBG Payment Request #3 for \$73,976.53. All voted aye. Motion carried. (This is for the balance of the First Rate Excavate bill)

At 7:40 the 7:20 Public Hearing for Nuisance Abatements was opened by President Holthaus. No one came or submitted any comments. After council discussion, a motion was made by Weber, second by Vondra to approve the following assessments and instruct finance officer to submit these assessments to the McCook County Auditor. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

*Ruiz, Conrado, 651 E 6th St, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: N150' of E92' of Lot 4 3A Subdiv of NW4 13-1 01-56 Misc NW 13

Parcel #18.24.4304: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$1837.13

*Freeman, Joseph, 431 N Poplar Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: S½ of Lot 3 & All of Lot 4 Blk 3 OT

Parcel #18.00.0304: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$559.13

*Hansen, Cynthia L & John J, 641 N Main Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lot 1 Blk 50A Misc

Parcel #18.24.5001: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$1677.38

*Garcia, Hugo, 230 N Cherry Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lots 7-12 Blk 2 Shanard & Smith 2nd Addn.

Parcel # 18.12.0207: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$159.75

President Holthaus declared Public Hearing over. Time 7:42pm

Public Input: Matt Kroger was here representing the Fire Dept. They are having the Fireman's Ball to raise money for new SCDA equipment and were asking for a donation from the city. Weber brought up that since we have no plans for the Promoting the City dept budget money that this would be a good place for it. Since this donation was listed on the agenda under the Fire portion a motion was made by Weber, second by Hofer to donate \$1500 to the Fireman's Ball. All voted aye. Motion carried. The CARES Act was also discussed for any equipment that the fire dept may need or have had to purchase due to the pandemic.

Streets & Alleys: The no truck sign on the south end of Main Ave was discussed and council consensus was to take it down. At 5th and Walnut, a stop sign will be put back up to keep traffic from speeding by the daycare.

Ambulance: It was noted that we have 1 person taking the EMT course.

Law Enforcement: monthly report for August was noted.

Parks & Rec.: Strombeck discussed with the council the condition of the city park playground equipment. She would like to apply for the 50/50 Game, Fish & Parks grant but it is due in by the 15th of September. It was talked about using some of the \$20,000 that we received from the cell tower changes. This was money that was received that wasn't accounted for in the 2020 Appropriations Budget since we had no idea of any changes to the ownership of the cell tower. After continued discussion on fund raising which would be subtracted from the city portion and grant match, a motion was made by Weber, second by Strombeck to use up to \$15,000 to match purchase and install of playground equipment. Roll call vote: Hofer-aye, Holthaus-aye, Strombeck-aye, Vondra-aye, Weber-aye. Motion carried.

2nd Reading of 2021 Appropriations Budget was done. Motion by Weber, second by Vondra to approve and adopt the 2021 Appropriations Budget Ordinance #A-110. All voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed elsewhere in the Bridgewater Tribune)

Weber informed the council that by the Oct 5th meeting they will be moved out of town. This will create a vacancy in Ward 3.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Weber, second by Vondra to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:58 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, October 5, 2020.

Travis Holthaus - President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3226.28; Dump 121.30; Finance Office 1026.53; Govt Bldg 42.26; Liquor 234.90; Parks 1841.47; Sewer 1260.32; Storm Sewer 623.32; Streets 539.42; Water 972.00; EFTPS-August payroll taxes, 2804.74; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 762.64.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking—1 load of gravel & 4½ hrs dozer work at the ballpark, 951.00; Campbell's/Runnings—park, shop & lagoon fence supply, 259.15; Core & Main—4 meters & transmitters, gaskets & curb box lid, 1282.76; McLeod's Office Supply—Receipt books, 209.87; Post Master—water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 91.00; Potter Tire & Service—Aug gas, diesel supply, 486.72; Scott Supply—skidsteer hydraulic hose, 99.12; Sturdevant—centerfeed hand towels, 58.80; Zabel Steel—shop supply, 4.70

Repairs & Maintenance: First Rate Excavate Inc—Payment #2, 490,547.16; Fisk's Heating & Cooling—air conditioner for bar, 3673.48; Ruml Plumbing—install check valve & expansion tank & supplies at 130 S Oak, 213.89.

Beer and Liquor: (paid in August & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1266.65; Dakota Beverage, 204.00; Johnson Brothers, 269.16; Republic National Dist Co, 295.96.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc—copier lease agreement & extra copies, 84.63; Bridgewater Development Corp—monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (Salem Special)—August publishing, 257.76; Humbolt Fire & Ambulance Services-ALS assist, 150.00; Julson, Joan—monthly Zoom mtg plan & mileage, 51.66; McCook County—Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; McCook Co Register of Deeds-emailed easement, 2.00; Nordwald Rentals—Oct rent (Payable 10/01/20), 350.00; Petty Cash-postage, 29.15; RBS Sanitation-Aug garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-Aug dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; RBS Sanitation-clean up roll offs, 750.00; Sanford USD Medical Center-EMS class for 1 person, 850.00; SD Dept Public Health Lab-water testing for July, 15.00; SD One Call-15 fax locates for July, 16.80; SD State Treasurer—Aug garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$4.98), 327.17.

Utilities (Paid in August): Golden West (includes \$166.10 in Capital Credits Refund), 159.47; Hanson Rural Water, 6619.80; Xcel Energy, 1955.98.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; American Continental (Aetna), 271.66; CMS Medicare Ins (9/1/20 to 12/31/20), 1156.80; Health Pool of SD (Julson reimbursements will be done in Oct billing), 3311.12

Professional: GeoTek Engineering & Testing Services-Storm Sewer project testing, 2844.00; Eich Law Office-July/Aug statement, 462.10.

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