

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

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 09/07/2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Absent: Bob Anderson. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Scott Lavoy & Trent Bruce (DGR Engineering), Jim Julson, and Steve Sievers.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No appointments for Mayor or 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 August 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The August 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 August Financial Statement. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher. 1) chip & seal finished; 2) working on Ash St by the city park

Ambulance: Motion by Vondra, second by Strombeck to allow Jim Julson & Sue Rinehart to attend the SD EMS State Conference held in Sioux Falls on Oct 28-30. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Strombeck presented a few different options for items to do at the city park. Options were: pickleball court & parking in the old tennis court area, splash pad, play set upgrade, park bathroom remodel or upgrading play system at ball park area. After discussing each of the ideas, Council decided to apply to Xcel Energy for an upgraded play system for the city park at this time.

At 7:36 pm President Holthaus opened the Public Hearing for the temporary beer/liquor permit for the Fire Dept for the Firemen's Ball at the Legion Hall on Sept 24, 2022. No one came to express any comments or concerns. Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to grant the temporary 2-day beer/liquor permit to the Fire Dept for the Firemen's Ball at the Legion Hall on Sept 24, 2022. All present voted aye. Motion carried. At 7:37 Public Hearing was declared over.

At 7:37 the Public Hearing for Nuisance Abatements was opened by President Holthaus. No one came or submitted any comments. After council discussion, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Hofer to approve the following assessments and instruct finance officer to submit these assessments to the McCook County Auditor. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

\*Freeman, Joseph, 431 N Poplar Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: S½ of Lot 3 & All of Lot 4 Blk 3 OT

Parcel #18.00.0304: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$79.88

\*Angela Letcher, 401 N Cedar Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: E½ of Lot 11 & All of Lot 12 Block 6 OT

Parcel #18.00.0612: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$319.50

\*Boro Stepanovic, 321 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lot 4 Blk 10 OT

Parcel #18.00.1004: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$79.88

\*Maria Zapeta Gomez, 304 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lot 6 Blk 10 OT

Parcel #18.00.1006: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$79.88

\*Mynor Carrillo & Tracy Pitts, 351 N Cedar Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lots 1 & 2 Blk 9 OT

Parcel # 18.00.0901: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$79.88

\*Pedro Lopez, Lots 1-3 Block 14 OT, Bridgewater SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lots 1-3 Block 14 OT

Parcel #18.00.1401: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$279.56

President Holthaus declared Public Hearing over. Time 7:39pm

Public Hearing was held at 7:39 for a Conditional Use Permit. Motion by Strombeck, second by Vondra to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

First item for consideration was a Conditional Use Permit for chickens for Luke Burger. No one came to comment for or against this permit and after council discussion, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Vondra to approve permit #081 Luke Burger – 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 be good for only 1 year if these conditions are met. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Second item for Board of Adjustment consideration was a variance from setback requirements for Allen & Tami Heiman concerning property at 221 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. A letter from the Heiman's was sent to the council for their prior review of this property. It explained that the existing building including overhang on the property was within about 4" of the property line on its east property line. They would like to add a 16' addition with concrete patio to the west side of the building and also put in a concrete driveway on the south side of this existing building which would also be within 1'4" of the property line. In the letter it also stated that Heiman's had been in contact with the neighbor on the east side and the neighbor has no opposition to a variance from setback requirements for this property. There being no one in attendance with any comments or complaints, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Hofer to approve this variance from setback requirements for Allen & Tami Heiman property at 221 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Time 7:45 pm

Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to approve Resolution #22-0907. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-0907**

**WHEREAS**, a request has been made by Allen & Tami Heiman, owners of real estate described in Attachment 1 hereto for a variance as to the real property described in Attachment 1, for the purposes therein contained, and good cause appearing,

**IT IS HERBY RESOLVED** that the Mayor or City Council President is directed to execute the variance contained in Attachment 1 and cause it to be filed with the McCook County Register of Deeds, all at the expense of the owners of the real estate.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

4 Votes in favor    0 Votes opposed    1 Absent

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

By: Travis Holthaus

Council President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

Finance Officer

(SEAL)

