

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

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 11/06/2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Mark Vondra. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Luke Burger, Tony Hofer, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Absent—Travis Holthaus. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Steve & Deana Prater, and Justin Cope.

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 Anderson, second by Burger to approve the October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The October Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Burger, second by Hofer to approve the October Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. First reading of Supplemental Budget Ordinance #119 was done.

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher: 1) winterizing parks & lagoon 2) dump clean-up – it was noted that items other than trees, branches, garden waste, and leaves were put out at the dump site. This is a violation of our permit and the dump may be locked until further notice. If this happens, you'll need to contact maintenance during working hours for usage.

Public Input: Justin Cope inquired about the house at southwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Cherry that the city owns. He may be interested in tearing it down and bringing in another home. No further input, Council Vice-President Vondra moved on.

Public Hearing was held at 7:33 for a Variance Request. Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of Adjustment considered a variance from setback requirements for Allen & Tami Heiman concerning property at 221 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. They would like to bring in a 24' X 32' garage and put in a 12' concrete driveway on the west side (Spruce Ave) of this property. This would mean that the garage would need a variance of 13' to comply with the 25' setback on any street side of the property. There being no one in attendance with any comments or complaints, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Burger to approve this variance Resolution #23-1106 from setback requirements for Allen & Tami Heiman property at 221 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER**  
**RESOLUTION #23-1106**

**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, City Council President or Vice 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

5 Votes in favor    0 Votes opposed    1 Absent

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

By: Mark Vondra  
Mayor, Council President or Vice President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson  
Finance Officer  
(SEAL)

Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Time 7:40 pm

Storm Sewer: All contract documents have been received from H&W Contracting, LLC. President Holthaus will be signing the Agreement between city & H&W Contracting, LLC and the Notice to Proceed.

Streets & Alleys: Still waiting for a base for the light at SD Hwy 262 & 42. The city property at 4<sup>th</sup> & Walnut was discussed. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to surplus 33' X 57.5' of the north 99' of lot 47A. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ambulance: It was noted that Jim Julson applied for a grant through the Independent Insurance Agents of SD for ambulance equipment. He was notified that the IIASD Trusted Choice grant was received in the amount of \$7500.00 by the Bridgewater Community Ambulance. This can be used for any equipment that they may need.

Fire Dept: It was noted for work comp purposes that the following new firemen are added to the roster: Brenden Watters, Aguer VanSickle and Landon Hofer.

Law Enforcement: October Sherriff report noted.

Parks & Recreation: Strombeck brought more ideas to the council for the playground at the city park. She noted that several of these commercial playground sets were ½ price making them closer to an affordable cost and getting more for our money. A motion was made by Burger, second by Hofer to allow the parks committee to go over these ideas and decide on items up to a cost of \$20,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to approve building permits for Herberth Vinales and Becky Pollreisz. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Due to conflicts with the normal December meeting date, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Hofer to set Wednesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> as the next meeting date. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to continue the employee's health insurance with the SD Health Pool, Medicare and supplements as is. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to go into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2.3 reviewing communications from legal counsel on contractual matters. All voted aye. Motion carried. Time 8:35 pm. Vice-President Vondra declared executive session over at 8:48 pm.

Motion by Burger, second by Strombeck to issue a check for Storm Sewer Phase 2 project easements for Parcel 1 & 2 in the amount of \$13,892.00 to Gerald Paweltzki. Check to be exchanged after signing Parcel 1 & 2 easement and McCook County drainage document. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:58 pm.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Mark Vondra – Council Vice-President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5535.93; Council 6275.00; Dump 47.96; Finance Office 1176.39; Fire 89.93; Govt Bldg 257.79; Liquor 268.44; Parks 700.23; Sewer 1251.58; Storm Sewer 101.90; Streets 1631.25; Water 1203.62; EFTPS-October payroll taxes, 3384.51; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 868.44.

Supplies: Core & Main–3 water meters & 4 transmitters, 1140.00; Heritage Pharmacy–amb supply, 53.37;

Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 162.93; Julson, James-mileage to Rapid City for SD EMS conference, 313.65; Julson, Joan-shop gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 205.15; Menards-mostly shop supply less rebates, 145.83; Total Stop-fire dept diesel, 340.49.

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking-tree removal, 450.00; Meyer Motor-2008 Ford F350 shop truck-tires, brakes replaced, 1729.18; Two Way Solutions, Inc-amb/fire radio antenna & radio repair, 234.97.

Beer and Liquor (paid in October & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 901.20; Dakota Beverage, 758.40; Johnson Brothers, 445.94.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement, 84.44; A-OX Welding Supply-S cylinder annual lease, 50.45; Best Western Ramkota-rooms for SD EMS Rapid City convention, 546.00; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 500.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2112.50; Nordwald Rentals-Dec rent (Payable 12/01/23), 400.00; Public Health Laboratory-water testing for September, 15.00; RBS Sanitation-Oct. garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; SD 811-3 faxed locates, 3.36; SD State Treasurer-Oct garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.68), 241.53; The Special/New Century Press-Oct publishing, 83.96; US Bank-overpayment for 511 N Main Ave, 72.00; US Bank-SRF Water loans #1 & #2, 6922.35; US Bank-SRF Storm Sewer #4, 18397.88.

Utilities (Paid in October): Golden West, 307.49; Hanson Rural Water 4087.20; Xcel Energy, 2451.67.

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- Sept/Oct statement, 500.00.

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