

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 07/10/2023. 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, Attorney Robin Eich, Trent Bruce – DGR Engineering, Greg Mielke, Margie Peters, Brian & Cindy Weber, Steve & Deana Prater, and Jerry Paweltzki.

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 June 5th regular meeting and the June 29th special meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The June Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Burger, second by Vondra to approve the June Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. 1st reading of Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance A-117 was done.

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

At 7:22 pm President Holthaus opened the Public Hearing for the temporary beer/liquor permit for the Fire Dept for the Firemen's Ball on 9/16/23 and a wedding dance on 10/14/23 at the Legion Hall. No one came to express any comments or concerns. Motion by Hofer, second by Burger to grant the temporary 2-day beer/liquor permits to the Fire Dept for the Firemen's Ball on 9/16/23 and a wedding dance on 10/14/23 at the Legion Hall. All present voted aye. Motion carried. At 7:24 Public Hearing was declared over.

No Maintenance Report as Letcher was on vacation.

Public Input: Jerry Paweltzki asked why there is a cement pad put on home base out at the ballfield. Council commented that they decided to let the school expand onto the ballfield for the discus & shot put for safety concerns during the track meets. The council also explained that they are saddened to see the lack of use at the ballfield for so many years, agreed to let the school use the ballfield on the condition that if there was ever interest in having ball games again it would be put back to a ballfield. He also commented on the mowing on south Main Ave., and question on why anyone south of the railroad tracks was being charged the storm sewer charges when he feels they don't benefit. Steve Prater was also interested in the ballfield. He wondered if anyone had thought of doing exhibition games. Greg Mielke had questions about development. No further input, Council President Holthaus moved on.

Streets & Alleys: The light at SD Hwy 262 & 42 that has been hit & knocked down was discussed. It was found that it is the city's expense to getting it put back up since it is unknown who hit it. This was tabled for costs in getting this light put back up.

Water & Sewer: Motion by Hofer, second by Vondra to pay sewer back-up bills for clean-up for 633 N Juniper Ave when the city sewer main backed up this winter. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Health & Landfill: The monthly garbage rate was discussed. Rates from other towns were noted. Motion by Burger, second by Strombeck to raise the garbage rate to \$21.00 plus tax per month effective immediately payable with the August billing for July usage. All voted aye. Motion carried. It was also noted that any extra in the garbage fund will be used to help maintain streets.

Law Enforcement: June report noted.

Ambulance: Strombeck thanked the ambulance & fire for their quick response to one her guests at the Airbnb. Her guests doctors commented that the prognosis was good due to this quick response. Strombeck also commented on the dire need for EMT's and that this is a good way to become involved in your community.

Parks & Recreation: We are still waiting to hear on the LWCF grant application and Xcel grant for the park project.

Code Enforcement: Vondra brought up the mowing and trimming issues around town.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Vondra, second by Anderson to approve building permits for Steve Prater and Tom Kirby. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Storm Sewer: Trent Bruce - DGR Engineering went over the scope of our Phase 2 Storm Sewer Project for all in attendance. Areas left to work on are the easements, assessments and bid letting. Timeline is still projected for this fall on outfall line and spring work on the areas in town. Public questions were answered by Mr. Bruce also.

It was noted that finance office will be closed July 18-21 for vacation.

Motion by Burger, second by Vondra to go into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2.3 Consulting with legal counsel on contractual matters. All voted aye. Motion carried. Time 8:27 pm. Attorney Robin Eich, Trent Bruce – DGR Engineering and Finance Officer Julson were asked to stay in the meeting also. Attorney Robin Eich & Trent Bruce-DGR Engineering left at 9:09 pm. President Holthaus declared executive session over at 9:20 pm.

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

Next regular meeting is Monday, August 7, 2023.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 6066.61; Clean-up 167.92; Dump 203.84; Finance Office 1830.60; Fire 133.96; Gov't Bldg 64.00; Liquor 408.47; Mosquito 251.79; Parks 4614.04; Sewer 2340.38; Storm Sewer 320.81; Streets 2132.15; Water 1405.16; EFTPS-June payroll taxes, 5112.43; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 1343.26; SD Unemployment-2nd Q unemployment payment 94.52.

Supplies: Commercial Asphalt-15T patch mix, 1819.20; Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 109.17; Julson, Joan-shop, mowing, & fire dept gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 1035.98; Lew's Fireworks Inc-fireworks package 2700.00; McLeod's Printing & Office supply-fire dept name tags 299.90; Menards-street supply 59.99; Runnings-park, lagoon & shop supply 297.43; Stern Oil-Legion Hall propane 397.60; Sturdevants-fire pumper parts, 72.96; Total Stop-fire truck gas 287.35.

Repair & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-hauling 1 load of patch mix 203.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in June & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 497.25; Dakota Beverage, 366.75; Johnson Brothers Famous Brand, 320.15

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement, 81.11; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 500.00; DANR-storm sewer project storm water discharge permit, 250.00; Humboldt Fire & Amb Services-ALS assist, 150.00; Julson, Joan-mileage reimbursement to FO workshop, 218.79; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; McCook County Treas-2023 MV607 Int'l fire tanker title, 26.70; Nordwald Rentals-July rent (Payable 08/01/23), 400.00; Petty Cash-amb wash, 11.00; Post Master-14 rolls postage for WSG bills, 672.00; Ramkota Hotel-room at FO convention, 230.00; RBS Sanitation-June garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; SD 811-14 faxed locates, 15.68; SD State Treasurer-June garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.60), 236.73; SD Public Health Lab-water testing, 15.00; The Special/New Century Press-June publishing, 92.03; US Bank-SRF Sewer Loans #2 & #3, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in June): Golden West, 309.09; Hanson Rural Water 7506.00; Xcel Energy, 2696.92.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 311.46; American Continental/Aetna-Medicare, 252.57; Health Pool of SD, 2107.60, Julson, Joan-monthly Medicare & Part D reimbursement, 344.80; SD Public Assurance Alliance-liability & property insurance, 21028.58.

Professional: Eich Law Office- May/June statement, 40.00

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