

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 02/10/25. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Bob Anderson, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, and Alicen Strombeck. Absent was Luke Burger. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson and Jerry Paweltzki.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No letters of interest were received for the vacant Ward II position or Mayor position.

The minutes of last month's meeting were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve the Jan 6th regular meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

After reviewing the bills for the month of January, a motion was made by Strombeck, second by Anderson to approve the January bills for payment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

As Letcher was out snow plowing streets, no maintenance report was heard.

Public Input: Jerry Paweltzki read the council his list and a list for Ron Liberda on items they feel still need to be dealt with the outfall line part of the storm sewer project. A copy of the list was taken and President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 shut down for winter as of December 24, 2024.

Streets & Alleys: Canistota City may be interested in a couple of extra light poles that we have. Motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to sell up to 2 steel light poles to Canistota for \$100 each. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer: water rates were discussed as we are not up to our 110% for our System Debt Service. The addition of a \$2 maintenance fee will be added. Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to pass Resolution 25-0210. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF BRIDGEWATER

Resolution #25-0210

A Resolution of the City of Bridgewater to amend Section 8.0115 - Rates for Water Service of the 2005 Revised City of Bridgewater Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgewater currently operates a system of waterworks for the purpose of providing water and water supply for municipal, business, and domestic purposes and has determined that improvements to the waterworks are necessary for the conduct of its governmental programs and qualifies as an improvement to its waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined to issue its revenue bonds to finance the improvements to its waterworks system and has applied to the South Dakota Conservancy District for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to finance the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City shall ensure that its Net Revenues Available for Debt Service will equal at least 110% of its System Debt Service for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.0115 – Rates for Water Service states that rates may be adjusted by the City Council, from time to time, by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that effective March 2025 billing cycle, the water rate shall be as follows: the addition of a monthly \$2.00 maintenance fee. In addition, for metered water the charge will be \$6.90 per 1000 gallons and the minimum monthly base rate for debt service is \$14.50.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Bridgewater, South Dakota by the following vote:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

City of Bridgewater

By: Travis Holthaus

Title: Council President

ATTEST:

Joan M Julson

City Finance Officer

SEAL

Law Enforcement: December & January report were noted.

Parks & Rec: Strombeck has been working on the numbers for the city park bathroom updates.

First Reading of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 2025-1 was done.

Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to sign engagement letter for Schoenfish & Co to do 2023-2024 audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:38 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, March 10, 2025.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 6445.47; Finance Office 1285.88; Fire 90.43; Gov't Bldg 168.87; Liquor 286.53; Parks 564.28; Sewer 1504.87; Storm Sewer 74.91; Streets 1826.01; Water 1498.39; EFTPS-January payroll taxes, 3655.11; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 941.92.

Supplies: Alexandria Ace Hardware–shop supply, 271.55; Auto Value Salem–Legion Hall & Firehall paper towels, 65.94; CHS–firehall & shop propane, 2748.64; Equipment Blades Inc–snow bucket edge for skid steer, 351.80; Hofer, Robin–ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 201.01; Julson, Jim–amb computer from Best Buy, 549.99; Julson, Joan–shop gas (credit card statement), 231.73; McKesson Medical-Surgical–amb supplies, 168.99; Mac's–shop supply, 44.58; Menards–fans for shop, Legion Hall light bulbs & misc, 388.91; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane (Jan 17 & 23), 784.46; Stryker Sales LLC–amb supply, 50.25; Total Stop–fire dept diesel & premium gas, 93.93; Zabel Steel–metal for street light covers, 32.30.

Repairs & Maintenance: Pye-Barker Fire & Safety–fire dept, shop & Legion Hall fire extinguisher inspections, 1555.00.

Beer and Liquor (paid in January & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1213.05; Johnson Brothers of SD, 637.65; Republic National Dist Co, 561.75.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement & extra copies, 119.91; AmericInn-2 rooms for 2 nights for SD Amb Conv. In Ft Pierre, 527.96; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Bridgewater Fire Dept–grant from Darlys Hofer Charitable Fund, 1000.00; Julson, Jim–mileage to SD Amb Conv. In Ft Pierre, 248.57; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2356.25; Nordwald Rentals–March rent (Payable 3/01/25), 400.00; Public Health Laboratory–water testing for Jan, 15.00; RBS Sanitation–Jan garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation–dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; Rempfer, Marvin–return of unused firehall rent, 100.00; SD State Treasurer–January garbage, etc. sales tax, 262.79; The Special/New Century Press–January publishing, 157.59 US Bank–SRF Water loans #1 & #2, 6922.35; US Bank–SRF Storm Sewer #4, 18397.88

Dues & Fees: Banyon Data Systems–annual support for Utility billing, direct payment & meter device, 1455.00.

Utilities (Paid in January mid-month): Golden West, 307.79; Hanson Rural Water, 5062.58; Xcel Energy, 2317.92.

Insurance: AFLAC–reimbursed by employees, 311.46; Health Pool of SD, 2354.86, Julson, Joan–monthly Medicare, Supplement & Part D reimbursement, 740.29.

Professional: DGR Engineering–professional services through December, 20590.34; Eich Law Office–Dec & Jan services, 360.00; GeoTek–earthwork tests/inspections/reporting, 295.00; Presuhn Agency–1099 e-filing, 60.00.

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