

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11, 2024 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 03/11/2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Luke Burger, Travis Holthaus, Tony Hofer, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Scott LaVoy (DGR), Jim Hoffman (BRFD), Ross Glanzer (BRFD), Jerry Paweltzki, and Brian Cable.

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 Hofer, second by Anderson to approve the February 5<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 Anderson, second by Burger 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 Burger, second by Vondra to approve the February bills for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Letcher: 1) new water curb stops put in at Main & Hwy 262 east side 2) fixing up picnic tables 3) lagoon pumping 4) discussed city park bathrooms.

Fire: Bridgewater Rural Fire District Board was here to extend the Contract for another year and approve the 2025 Budget. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to extend the contract with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District for another year. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to approve the 2025 Fire Dept Budget with the Bridgewater Rural Fire District. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jerry Paweltzki asked about the need for gravel on south Main Ave – Maintenance will check it out. He also asked about speed sign on Hwy 262. No more input, President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Scott LaVoy-DGR went over the Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 progress. The boring under the railroad tracks is pretty much done. Work out in the fields on the outfall line will continue. Motion by Strombeck, second by Anderson to approve and sign Application 3 for \$456,986.02 for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried. This will be sent in for reimbursement.

Streets & Alleys: Paperwork was received back for Attorney Eich on the sale of the north 33' of Lot 47A (4<sup>th</sup> & Cherry) to Brian & Andrea Cable. Motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to sign Warranty Deed, Purchase Agreement & Certificate of Real Estate Value selling the north 33' of the north 99' of Lot 47A for \$1.00 to Brian & Andrea Cable. Roll Call vote – all voted aye. Motion carried. After motion, all paperwork was signed to return to Attorney Eich for filing.

Government Buildings: Finance Office leased copier will be getting upgraded.

Law Enforcement: January & February reports received & noted.

Parks & Recreation: Strombeck submitted an ARPA grant for the park project.

Motion by Burger, second by Vondra to sign the Frontline warning siren agreement for 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

City will not have an election this year. Strombeck, Anderson, and Burger all took out petitions and are unopposed. They will continue in their seats with oaths being done in May. Open seat for Mayor.

Local Board of Equalization meeting will be March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Appeals need to be in by Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:23 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, April 8, 2024.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5501.56; Dump 199.84; Finance Office 1253.10; Fire 143.64; Govt Bldg 37.47; Liquor 281.37; Parks 609.51; Sewer 1111.50; Storm Sewer 530.83; Streets 1406.39; Water 1486.21; EFTPS-Feb payroll taxes, 3655.05; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 910.50.

Supplies: CHS–shop & firehall propane for Jan & Feb, 3270.36; Core & Main-4 curb box risers, 264.90; Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 60.00; Julson, Joan–shop gas (credit card statement), 201.11; Menards–picnic table repair parts, shop door opener & misc supply, 480.04; Rivers Edge Bank–check blanks reorder, 28.63; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane (2/15/24 & 2/29/24), 866.56; Sioux Valley Environmental–water chemical, 51.50; Two Way Solutions, Inc–amb radio battery, 93.99; Zabel Steel–metal for picnic tables & shop metal, 699.60.

Repairs & Maintenance: CMC Excavation Inc–call out for possible water leak & 2 curb stops at Main & Hwy 262, 3030.40; Meyer Motor–amb windshield chip repair, 65.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in February & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1597.35;

Dakota Beverage, 444.52; Johnson Brothers, 419.27.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement, 84.44; Americ Inn-2 rooms for amb convention in Ft Pierre, 527.96; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Bridgewater Fire Dept-grant from the Darlys & Catherine Hofer Charitable Fund of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, 1000.00; Humboldt Fire & Amb Services-ALS Assist, 150.00; Julson, Jim-mileage to Ft Pierre for amb convention, 186.66; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2356.25; Nordwald Rentals–Apr rent (Payable 04/01/24), 400.00; Petty Cash-stamps, 9.60; Presuhn Agency Inc-E-filed 1099's, 25.00; Public Health Laboratory-water testing for Jan, 15.00; RBS Sanitation-Feb. garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; SD 811-20 faxed locates for Jan & Feb, 22.40; SD State Treasurer–Feb garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$4.21), 276.31; SF Area Humane Society-animal impoundment, 80.16; The Special/New Century Press-Feb publishing, 65.72.

Dues & Fees: Core & Main–annual support, 2500.00; Frontline Warning Systems–annual siren contract service agreement, 350.00.

Utilities (Paid in February): Golden West, 310.16; Hanson Rural Water, 4566.00; Xcel Energy, 2197.82.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 311.46; Health Pool of SD, 2286.39, Julson, Joan-monthly Medicare, Supplement & Part D reimbursement, 650.66.

Professional: DGR Engineering–professional services through January, 23893.01; H&W Contracting LLC – Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 - Payment #1, 149315.76; H&W Contracting LLC–Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 - Payment #2, 586721.83; SECOG-project admin assistance for CDBG, 5000.00.

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