

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 07/08/2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Luke Burger, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, and Mark Vondra. Absent Tony Hofer. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Trent Bruce (DGR), Eileen Heiberger, Tim Gray, Steve Sievers, Jalen Weber, Matt Kroger, Attorney Robin Eich, and Jerry Paweltzki.

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 June 10th regular 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 Vondra, second by Burger to approve the June Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. 1st Reading of 2024 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance A-120 was done.

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher: 1) dealing with flooded areas from rain 2) working on getting ahold of a company for dust control 3) mosquito spraying 4) cold patch mix still not available at the asphalt plants.

At 7:15 the bid opening was held for the surplus wooden playset. 2 Bids were received – Tim & Emily Anderson for \$1200.00 and Kim Potter for \$527.00. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to accept the high bid from Tim & Emily Anderson of \$1200.00 for the surplus wooden playset. All Voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Matt Kroger informed the council that he did have some trouble with sewer back-up during the rain event. Eileen Heiberger discussed the safety concern with the neighbor's dog. Each item was discussed or taken under advisement. No more input, President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Trent Bruce-DGR went over the Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 progress. Not a lot of progress has been made. Contractor is blaming it on the rain. Contractor still has punch list items lingering and no updated schedule has been received. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to approve and sign Application 7 for H&W Contracting for \$37,509.21 for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried. Change Order #1 for updating from 3 strand fencing to 5 strand fencing with bracing and corner posts and the installation of 8" HDPE storm sewer piping from the existing storm sewer outfall to the newly installed flared end outfall location and will be placed following the creek flowline under the existing creek bottom was discussed. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to accept & sign Change Order #1. All voted aye. Motion carried. These will be sent in for reimbursement.

A bill from Jerry Paweltzki for 12 loads of project fill dirt was discussed. As there were too many discrepancies with this bill, it was tabled for further investigation.

At 8:10 the 7:45 Public Hearing was held for the Conditional Use Permit and a Variance. Motion by Strombeck, second by Vondra to recess council and reconvene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The following conditional use permit was discussed. A motion was made by Burger, second by Vondra to approve permit #123 Jason & Katherine Jaeger-ag activities (chickens). Permit allows up to 10 chickens (no roosters, ducks, or other fowl), clean and enclosed pen, food stored in an enclosed container to not attract any rodents, and any complaint, the permit will be revisited. Permits will be good for only 1 year if these conditions are met. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The variance for Allen & Tami Heiman was discussed. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to approve Resolution 24-0708 for a variance for Allen & Tami Heiman. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER
RESOLUTION #24-0708

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Allen & Tami Heiman, owners of real estate Lots 4-6 Block 6 OT in the City of Bridgewater, McCook, South Dakota for a 7' variance as to the real property, 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 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 8th day of July, 2024.

5 Votes in favor 0 Votes opposed 1 Absent

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

By: Travis Holthaus

Mayor or Council President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

Finance Officer

(SEAL)

Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Motion carried. Time 8:15 pm

Water & Sewer: The sewer line for 5th & Cherry plugged again. The line was dug up and it was found that when the Golden West fiber optic line was put in, it went through the center of the sewer line shattering the sewer line. Line was repaired and bills will be sent to Golden West for reimbursement.

Government Buildings/Municipal Liquor Store: The property & liability insurance with SDPAA was discussed. It was decided to go with different deductibles on the autos raising them to \$1000 deductible on the comprehensive coverage and \$1000 on the collision coverage. Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to update the vehicle coverage deductibles to \$1000/\$1000 on the comprehensive & collision coverages. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: June report received & noted.

Parks & Recreation: new playset is up. Disc golf supply has come in and plans for installation are underway. Volleyball is also being looked into. Bob Anderson would donate the sand for a volleyball area.

Code Enforcement: nuisance dog complaints (loose, off leashes, defecating on public & private property, excessive barking) were again discussed. Updating our outdated building code and information on a code enforcement officer was also discussed.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Vondra, second by Burger to pass building permits for Randy Byington, Serge Rivera, Allen Heiman, and Jerry Paweltzki. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burger, second by Anderson to accept the 2021 & 2022 Audit Report by Schoenfish & Co. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Finance Office will be closed the week of July 22-26 for vacation.

Motion by Anderson, 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 9:12 Holthaus declared executive session over at 9:59.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 10:00 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, August 5, 2024.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5752.66; Dump 199.84; Finance Office 1238.72; Fire 90.73; Gov't Bldg 102.00; Liquor 283.14; Mosquito 293.52; Parks 2781.76; Sewer 1542.79; Storm Sewer 574.53; Streets 1732.17; Water 1143.12; EFTPS-June payroll taxes, 3981.78; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 952.16; SD Unemployment Ins Div-2nd Q Unemployment, 42.99.

Supplies: Bridgewater Fire Dept-door lock reimbursement, 193.21; Discstore-deluxe disc golf 9-hole bundle, 3725.00; Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 103.28; Julson, Joan-shop gas (credit card statement), 574.62; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply-laser checks, 159.90; Menards-mostly park supply, 287.53; Post Master-extra postcard stamps, 795.00; Riteway-utility bills, 206.23; Team Lab- bags of patch mix, 800.00; Total Stop-fire dept gas, 149.31; US Postal Service – 1500 stamped envelopes, 1176.95.

Repairs & Maintenance: Benders Sewer & Drain-4th & Oak storm sewer clean out, 821.00; Meyer Motor LLC-grass trk maintenance repair, 476.35; Stahl, Joann-reimburse city sewer line jetting, 456.66.

Beer and Liquor (paid in June & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 688.80; Dakota Beverage, 386.90.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement & extra copies, 93.95; AAA State of Play-playsystems for city park, 18833.00; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 500.00; Lew's Fireworks Inc 3000.00; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2356.25; Nordwald Rentals-August rent (Payable 08/01/24), 400.00; Petty Cash-extra stamps, 92.00; Public Health Laboratory-water testing for May, 15.00; RBS Sanitation-June garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; Schoenfish & Co Inc-2021 & 2022 Audit, 11500.00; SD 811-6 faxed locates for June, 6.72; SD State Treasurer-June garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.54), 232.61; The Special/New Century Press-June publishing, 117.22; US Bank-2 Sewer SRF loan payments, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in June mid-month): Golden West, 314.99; Hanson Rural Water, 6879.88; Xcel Energy, 1955.14.

Insurance: AFLAC-reimbursed by employees, 311.46; Health Pool of SD, 2286.39, Julson, Joan-monthly Medicare, Supplement & Part D reimbursement, 650.66; SD Public Assurance Alliance-Property & Liability Ins renewal, 25,204.90.

Professional: DGR Engineering-professional services through May, 19627.70; H&W Contracting LLC – Storm Sewer Project Phase 2-ARPA Payment #5, 163742.75 & GOED Payment #6, 44358.83.

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