

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2024 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 08/05/2024. 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, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Scott LaVoy (DGR), Eileen Heiberger, Jerry Paweltzki, Keith Heiberger, Jan Bothwell, 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 Vondra, second by Burger to approve the July 8th regular meeting minutes with the following corrections. Add missed motion: Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to have Schulz Electric repair 2 lights on Main Ave. at a cost of \$1399.10. Cost includes 2 LED street lights with photocell & mounting hardware plus labor. All voted aye. Motion carried. Add corrected bill payment: Corrected payment amount for SDPAA after deductible changes: \$22,529.40. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The July Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Strombeck to approve the July Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. 2nd Reading of 2024 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance A-120 was done. Motion by Burger, second by Strombeck to pass 2024 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance A-120. All voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed at the end of the minutes.)

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

Maintenance Report by Letcher: 1) received a cost of \$1200-\$1400 per block from BX Civil & Construction that does dust control. Since it's getting so late in the year, Council decided to do this in the spring since the snow blade would take it off over the winter. 2) work out at the dump 3) painting at the city park 4) can't find any patch mix that has been available for street work.

At 7:30 pm President Holthaus opened the 7:15 pm Public Hearing for the temporary beer/liquor permit for the Fire Dept for the Firemen's Ball on 9/21/24 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 permit to the Fire Dept for the Firemen's Ball on 9/21/24 at the Legion Hall. All present voted aye. Motion carried. At 7:32 Public Hearing was declared over.

Public Input: Eileen Heiberger discussed the safety concern with the neighbor's dog, the smoke from burning leaves & tree branches. Jerry Paweltzki asked about his dirt bill that was presented & tabled at last meeting. Council informed Jerry that the bill has been turned over to the city attorney. Jan Bothwell asked about marked trees by 5th & Cherry. Each item was discussed or taken under advisement. No more input, President Holthaus moved on.

Fire: Fire Dept Training Officer Keith Heiberger was here to request a donation from the city for the Fireball. They use the money to purchase new SVA masks which cost about \$8000 each. Motion by Hofer, second by Burger to donate \$1500 to the fire dept for the Fireball. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Storm Sewer: Scott LaVoy-DGR went over the Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 progress. Out fall line is pretty much complete but nothing in town has been started. Contractor is blaming it on staffing issues but feels with a couple crews they could still get it done this fall. There are concerns with H&W Contracting not meeting our contract completion date. DGR has sent H&W Contracting letters with the approaching contract completion date so they have been made aware and reminded of this approaching date. Change order for 3rd street from Cherry to Walnut was discussed. Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to direct DGR Engineering to do a Change order adding on 3rd St from Cherry to Walnut contingent upon funding agency approval. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: July report received & noted.

Code Enforcement: cleaning up burned garage at 330 N Juniper Ave, over grown weeds, nuisance dog complaints, and burning/excessive smoke were discussed. Updating our outdated building code and pros and cons of a code enforcement officer were also discussed.

Planning & Zoning: Motion by Anderson, second by Vondra to pass building permit for Edward Domanowski. All voted aye. Motion carried.

1st reading of 2025 Budget Ordinance A-121 was done.

Motion by Burger, second by Anderson to go into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2.1 & 2.3 employee matters and reviewing communications from legal counsel about pending litigation. All voted aye. Motion carried. Time 9:25. Anderson left at 9:55. Holthaus declared executive session over at 9:58.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Burger, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:58 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 5690.23; Dump 377.82; Finance Office 1263.05; Gov't Bldg 24.98; Liquor 289.33; Mosquito 627.62; Parks 2958.95; Sewer 1495.50; Storm Sewer 256.04; Streets 1879.32; Water 1129.47; EFTPS-July payroll taxes, 4574.48; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 972.08.

Supplies: CHS-propane for firehall & shop and chemicals, 1479.30; Hofer, Robin-ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 60.00; Julson, Joan-shop gas (credit card statement), 522.89; Menards-paint sprayer & park supply for painting, 1492.62; Runnings-mosquito spray & grass seed, 279.97; Scheetz Implement-sprayer belt, 73.58; Stern-Legion Hall propane fill, 128.64; Sturdevant's Auto Value-core credit, shop antifreeze & mosquito sprayer parts, 148.57; Van Diest Supply Co-mosquito supply, 1674.46

Repairs & Maintenance: CMC Excavation Inc-east end of ditch/creek clean out at lagoon, 812.50; CMC Excavation Inc-repair sewer line at 5th & Cherry (to be reimbursed by Golden West), 3391.96; Meyer Motor LLC-amb maintenance repair, 45.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in July & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 769.35; Johnson Brothers, 528.41.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc-copier lease agreement, 92.67; Bennett, Bianca-return balance of water deposit, 162.75; Bridgewater Development Corp-monthly donation, 500.00; Humboldt Fire & Amb Service-7/3/24 ALS assist, 150.00; Ibarra, Daphne-return balance of water deposit, 148.06; McCook County-Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2356.25; Nordwald Rentals-September rent (Payable 09/01/24), 400.00; Public Health Laboratory-wastewater & water testing for June & July, 185.00; RBS Sanitation-July garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation-dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; SD 811-4 faxed locates for July, 4.48; SD State Treasurer-July garbage, etc. sales tax (We received a 1.5% allowance for timely payments - \$3.54), 232.43; The Special/New Century Press-July publishing, 130.27; US Bank-2 Water SRF loan payments & 1 Storm Sewer SRF loan payment, 25320.23; US Postal Service-annual box rent, 120.00.

Utilities (Paid in July mid-month): Golden West, 305.11; Hanson Rural Water, 5289.53; Xcel Energy, 2213.15.

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 June, 12008.39; Eich Law Office-June/July services, 1163.25.

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**CITY OF BRIDGEWATER
ORDINANCE NO. A-120
2024 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

**Be it ordained by the City of Bridgewater that the following sum is
supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.**

Tax Supported Funds

101	General Fund		
	42910	Civil Defense	
		42900	Other Current Expense
			\$50.00
	45200	Parks	
		42500	Repairs & Maintenance
			\$1,500.00
		42600	Supplies
			\$4,500.00
		42900	Other Current Expense
			\$3,100.00
		43400	Machinery & Equipment
			\$15,500.00
Total Appropriations			\$24,650.00

Source of Funding

101	General Fund	
	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$24,650.00
Total Means of Finance		\$24,650.00

First Reading	<u>July 8, 2024</u>
Second Reading	<u>August 5, 2024</u>
Publication	<u>August 15, 2024</u>
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Travis Holthaus	8/5/2024
Council President or Vice President_	Date

ATTEST: Joan M Julson
Finance Officer

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