

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

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 03/07/2022. 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, Scott LaVoy (DGR Engineering), Sophie Johnson (SECOG), Mike Damm, Jerry Paweltzki, Dean & Jamie Schryvers, Matt Sutter, Doug Gilbert (BRFD), and Jim Hoffman (BRFD).

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 Vondra to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher. Working on items at the city park (picnic tables, grills, merry-go-round). County came to crack seal some of the asphalt streets and will be coming later to chip and seal these streets also.

Public Hearing was held at 7:10 for a Conditional Use Permit. Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Vondra to approve permit #079 Jamie Schryvers – ag activities (chickens) to allow up to 10 chickens (no roosters, ducks or other fowl) in enclosed pen with feed in enclosed container so as to not attract rodents and any complaint, the permit will be revisited. Permit will also be good for only 1 year if these conditions are met. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. All voted aye. Motion carried. Time 7:31 pm

At 7:15 a Public Hearing for Storm Sewer Improvements Phase II was held. Scott LaVoy with DGR Engineering gave an overview of this phase II portion of the project and Sophie Johnson with SECOG gave a financial overview of the project. In reviewing the costs for the proposed infrastructure improvements which includes street improvements, council feels that the storm sewer outfall line going out to the lagoon area is of the highest priority. This area has a projected cost of \$2.746 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 one being those by the city park. This 8+ block area has a projected cost of \$2.509 million. Also the area of north Poplar Ave (9<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Sts) plus 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> streets have old sanitary and drainage also needs attention. This 4-block area has a projected cost of \$1.315 million. These would include drainage improvements which includes street reconstruction. 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 we are 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. Public questions were addressed. Council members did comment that if it wasn't for the American Recovery Act (ARPA) money that is available for these projects, they wouldn't be considering a project of this size. This ARPA funding is a one-time influx of funding that the state has to support improvements to water & sewer infrastructure projects. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Vondra to approve Resolution 22-

0307 authorizing application for financial assistance, execution and submittal of application and designating authorized representatives to sign payment requests. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CITY OF BRIDGEWATER**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-0307**

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.*

*WHEREAS, the City of Bridgewater (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its Clean Water System, including but not limited to Sewer Improvements (the "Project"); and*

*WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and*

*WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:*

*1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$6,570,000 to the Board for the Project.*

*2. The Mayor, Council President, and Council Vice-President are hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the Board, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.*

*3. The Mayor, Council President, and Council Vice-President are hereby designated as authorized representatives of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.*

*Adopted at Bridgewater, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.*

*APPROVED:*

*Travis Holthaus*

*Council President*

*City of Bridgewater*

*(Seal)*

*Attest: Joan M Julson*

*City Finance Officer*

Fire: Bridgewater Rural Fire Board was here to extend the Contract for another year and approve the 2023 Budget. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to extend the contract with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District for another year. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to approve the 2023 Fire Dept Budget with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Mike Damm inquired about putting a layer of asphalt (his expense) on the west side (Cherry Ave) of his home in the parking area. Matt Sutter had questions about the bar. No further input, President Holthaus moved on.

Law Enforcement: February report so noted.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to approve building permit for Roger Johnston. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

With the restructuring of the local newspaper, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Anderson to change the official newspaper from Bridgewater Tribune to The Special effective March 17, 2022. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

City will not have an election this year. Strombeck & Anderson are unopposed and will continue in their seats. Open seats are still for Mayor and Ward III.

2021 Annual Report was discussed. Motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to accept 2021 Annual Report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Local Board of Equalization meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. Appeals need to be in by Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Vondra to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:55 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, April 11, 2022.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 6170.37; Dump 57.45; Finance Office 1133.26; Liquor 346.64; Parks 812.35; Sewer 1274.70; Streets 1702.25; Water 1119.59; EFTPS-February payroll taxes, 2950.65; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 831.30.

Supplies: CHS/Farmers Alliance–shop propane, 1248.06; Grainger–bearings for merry-go-round at park, 421.96; Hofer, Robin–amb gas reimbursement, 235.24; Interstate Glass & Door–replacement of metal back door of bar, 2270.45; Mac’s–shop supply, 35.18; Menards–supplies for parks, shop, firehall & FO office, 149.16; Meyer Motor–firehall stove, grass unit repairs, 678.24; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 80.00; Runnings–park & shop supply, 66.96; Stern Oil–gas for shop & Legion Hall propane, 1228.61; Sturdevants–shop supply, 145.23; Total Stop–gas for shop & firetrucks, 534.18; Zabel Steel–bar window supply, 176.88.

Repairs & Maintenance: Justice Fire & Safety–Legion Hall, firehall, & shop annual fire extinguisher maintenance, 290.75; McCook Co Highway Dept–crack seal asphalt streets, 2086.06.

Beer and Liquor (paid in February & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1404.30; Dakota Beverage, 120.00; Republic National Distributing Co, 364.13.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & extra copies, 78.08; AmericInn-2 rooms 2 days for Amb convention in Ft Pierre, 447.96; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Bridgewater Tribune (New Century Press)–February publishing, 112.96; Julson, Jim-mileage to amb convention in Ft Pierre, 157.08; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–April rent (Payable 04/01/22), 400.00; RBS Sanitation-Feb garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing for Dec., 15.00; SD State Treasurer–Feb garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.71), 243.90; SD 811-4 faxed locates, 4.48; US Bank-CW #4 loan (accrued interest owed on all advancements for storm sewer project), 53140.40.

Utilities (Paid in February): Golden West, 310.67; Hanson Rural Water, 4414.80; Xcel Energy, 2217.78.

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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