

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2022 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 02/07/2022. 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 Sheriff Mark Norris.

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 Vondra, second by Hofer to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher. Working on items at the city park (picnic tables, grills, merry-go-round)

Public Input: No one present for input. President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Trent Bruce from DGR Engineering brought to the council the updated figures for different areas of a future storm sewer project using the State ARPA funding. The state is determining the ARPA grant cap by a per person project cost based on the city population. This formula is for populations up to 1000: up to 80% grant with a \$9000 per person maximum per applicant for all projects considered for ARPA grants. (Example: population of 450 X \$9000 per person would give \$4.050 million in project cost X 80% grant would give \$3.240 million in grant money.) Grant percentages will be less if not meeting the water & sewer rates of \$55 for 5,000 gallons for each water and sewer for city residents. It was also noted that they will match our local ARPA funding of \$82,000. We also would be eligible for the normal funding sources of CDBG grants and SRF loans. This ARPA funding is a one-time influx of funding that the state has to support improvements to water & sewer infrastructure projects. In reviewing the costs for the proposed infrastructure improvements which includes street improvements, council feels that the storm sewer out fall line going out to the lagoon area is of the highest priority. This area has a projected cost of \$2.487 million. This 2+ mile line is constantly collapsing in different areas and has basically out lived its life of usefulness. There are several areas in the city limits that also need attention and are prone to flooding in a large rain event especially those by the city park. This 8+ block area has a projected cost of \$2.396 million. This would include drainage improvements which includes street reconstruction. Council discussed when going out for bids to put the other areas other than the outfall line as alternate areas. If costs would come in better than expected, they would have the choice of doing the alternate areas. After finishing their discussion, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Hofer to set a public hearing at the regular March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for the April 1<sup>st</sup> application for funding for the storm sewer infrastructure improvement project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer: The \$100 water deposit for renters & CFD buyers was discussed. In most cases, it doesn't cover a 2-month bill. Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to raise water deposit to \$250 for renters & Contract for Deed buyers effective immediately. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Back door has been installed at the liquor store. It was asked if some type of bars could be put on the front windows to prevent access in the event of another attempted break-in. Maintenance will look into this.

Joy Berg was present to ask about using the Legion Hall for a STEM class on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to allow use of Legion Hall for these classes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: January report so noted. Sheriff Norris was here to answer any questions that the council had.

Planning & Zoning: No building permits. It was noted that a conditional use permit was received for chickens and the public hearing for it will be scheduled for the March meeting.

It was noted that February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the open city council seats.

It was also noted that the date for the Local Board of Equalization meeting will be at 7pm on March 21<sup>st</sup> .

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Vondra to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:08 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, March 7, 2022.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5535.48; Dump 172.35; Finance Office 1146.54; Fire 160.86; Gov't Bldg 287.25; Liquor 248.77; Parks 858.01; Sewer 1080.66; Streets 1336.72; Water 1097.94; EFTPS-January payroll taxes, 3176.56; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 824.62.

Supplies: CHS/Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 3383.60; Hofer, Robin–amb gas reimbursement, 185.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc–amb & shop supply, 195.80; McKesson Medical-oxygen flow meters, 143.64; Menards–Legion Hall, shop & park supply & street rebate, 529.25; Meyer Motor–firetrucks diesel fuel additive, 36.75; Office Max–FO Microsoft Office, ink & misc, 358.95; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 80.00; Quill–shop HP printer, copy paper & misc, 142.96; Runnings-100# ice melt & park supply, 174.72; Stern Oil–gas for shop & Legion Hall propane ,1327.30; Total Stop–gas, 370.15

Repairs & Maintenance: CMC Excavation-reroute storm sewer by Seed Mill, 8816.86.

Beer and Liquor (paid in January & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 870.00; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 419.96.

Dues & Fees: Banyon Data Systems-Annual Support for Utility Billing, Direct Payment, Meter Device, 1430.00; Core & Main-2022 Support on Meter Reading Equip, 2500.00.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & extra copies, 92.34; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Bridgewater Tribune (New Century Press)–January publishing, 163.39; Humbolt Fire & Amb Services-ALS assist, 150.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–March rent (Payable 03/01/22), 400.00; Petty Cash-amb wash, postage, shop supply, 36.89; RBS Sanitation-Jan garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; Reuwsaat, Leah-firehall rent return, 100.00; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing for Dec., 15.00; SD State Treasurer–Jan garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.48), 228.71; Thaler, Barb-EMT trainer & mileage, 133.00; US Bank-2 SRF water loans, 6922.35.

Utilities (Paid in January): Golden West, 298.00; Hanson Rural Water, 5464.80; Xcel Energy, 2171.57.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 185.49; American Continental/Aetna-Medicare, 231.66; Cigna-Medicare Part D, 60.40; Health Pool of SD, 2026.70.

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