

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2021 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 8/09/2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Trent Bruce-DGR Engineering and Jim & Giovanni Julson.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No appointments for Mayor and Ward III.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to approve the July 7th regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher. 1) cleaning up city acquired lot at 651 E 6th St - discussed vehicles on lot & giving the owner until the 17th of this month to remove 2) Weber Concrete is doing new concrete driveway pads at the firehall 3) will be spraying for mosquitoes in the near future when weather is right 4) will be working on Walnut Ave from 1st street to HWY 262.

Public Input: No one here with any comments.

Storm Sewer Project: Trent Bruce – DGR Engineering discussed final items on the punch list. Council decided to wait on the signing of the final payment documents until contractor has punch list items finished.

Discussed the American Rescue Plan Act and any projects the city may have for the future. This funding may be used to cover eligible costs incurred after March 3, 2021 and before December 31, 2024. Having the funds obligated by December 31, 2024 counts, with projects to be completed by December 31, 2026. Reporting is required and funds not spent properly will have to be returned. Allowed uses for the funding are: 1) Support public health and economic impacts. 2) Provide premium pay for essential workers. 3) Replace lost public sector revenue 4) Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Funds may not be used for paying off existing debt; pay for tax cuts; pay for judgements; or pay for pension funds. South Dakota will be receiving \$65.2 million to be allocated to the cities by population. No city's allocation can exceed 75% of their total operating budget, including general ad other funds, as of January 27, 2020 (2020 Budget). Trent will bring some costs of areas talked about that could be done with this money as part of doing another project.

Motion by Vondra, second by Strombeck to pass Resolution #21-0809. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

Resolution #21-0809

A Resolution of the City of Bridgewater to set the interest rate on the special assessment for the 2020 Phase 1 Storm Sewer Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City shall set the interest rate on the special assessment for the 2020 Phase 1 Storm Sewer project at 3.5% per annum.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of August, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

City of Bridgewater
By: Travis Holthaus
Title: President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

City Finance Officer

SEAL

Ambulance: Jim Julson spoke with the council about the power load purchase. The Stryker cost is \$22,901.01 and installation by Arrow is \$2100.00. The 2021 SDML Workers' Compensation Fund EMS Equipment Grant would cover \$3300.30 of it. Total cost would be \$21,700.71. This power load would help load the cot into the ambulance. Motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to purchase the Stryker Power Load system for a cost of \$21,700.71. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Ambulance EMT's & drivers per call pay & carrying the pager pay. This pay has not had any updates since 2002. Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to change the EMT's to \$100 per call and drivers to \$75.00 per call. Carrying the pager pay will go to \$1.50 per hour. These changes are retroactive back to 8/1/21. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vondra, second by Anderson to write off uncollectible ambulance bills (Medicare/Medicaid/Insurance Assignment) of \$23,777.13. All present voted aye. Motion carried. (Total charges were \$48,242.96 less payments of \$24,465.83 leaving an assignment balance of \$23,777.13. (It was noted that in accepting payment from Medicare or Medicaid we have to accept what Medicare or Medicaid says the bill should be. In turn for getting paid by Medicare and/or Medicaid, we must also agree not to charge these amounts to the patient and consequently have to write these amounts off.)

Parks & Rec: Strombeck brought drawings for updates to the city park bathrooms. Council will gather costs for what would need to be done for these updates.

Code Enforcement: It was noted that we did receive a signed deed to the property at 651 E 6th St deeding this property to the city.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Strombeck, second by Anderson to approve the building permits for Jim Julson and Michael Harrington. All voted aye. Motion carried.

First reading of the 2022 Budget Ordinance was done.

Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to set Wednesday, Sept 8th as council meeting due to Labor Day falling on Monday the 6th. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Council noted that finance office will be closed Aug 17th – August 20th for finance officer vacation.

It was noted that the Fire Dept will be doing fireworks on Oct 1st after homecoming game.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Strombeck to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:49 pm.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 3600.40; Clean-up 479.20; Dump 197.82; Finance Office 1612.78; Fire 72.71; Gov't Bldg 55.46; Liquor 364.82; Parks 2024.96; Sewer 1856.56; Storm Sewer 32.97; Streets 2798.16; Water 1448.41; EFTPS-July payroll taxes, 3709.69; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 1190.02.

Supplies: Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane & tank lease, 1094.75; Mac's Hardware/Capital One Trade Credit–shop supply, 43.48; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–amb oxygen, 142.80; Menards–shop supply, 230.70; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 72.00; Potter Tire & Service–July gas, diesel supply, 692.67; Runnings–shop supply (Dewalt batteries), 139.99; Zabel Steel–shop metal, 234.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Fluid Power-loader tractor cylinder repair, 444.75; Justice Fire & Safety-ansul system gas valve for bar, 379.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in July & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1794.90; Dakota Beverage, 174.60; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 291.20; Republic National Distributing Co, 255.05.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement, 81.63; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Tribune (New Century Press)-July publishing, 137.13; Johnson, Tina- balance of water deposit, 17.62; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals-September rent (Payable 09/01/21), 350.00; Petty Cash-stamps, shop pkup gas 56.00; RBS Sanitation-July garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-July dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD 811- 9 faxed locates for June, 10.08; SD Dept Public Health Lab-water testing for June & July, 30.00; SD State Treasurer-July garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$7.32), 480.83; Thaler, Barb-EMT class training & mileage, 133.00; US Bank-2 SRF water loans, 6922.35; US Post Office-yearly box rent, 96.00.

Utilities (Paid in July): Golden West, 311.65; Hanson Rural Water, 7220.40; Xcel Energy, 1943.90.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 185.49; American Continental/Aetna-Medicare, 231.66; Cigna-Medicare Part D, 45.80; Health Pool of SD, 1930.39; SD Public Assurance alliance-liability & property insurance, 16,946.51.

Professional: DGR Engineering-services thru June, 10,805.78; Eich Law Office-June-July statement, 230.00; SECOG-Services for Grant 1818-106 administration, 3333.50.

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