

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 04/11/2022. 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), Sophie Johnson (SECOG), Mike Damm, Jerry Paweltzki, and Cody Northern.

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 March 7th regular meeting minutes and March 21st BOE meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher. Working on items at the city park (picnic tables, grills, merry-go-round), gutter cleaning, and out at the tree pile at the dump.

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

No one came to comment for or against this permit and after council discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve permit #080 James M Clarey – ag activities (chickens) to allow up to 6 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 be good for only 1 year if these conditions are met. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. All voted aye. Motion carried. Time 7:13 pm

At 7:15 a Public Hearing for Storm Sewer Improvements Phase II was held. Sophie Johnson with SECOG was here to go over the CDBG funding mechanisms and explore the needs of the community. At this point, two applications for funding the Sewer Improvements project are being submitted. The total cost of the project is approximately \$6,570,000. One application has already been submitted to the DANR by April 1, 2022. The sewer funding request was \$6,487,561 with the City's commitment of \$82,439 from our local ARPA funds. The City has committed the \$82,439 in hopes of being matched by DANR. The funds could be awarded as 100% grant, 100% loan or a combination of loan and grant funds. If the entire sewer water request is awarded as a loan (worst case scenario), the City is looking at a 30-year loan at 2.125% interest. Annual payments would be \$293,012, which would impact our rates with a \$99.39 monthly increase. If we were awarded an 80% grant and 20% loan and the City's local ARPA funding is matched by DANR (likely best-case scenario), this would translate into annual payments of \$57,858, which would impact our rates with a \$19.79 monthly increase. We are also submitting an application to the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) for grant funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CDBG) for \$770,000. These are grant funds with no required payback of funds. The CDBG deadline is October 1st with an award date sometime in December. If we would be awarded the requested amount of \$770,000 from CDBG, the annual payments would be \$23,825, which would impact our rates with a \$8.15 increase.

She explained that the CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for local governments to tackle serious challenges facing us. The city meets one of the criteria for eligibility in that 55.45% of our residents have been determined low-and-moderate income by the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development and the US Census Bureau. This means that activities funded through this proposal will benefit 55.45% of low-and-moderate income households which is criteria for receiving HUD funding. CDBG funding also requires the opportunity for citizens to engage and participate in the planning and implementation of CDBG

funded activities in our community. Knowing that this Sewer Improvement Project is a priority, 8 other priorities were also identified.

With no other discussion, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Vondra to pass Resolution 22-0411. Roll call vote - All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

Resolution #22-0411

*WHEREAS, the City of Bridgewater has determined the need for Sewer Improvements; and
WHEREAS, financial assistance will be necessary to enable the City to construct the project;
and*

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgewater wishes to request assistance from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program of the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to designate a Project Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to the grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to designate an Environmental Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required environmental documents pertaining to the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The City of Bridgewater hereby authorizes the filing of a Community Development Block Grant application with the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development, including all understandings and assurances contained therein.*
- 2. Be it further resolved that the City of Bridgewater hereby authorizes its Council President to act as Project Certifying Officer and Environmental Certifying Officer in connection with the application and other required forms and to provide such additional information as may be required by the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development. In the Council President's absence, the Council Vice President is authorized to act as Project Certifying Officer and Environmental Certifying Officer in connection with the application and other required forms and to provide additional information as may be required by the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development.*

Dated this 11th day of April, 2022.

Travis Holthaus, Council President

ATTEST: Joan M. Julson, Finance Officer

SEAL

Public Input: Jerry Paweltzki brought to the council pictures of what's left of an old fence from the old lagoon area back 60+ years ago on property that he now owns that he purchased from Guenthnerns years ago. He is saying that this is still the city fence, since it was part of the old lagoon system, so it is a liability issue for the city. Council stated that the city is not staking any claim to the ownership of the fence, but to help out, they could have maintenance help with the removal but reiterated again that the city is not staking any claim to the ownership of the fence. It was noted that there is no easement for the city on this property. No other input and President Holthaus moved on. Later in the meeting after council had some time to think about this situation, it was decided by the council that the city attorney is going to be contacted on this issue before sending maintenance out to help with any removal.

Storm Sewer: Trent Bruce with DGR Engineering commented that the application to DANR has been submitted by the April 1st deadline. We should know sometime after June what the outcome will be on that application. He also mentioned that this summer they will walk through the Phase 1 project for any warranty work that needs to be done.

Law Enforcement: March report so noted.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Cody Northern here on next months operating agreement. He also mentioned that he had a plumber out to clean the sewer line from the women's bathroom and the plumber did say there was gravel in that line. He is to keep us posted if he runs into more issues with that line.

Parks & Recreation: Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to rehire Jerico Shape for part-time summer maintenance help at \$15.00 per hour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve building permit for Bruce & Karen England. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

First reading of Ordinance 2022-1 – Cannabis Ordinance was done.

Motion by Vondra, second by Anderson to sign the Frontline warning siren agreement for 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Spring clean-up day will be May 20th – 21st. Council has decided to add another roll-off for a total of 4 this year. Roll offs will be by the firehall. No tires, electronics, appliances, paint or household garbage that can go into weekly garbage pickup.

Motion by Hofer, second Vondra to have Council President Holthaus sign an utility easement for GoldenWest for the fiber optic boring work at 651 E 6th St. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:40 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, May 9, 2022.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4115.91; Dump 22.98; Finance Office 1146.84; Fire 109.16; Liquor 330.50; Parks 404.46; Sewer 1242.94; Streets 2158.97; Water 1196.98; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 3506.45; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 852.12; SD Unemployment Ins Div, 207.51.

Supplies: CHS/Farmers Alliance–shop & firehall propane, 2446.17; Freeman Lumber–street supply, 72.50; Hofer, Robin–amb gas reimbursement, 145.05; McCook Co Highway Dept–culverts for 435th (reimbursed by Anderson Trkg), 1301.75; Menards–supplies for parks, shop, firehall, 40.52; Office Depot–Mostly printer ink for FO & shop, 137.58; Pfeifer Implement–street sweeper parts, 1149.55; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 80.00; Runnings–bar & shop supply, 190.41; Stern Oil–gas for shop & Legion Hall propane, 1257.35; Total Stop–gas for shop pkups, 263.93.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trkg-3/6/22 snow removal, 1275.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in March & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 844.05; Dakota Beverage, 514.90; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, 447.02.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & extra copies, 78.08; Banyon Data Systems-Fund Acctg & Payroll annual support, 1680.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Frontline Warning Systems-2022 annual siren service contract, 300.00; Glanzer, Scott–return of firehall rent, 100.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–May rent (Payable 05/01/22), 400.00; Petty Cash–stamps, 15.60; RBS Sanitation-March garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD Dept Public Health Laboratory-water testing for Feb., 15.00; SD State Treasurer–Mar garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$4.91), 322.53; SD 811-11 faxed locates, 12.32; Thaler, Barb-EMT trainer & mileage, 133.00; The Special/New Century Press-March publishing, 469.93; US Bank-SRF Sewer Loans #2 & #3, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in March): Golden West, 303.11; Hanson Rural Water, 3944.40; Xcel Energy, 2159.27.

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, Julson, Joan-monthly medicare reimbursement, 340.20.

Professional: Eich Law Office-March statement, 60.00.

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