

Bridgewater City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Oct 27, 2021 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for a special meeting on 10/27/21. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present were Finance Officer–Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, and Mark Gross.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was, due to the timeliness of ordering drains, to discuss storm water drainage by the Seed Mill owned by Mark Gross. An estimate was received from CMC Excavation for \$13,975.00 (price may change due to cost of materials & fuel) to install a 10” storm sewer and area drain boring under Hwy 262 to tie into existing 10” line on the north side of Hwy 262. This includes installing a new 18” area drain with domed grate in the south ditch of Hwy 262 with a hook up to drainage from the new building on the property. This catch basin will take up to 3 weeks to come in, thus the special meeting to discuss whether this is something the city will do. Owner Mark Gross answered council questions on what he was doing to help with drainage on the property, getting it to drain to the ditch, and keeping it off the surrounding properties. Councilperson Hofer called Carl Nordwald about the approximate cost of running a storm drain in the south ditch of HWY 262 instead of boring under HWY 262. He estimated cost would be anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and he couldn’t get it done this year. So council pretty much “scraped” that idea due to the cost. Council also discussed the sharing of the cost. Letcher did inform that we have put storm drains in other properties to help with those areas with more serious drainage problems. Mark Gross also informed the council that his bill for preparing his property to drain properly and not drain to other landowners is already quite high. Council did discuss that this is also helping other landowners along this area to drain their properties and keep water off of their properties. Motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to accept estimate from CMC Excavation in the amount of \$13,975.00 to install a 10” storm sewer and area drain boring under Hwy 262 to tie into existing 10” line on the north side of Hwy 262. This includes installing a new 18” area drain with domed grate in the south ditch of Hwy 262 with a hook up to drainage from the new building on the property. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

No further discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 7:33 pm.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

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