Public Input: Steve Sievers asked about a property that had inside household items in the yard. Finance Officer will contact owner to see what is happening within the home. No other input, President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Scott LaVoy & Trent Bruce – DGR Engineering discussed the Phase 2 of the Storm Sewer & Infrastructure Improvement Project. The project cost is \$5,470,000 for the replacement of 5,900 linear feet of storm sewer outfall line from the southern city limits to the discharge point approximately 1 mile southwest of town. It also includes storm sewer and drainage infrastructure improvements of about 7-8 blocks in the east area of city limits. This is larger than the project that was submitted as part of the initial SRF/ARPA funding package of \$4.6 million total because in order to use CDBG funds, you need to match at a 1:1 ratio. So, in order to request \$750,000 in CDBG funds, we need to have a local match of an equal or greater amount. This comes by way of SRF loan and /or local project match. We were awarded \$3,851,442 in ARPA grant, \$82,439 in local ARPA, \$666,119 SRF loan, and \$100,000 of local match to meet the 1:1 ratio for the CDBG grant to hopefully secure \$750,000 in CDBG grant money. If we receive the CDBG in December we will move forward, otherwise we will wait and apply again in April 2023 for the CDBG. If it doesn't get awarded in April, council will

consider to back down the project accordingly. If everything falls into place, our approx. \$5.45 million project will cost the city \$666,119 in SRF loan and \$100,000 in local cash.

The Agreement for Professional Services for DGR for this project was discussed. DGR is proposing to perform the topographic survey, final design and bidding service tasks for \$360,000. The construction administration services for an estimated amount of \$342,000 based on hourly rates and reimbursable expenses at times of services. Motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to sign the DGR Agreement for Professional Services for the Phase 2 Storm Sewer & Infrastructure Improvements Project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: No report received.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Vondra, second by Hofer to approve building permit for David Keating. All voted aye. Motion carried. Allen & Tami Heiman permit was approved above.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 2023 Budget Ordinance was done. Motion by Vondra, second by Strombeck to adopt the 2023 Appropriation Ordinance A-115. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:15 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, October 10, 2022.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

### **Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5353.39; Dump 198.84; Derecho Clean-Up 241.29; Finance Office 1124.21; Liquor 255.52; Mosquito 264.27; Parks 1311.49; Sewer 1074.45; Storm Sewer 91.92; Streets 2085.04; Water 996.24; EFTPS-August payroll taxes,4391.21; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 838.64.

Supplies: CHS/Farmers Alliance–shop propane, 730.68; Core & Main–meter, 226.68; Hofer, Robin–amb gas reimbursement, 475.01; Julson, Joan–shop & mowing gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 585.78; Menards–shop, streets, fire supply, 208.64; Pfeifer Implement–skidsteer sweeper bucket cutting edge, 326.08; Post Master–water/sewer/garbage bill stamps, 88.00; Riteway–laser utility bills, 208.69; Stern Oil–shop pkup & diesel tank fill, 491.17

Repairs & Maintenance: Flint Hills Resources–chip seal & fog seal, 28162.18; Floor Tec–firehall carpet cleaning, 503.72.

Beer and Liquor (paid in August & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 388.60; Dakota Beverage Inc, 671.20; Republic National Distributing Co, 1060.87.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement, 81.11; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Bridgewater Fire Dept–“Fireball” donation, 1500.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–October rent (Payable 10/01/22), 400.00; Petty Cash–amb supply, 2.49; RBS Sanitation–Aug garbage pick-up & landfill clean-up charge, 3757.44; RBS Sanitation–dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; SD State Treasurer–Aug garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.47), 228.19; SD 811-5 faxed locates, 5.60; SD Dept of Public Health Laboratory–water testing for July, 15.00; The Special/New Century Press–August publishing, 118.97.

Utilities (Paid in August): Golden West, 318.82; Hanson Rural Water, 6510.60; Xcel Energy, 2200.78.

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, Julson, Joan–monthly Medicare reimbursement, 340.20.

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