

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2023 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 10/09/2023. 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, Trent Bruce—DGR Engineering, Steve & Deana Prater, and Margie Peters.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Burger, second by Hofer to approve the September 11th regular meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

No Maintenance Report as Letcher was absent.

Before beginning Public Input, President Holthaus asked that there be a 3-minute limit on anyone speaking. This should allow anyone wanting to speak, sufficient time to speak with no interruptions and keep the meeting moving.

Public Input: Margie Peters asked if there were any ordinances on the books about dogs "doing their business" in other people's yards? Council commented that it is "common courtesy" to clean up after your own dog if it goes anywhere other than your own yard. She also asked about whether the trailers, etc. would be moved from the parking areas before a snow event. Council did comment that maintenance usually requests that trailers & such are removed for snow removal. No further input, Council President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Trent Bruce stated that there were 6 bids at the bid opening on September 21st with 2 bids that were under the estimate and 4 were over the estimate amount. Lowest bidder was H&W Contracting LLC out of Sioux Falls, SD with a total bid price of \$4,562,671.93. DGR has worked with this company on other projects and feel they are very capable of doing this job also. This bid came in lower than the estimate which will provide a cushion for any "surprises" that will come up during the project.

After all questions were answered, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Anderson to award the contract to H&W Contracting LLC of Sioux Falls, SD for a total bid price of \$4,562,671.93 contingent upon receipt of all contract documents in proper form and concurrence of the proper funding agencies. All voted aye. Motion carried. President Holthaus will sign the Notice of Award to H&W Contracting LLC.

Streets & Alleys: Still waiting for a quote for the light at SD Hwy 262 & 42. Hofer brought up doing some extra street work while the contractors are here with the Storm Sewer Project. Finance Officer gave the council the information from the attorney on the city property at 4th & Walnut. She will check back with the attorney on who can value that piece of property. Council decided that it would be discussed further at November meeting.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to renew the liquor license for the bar. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Painting of the outside of the Legion Hall next spring/summer was discussed.

Law Enforcement: September Sherriff report noted.

Parks & Recreation: Playground ideas were gone over that the Bridgewater Activities group had given for the council. Strombeck will visit further with the Bridgewater Activities group on these ideas.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to approve building permit for Bruce England. All voted aye. Motion carried. Permit for Allen Heiman was tabled until the November meeting for a variance hearing.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Burger, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:25 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, November 6, 2023.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5287.82; Dump 185.85; Finance Office 1189.06; Fire 101.96; Govt Bldg 101.92; Liquor 272.24; Parks 1423.98; Sewer 1462.01; Storm Sewer 23.98; Streets 1574.89; Water 1180.25; EFTPS-September payroll taxes, 3652.73; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 875.26; SD Unemployment Ins Div-3rd Q unemployment, 72.93.

Supplies: Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 139.00; Julson, Joan-shop, mowing gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 355.78; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply-deposit & receipt books, 299.80; Menards-mostly shop supply & Legion Hall supply less rebates, 76.30; Runnings-shop & mower supply, 242.87; Sturdevant's Auto Value-fire dept supply, 347.81, Total Stop-fire dept diesel, 113.17.

Beer and Liquor (paid in September & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 985.10; Dakota Beverage, 710.75; Republic National Dist. Co., 320.78.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement & extra copies, 84.71; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 500.00; Humboldt Fire & Amb Services-Amb ALS assist, 150.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals-Nov rent (Payable 11/01/23), 400.00; Petty Cash-return of incorrect IRS check, 8.14; Public Health Laboratory-water testing for August, 196.00; RBS Sanitation-Sept garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; SD 811-5 faxed locates, 5.60; SD State Treasurer-Sept garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$7.41), 486.60; Stanley, Roberta-balance of water deposit, 26.16; The Special/New Century Press-Sept publishing, 435.82; Thaler, Barb-EMT training & mileage, 133.00; US Bank-SRF Sewer loans #2 & #3, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in September): Golden West, 260.10; Hanson Rural Water 6141.00; Xcel Energy, 2168.42.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 311.46; American Continental/Aetna-Medicare, 280.56; Health Pool of SD, 2107.60, Julson, Joan-monthly Medicare & Part D reimbursement, 344.80.

Professional: Eich Law Office- Aug/Sept statement, 400.00.

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