

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

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Thursday 04/06/2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Luke Burger, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Scott LaVoy – DGR Engineering, Trent Bruce – DGR Engineering, Sophie Johnson – SECOG, Jason Bailey – school, and Steve & Deana Prater.

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 Vondra, second by Hofer to approve the March 6th regular meeting and March 20th BOE meeting minutes. All 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 Strombeck, second by Anderson 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 Anderson, second by Vondra to approve the March bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Letcher. 1) filling some potholes with gravel – waiting for them to start making hot mix for potholes 2) burned tree pile out at dump

Public Hearing was held at 7:15 for a Conditional Use Permit. Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

For consideration was a renewal Conditional Use Permit for chickens for Jamie Schryvers. No one came to comment for or against this permit but council did have concerns with a pile of maybe old bedding or manure that needed cleaning up. A motion was made by Burger, second by Vondra to approve permit #092 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 be good for only 1 year if the pile of manure is cleaned up as soon as possible. All 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 7:17 pm

Public Input: Steve Prater inquired about the property at 6th & Cherry and what the plans were for it. Council responded that there hasn't been any talk about this property recently. Their hope would be to sell it. He also thanked Bob Anderson for his help with the snow removal in their area. No further input, Council President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Scott LaVoy and Trent Bruce from DGR Engineering went over the project timeline with the hope of starting Fall of 2023. Most of their preliminary work is complete and we should be going out for bids in the next couple months. Assessment Hearing will also need to be set up. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to accept the GeoTek Engineering & Testing Services of \$6600 for approximately 11 test borings for Phase 2 Storm Sewer Project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Health & Landfill: It was noted that the garbage contract will need to be rebid in May.

Law Enforcement: March report noted.

Ambulance: A quote was received for a portable AED as the pads for the current AED are no longer available. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to accept the quote from Stryker Medical for a LIFEPAK CR2 defibrillator for \$2140.88. All voted aye. Motion carried. It was noted that another quote had been received for \$100 more for the same machine.

Parks & Recreation: Council discussed with Jason Bailey, school superintendent, possible changes to the ballfield so it could be used for upcoming track meet. Council discussed that, unfortunately, since we don't have much for any ball games there any longer, they were Ok with making the few minor changes. The school will be extending their insurance also to cover the city for any event held on this city owned property. Motion by Vondra, second by Strombeck to the ballfield diamond changes for the school. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sophie Johnson from SECOG discussed with the council the grants available for any city park project concerning a splash pad, bathroom updates, pickleball court, etc. Strombeck has submitted the AARP grant

and we are also looking at a LWCF grant and Xcel Energy grant. We do have the Wellmark donation of \$18,000+, and another \$2000 donation to put towards these park upgrades. Some of these are matching grants, but we are able to use donated labor cost, etc to put towards the city's part of the match. We are waiting to hear on the AARP grant.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve building permit for Albert Schmidt. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to approve the 2022 Annual Report. All voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed in the 4/14/23 issue of The Special)

Tank Removal program information was given to the council.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Vondra to set spring clean-up day on May 20th – 21st. Council has decided to add another roll-off again 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.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:21 pm.

Next regular meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2023.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5288.98; Dump 53.96; Finance Office 1212.30; Fire 131.89; Liquor 265.48; Parks 185.85; Sewer 1109.66; Streets 3156.38; Water 1151.62; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 3471.76; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 933.14; SD Unemployment Ins Div-1st Qtr Unemployment, 138.45.

Supplies: Anderson Trucking–2 loads of rock & delivery, 689.40; Bridgewater Fire Dept–Firehall refrigerator & supplies, 708.84; Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 230.03; Julson, Jim–amb supply (wrist digital BP), 139.52; Julson, Joan–shop gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 757.92; Menards–FO & shop supply, 605.06; Runnings–shop supply, 41.97; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane, 584.91; Total Stop–fire dept diesel & gas, 121.89; Zabel Steel–shop metal, 216.00.

Repair & Maintenance: Heiman Fire Equipment-fire truck repairs, 4358.80

Beer and Liquor (paid in March & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1405.65; Dakota Beverage, 488.05; Republic National Dist Co, 790.10

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement, 81.11; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Humboldt Fire & Amb Services – 2 ALS assists, 300.00; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals–May rent (Payable 05/01/23), 400.00; RBS Sanitation-Mar. garbage pick-up, 2565.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 150.36; Rosenbauer SD-final payment on Rosenbauer tanker (BRFD pd ½ of this cost), 136,188.00; SD State Treasurer–Feb. garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$4.05), 266.28; SD Dept of Public Health Laboratory-water testing for March, 15.00; SD 811-5 faxed locates for March, 5.60; Secretary of State-Notary renewal for Julson/FO, 30.00; Thaler, Barb-EMT training & mileage, 133.00; The Special/New Century Press-Mar. publishing, 185.57; US Bank-2 sewer SRF loans, 8834.09; Whiting, Jaime-water deposit return, 100.00.

Utilities (Paid in March): Golden West, 309.66; Hanson Rural Water 3696.60; Xcel Energy, 2911.47.

Dues & Fees: Banyon Data System-Fund Actg & Payroll annual support, 1680.00

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; Julson Ins.- CAN Surety Notary Bond Renewal for Julson, 50.00; SDML Work Comp-2022 wage audit, 322.00.

Professional: SECOG-ARPA Grant (DANR) administrative assistance, 4000.00.

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