

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2021 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 01/11/2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Alicen Strombeck. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Tony Hofer, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Absent: Travis Holthaus. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Tammy Hofer, Jim Julson, and DGR Engineer-Trent Bruce.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No one living in Ward III came forward to be appointed to finish the term of Lacey Weber.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to approve the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. All 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 Anderson to approve the December Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. Finance Officer noted to the council that we have received \$56,979.99 for COVID reimbursements to date.

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

Letcher gave the Maintenance Report. 1) Moving snow 2) had Bender's out to check out a smell coming from new storm sewer inlets- findings were that at 5<sup>th</sup> & Cedar there is a spot where the line flows back and consequently pools in the line creating the smell. This area is where the new line is connecting to the old line and the elevations between the two lines do not match until the old line would get replaced.

Storm Sewer Project: Trent Bruce-DGR Engineering did report that the project is mostly complete for this year with just a few little things done for closing up the year. No pay items until next month due to the holidays and COVID. In spring all the roads will be evaluated, areas repaired from winter with settling etc. and then a second lift of asphalt will be put on. Council discussed when to seal asphalt and also about using a slurry seal instead of chip sealing. McCook Co uses the slurry seal and feel it does a much better job. Council will be doing some looking into this. Also discussed the condition of the park road that, due to the hauling of the project dirt out to the park the road, is in rough shape. As it appears that we could be coming in a little under budget for the project, this would be one area that we could look at getting some repair done to it.

Public Input: Tammy Hofer, representing the Summer Race for Rec, addressed the council about using some of the money that this account still has in it to put an evergreen tree in the "Sparky Park" removing the tree that is there now. They would like an established evergreen that could have lights on it for the holidays. This would also include talking with Xcel about ideas for getting electricity there. The council was totally on board with this. She will keep them informed on her findings.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Letcher reported that the outside of the Legion Hall could use a coat of paint this summer.

Ambulance: Jim Julson was present and gave an update on the EMT classes. He also talked about the handheld radios. They are in need of 2 radios. We have a couple EMT's that live just far enough that the pagers don't always come through. He got a price from Two Way Solutions for \$575 each. Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to purchase 2 digital radios at \$575 each. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Fire: Council talked about the issues that the fire dept is having with the pumper truck.

Law Enforcement: monthly report for December was noted.

Code Enforcement: Nuisance at 651 E 6<sup>th</sup> St was addressed. Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to proceed with the nuisance action at 651 E 6<sup>th</sup> St. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Another complaint letter was addressed and a letter will be sent for those nuisances concerning garbage & a propane line.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to approve a building permit for Robert Stahl. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to set April 13<sup>th</sup> as our Election date. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Seats up this year: 1 yr – Ward III Council seats (vacant – finish Weber term)  
2 yr – Mayor, Ward I, II, III Council seats (Holthaus, Vondra, & Hofer)

Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to pass Resolution #21-0111–Salary List. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**City of Bridgewater  
Resolution #21-0111**

**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 2021**

**GROSS ANNUAL WAGE:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Per Meeting Attended</b>
	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 (Mayor Pay)	\$750.00	\$75.00
Alicen Strombeck	Council Vice-President	\$600.00	\$75.00
	Councilperson	\$600.00	\$75.00

**HOURLY WAGE:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Per Hour</b>
Julson, Joan	Finance Officer	\$19.12
Letcher, Todd	Utility/Maintenance Supervisor	\$21.98
Eich Law Office	Attorney & Assistant	\$200.00 / \$100.00

**AMBULANCE:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Per Trip</b>	<b>Carrying Pager per Hour</b>
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

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, Anthony Jaeger, and Matt Kroeger.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mike Damm, Alicen Strombeck, Zac Appletoft, Mark Vondra, and 1 vacant seat

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 in Bridgewater, South Dakota.

Alicen Strombeck  
Council Vice-President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson  
Finance Officer  
SEAL

Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to designate the Bridgewater Tribune as the official newspaper for 2021. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to designate Rivers Edge Bank as the official depository for 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to sign the 2021 Agreement with Eich Law for city attorney. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vondra to continue the \$200 donation to Bridgewater Development. Motion died for lack of second. After discussion, it was tabled for February meeting. Council asked that a Bridgewater Development representative come to the February meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:30 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, February 8, 2021.

Alicen Strombeck – Council Vice President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3641.51; Finance Office 1570.58; Fire 406.75; Liquor 330.09; Parks 470.14; Sewer 1677.55; Storm Sewer 179.61; Streets 2614.85; Water 1762.07; EFTPS-Dec payroll taxes, 3275.89; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 1161.74; SD Unemployment Ins Div-4<sup>th</sup> Q Unemployment, 34.26.

Supplies: Commercial Asphalt–15+Tons of Omega mix, 2144.80; Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 1386.29; Fensel’s Electrical Supply–LED light bulbs for firehall, 277.50; Julson, Joan–Amb printer & shop laptop (COVID reimbursement), 918.98; MARC–lagoon chemicals, 7918.78; Menards–shop supply, 65.98; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 70.00; Potter Tire & Service–Dec gas, diesel supply, 947.85; Runnings–street & parks supply, 269.55; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane, 201.72; Sturdevant–mostly shop & firetrk supply, 199.70; Total Stop–fire truck gas, 67.82.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking–snow removal 12/25, 12/26, 12/30, 3000.00; Anderson Trucking–431 N Poplar house teardown, 4000.00; Anderson Trucking–hauling Omega Mix 11/30 & 12/18, 440.00; First Rate Excavate Inc–Payment #6, 274,442.17; Justice Fire & Safety–annual fire extinguisher inspection & repairs (Shop, Legion Hall, Fire Hall), 345.45; Meyer Motor–Equip trk battery & pump & install for pumper trk, 813.58.

Beer and Liquor (paid in December & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 983.95; Dakota Beverage, 300.30; Johnson Brothers, 319.36; Republic National Dist Co, 787.59.

Dues & Fees: Bridgewater Development Corp–2021 annual dues, 100.00; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems–2021 dues, 385.00; SD DENR–2021 wastewater fee, 450.00; SD DENR–2021 water & wastewater certificate renewal for Letcher, 18.00; SECOG–2021 Dues, 760.00; SD Municipal League–2021 Dues, 583.41; SD Governmental Finance Officers Assoc–2021 Dues, 40.00.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement, 75.32; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (New Century Press)–Dec publishing, 164.01; Julson, Joan-monthly Zoom mtg plan, 15.96; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–Feb rent (Payable 02/01/21), 350.00; Petty Cash-supply & postage, FO, shop & storm sewer, 23.42; RBS Sanitation-Dec garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-Dec dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD Dept Public Health Lab-water testing for Nov, 15.00; SD One Call-3 fax locates for Nov, 3.36; SD State Treasurer–Dec garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$4.14), 272.17; US Bank-2 SRF sewer loan payments, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in Dec): Golden West, 329.85; Hanson Rural Water, 5406.00; Xcel Energy, 2025.51.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 200.96; American Continental/Aetna-Medicare, 231.66; Cigna-Medicare Part D, 45.80; CMS Medicare Ins-1/1 to 3/31/21 premium, 891.00; Health Pool of SD, 1930.39.

Professional: DGR Engineering–Project Services for Nov, 6155.40; Eich Law Office-Nov/Dec statement, 180.00; GeoTek Engineering & Testing Services–Storm Sewer project testing, 378.00.

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