

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2021 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 10/11/2021. 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, and Trent Bruce-DGR Engineering.

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 Anderson, second by Hofer to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The September Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Strombeck to approve the September Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. A letter from the SD Dept of Legislative Audit accepting the 2019 & 2020 audit report was noted.

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher. 1) cleaning gutters 2) it was found that part of Diamond Care Center's sewer line was found to be going into the storm sewer line – CMC is getting this repaired 3) water line by the St Stephens Apts broke again farther down the line. This line was dug up and found to have been put together with copper and poly in different places with line & fittings not heavy enough for underground placement. The line was replaced to the main with heavy poly. 4) asked for more stock pile gravel to go over the winter and also one more load of gravel at ball park parking lot.

Storm Sewer Project: Trent Bruce reported that there are a couple of punch list items that need completing yet on the project.

As talked about last month, council would like to take advantage of the American Rescue Plan Act funding that will be coming available to cities for broadband, water and sewer infrastructure projects. Paperwork has been submitted to the State on the possibility for the next phases of continuing the storm sewer work. (Our outfall line going from town out to the lagoon area is of major concern.) We will never have another opportunity to have this type of funding in getting these storm sewer projects along with streets fixed/resurfaced done. This gives the state some ideas in knowing what & how much or how many of these types of projects are out there to use this money. None of this commits us to doing anything but it does put our "name in the pot" as to wanting our share of this ARPA funding instead of it going to another town. We should know more at the November meeting.

Public Input: No one here with any comments. President Holthaus moved on.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to renew the city's liquor license for the bar. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Request to use the Legion Hall for an exercise class on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> for a couple of hours. Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to allow a group to use the Legion Hall on Saturday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> for an exercise class. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: September report so noted.

Planning & Zoning: No building permits

A notice was received from Nordwald Rentals on a monthly rent increase of \$50 effective January 2022 for the Finance Office/council chambers. It was noted that we've never had an increase in rent since they purchased it in 2009. Rent will go from \$350 to \$400. So noted by the council.

Council discussed acquiring the old Bridgewater Tribunes from Troy Schwans and where to put them. Also discussed scanning them, especially the oldest ones. This will be looked into more.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Vondra to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:00 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, November 8, 2021.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4248.74; Dump 32.97; Finance Office 1072.64; Fire 65.94; Liquor 361.90; Parks 1149.55; Sewer 1031.71; Storm Sewer 175.86; Streets 1491.35; Water 806.42; EFTPS-September payroll taxes, 3374.87; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 798.02; SD Unemployment Ins Div-3<sup>rd</sup> Q Unemployment, 58.90.

Supplies: Fensel's Plumbing & Electrical Supplies-park supply, 10.20; Heritage Pharmacy-glucose test strips for amb, 39.88; Lew's Fireworks, 2700.00; McKesson-amb cot mattress covers, 381.92; Menards-park, Legion Hall, shop & firehall supply, 78.48; Post Master-water/sewer/garbage bill, stamps, 80.00; Potter Tire & Service – September gas, diesel supply, 468.15; Stern Oil-on hand gas tank fill & shop gas, 337.21; Total Stop-firetruck gas, 102.21; Zabel Steel-street drain supply, 153.70.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-9 ½ loads of gravel at ballfield parking lot & 4 hrs dozer work at ballpark parking lot & by asphalt pile, 4161.93; First Rate Excavate Inc-Payment #8, 428459.54; Interstate Glass & Door Inc-2 temp windows, 395.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in September & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 973.45; Dakota Beverage, 621.50; Republic National Distributing Co, 471.17.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement, 79.43; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 200.00; Bridgewater Fire Dept-donation for Fireball, 1500.00; Bridgewater Tribune (New Century Press)-September publishing, 432.11; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals-November rent (Payable 11/01/21), 350.00; Petty Cash-6 gal fuel tank, 72.40; RBS Sanitation-Sept garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-Sept dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD Dept Public Health Lab-water testing for Aug, 196.00; SD State Treasurer-Sept garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.83), 251.40; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society-animal check, 101.80; Stryker Sales LLC-amb cot upgrade for lift assist, 310.00; Thaler, Bark-EMT class trainer & mileage, 133.00; US Bank-2 SRF loan payments, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in September): Golden West-includes Capital Credit Retirement, 73.88; Hanson Rural Water, 6040.20; Xcel Energy, 1963.85.

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.

Professional: DGR Engineering-services thru Aug, 2774.86; Schoenfish & Co Inc-2 year audit, 10000.00.

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