

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2023 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 03/06/2023. 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 (via telephone). Absent Luke Burger. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Doug Gilbert (BRFD), Ross Glanzer (BRFD) and Michael Damm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No appointments for Mayor. President Holthaus continued with meeting.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All 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 Hofer, second by Strombeck 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 Anderson, second by Hofer to approve the February bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Letcher. 1) John Schallenkamp asked if the city would be able to spread salt & sand that he has on his lot along Hwy 262. After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Hofer to have maintenance spread this for a charge of \$150 per hour with a minimum of 1 hour charge or \$150. No salt or sand product is included in this cost. All voted aye. Motion carried. 2) cleaning up at the intersections 3) looking for a different seat for the skid loader 4) Anderson noticed that the chimney at the shop needs checking 5) will be burning tree pile 6) needs to open driveway at lagoon for DGR Engineering to survey 7) Jerico Shape will be available for summer help this summer again. Letcher asked if we could just hire him as part time help all year long? With his teaching schedule, he may be able to help especially with some of this snow removal. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to rehire Jerico Shape part time as needed all year round at \$16.00 per hour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Fire: Bridgewater Rural Fire Board was here to extend the Contract for another year and approve the 2024 Budget. Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to extend the contract with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District for another year. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Strombeck, second by Anderson to approve the 2024 Fire Dept Budget with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Mike Damm discussed with the council the wrecked car on 5<sup>th</sup> Street by the school & its removal. The enforcing of the vehicle removal ordinance off the streets after a snow event to help out with snow removal. The drainage of a new home in the area of 5<sup>th</sup> & Cherry. No further input, Council President Holthaus moved on.

Law Enforcement: February report noted.

Parks & Recreation: Strombeck is still working on grant paperwork for a city park project. She would like to apply for an AARP Community Challenge Grant which is due March 15<sup>th</sup>. This grant could possibly help with a city park bathroom upgrade & accessibility etc. Motion by Vondra, second by Anderson to allow Strombeck to apply for the AARP Community Challenge Grant. All voted aye. Motion carried. The passing of Resolution 23-0206C – LWCF grant was also discussed. This grant paperwork has a deadline of April 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Vondra, second by Strombeck to pass Resolution 23-0206C. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER**  
**RESOLUTION #23-0206C**

*WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of South Dakota have authorized the making of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to public bodies to aid in financing the acquisition and/or construction of specific public outdoor recreation projects;*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. *That Travis Holthaus is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Bridgewater with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for an LWCF grant to aid in financing the Splash Park for the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota.*
2. *That Travis Holthaus, Council President, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the above mentioned federal and/or state agencies may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.*

3. That the City of Bridgewater shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.
4. That the City of Bridgewater will dedicate the land where this project is located for park and outdoor recreation purposes in perpetuity.

Travis Holthaus, Council President

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Finance Officer of the City of Bridgewater does hereby certify: That the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution, authorizing the filing of application with the National Park Service as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City of Bridgewater duly held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

Joan M. Julson, Finance Officer

(Seal)

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve building permit for John Brumlik with grading & drainage verification with DGR Engineering (Storm Sewer Project – Phase 2). All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to sign the Frontline warning siren agreement for 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

City will not have an election this year. Holthaus, Vondra, Hofer & Burger all took out petitions and are unopposed. They will continue in their seats. Open seat for Mayor.

Local Board of Equalization meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Appeals need to be in by Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Due to conflicts, Council decided to have April meeting on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vondra, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:24 pm.

Next regular meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 4782.50; Dump 47.96; Finance Office 1229.18; Fire 71.95; Gov't Bldg 11.99; Liquor 322.74; Parks 128.30; Sewer 914.86; Storm Sewer 71.93; Streets 3095.22; Water 986.80; EFTPS-February payroll taxes, 3774.77; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 887.92.

Supplies: CHS/Farmers Alliance-shop & firehall propane, 2112.59; Core & Main–8 meters, 1280.00; Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 100.00; Julson, Joan–shop gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 777.02; Menards–shop, firehall, parks supply, 66.50; Runnings–shop supply, 50.96; Scott Supply–skidsteer pump & filter, 321.79; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane, 1149.75; Total Stop–fire dept diesel, 119.00.

Repair & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-snow removal Feb 15,23,24,25, 5025.00; Justice Fire & Safety – 224 fire extinguishers annual maintenance inspection, 802.50.

Beer and Liquor (paid in February & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1287.40; Dakota Beverage, 345.20; Republic National Dist Co, 348.49.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & tech service, 116.11; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Frontline Warning Systems-2023 annual siren service contract, 300.00; Julson, James-mileage to amb conf in Pierre, 196.35; Kroger, Matthew-plumbing service reimbursement from city sewer main cleanout, 186.38; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–April rent (Payable 04/01/23), 400.00; Petty Cash-amb wash, 8.00; RBS Sanitation-Feb. garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; Ramkota Hotel-2 rooms for Amb Conference in Pierre, 421.84; Rinehart, Sue-6 CPR cards for Amb., 48.00; SD State Treasurer–Feb. garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.73), 244.96; SD Dept of Public Health Laboratory-water testing for Dec, 15.00; SD 811-5 faxed locates for Feb, 5.60; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society-animal control, 364.28; The Special/New Century Press-Feb. publishing, 289.66.

Utilities (Paid in February): Golden West, 300.55; Hanson Rural Water 4230.00; Xcel Energy, 3100.26.

Dues & Fees: Core & Main-Annual support for meter reading device, 2500.00.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 185.49; American Continental/Aetna-Medicare, 252.57; Health Pool of SD, 2107.60, Julson, Joan-monthly Medicare & Part D reimbursement, 344.80.

Professional: Eich Law Office-Feb statement, 330.00.