

Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025 7:00 pm

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 04/07/25. 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, and Alicen Strombeck. Others present: Finance Officer-Joan Julson, Maintenance-Todd Letcher, Steve Prater, Scott LaVoy-DGR, Nicole Webster-SEFP, Breanne Schmidt, Mike Damm, 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 Burger to approve the March 10th regular meeting and Mar 17th special meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The March Financial statement was sent out to the council for reviewing prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Burger to approve the March Financial Statement. All voted aye. Motion carried. 2nd Reading of Supplemental Budget Ordinance A-123 was done and motion made by Strombeck, second by Burger to pass. All voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed in the April 10th issue of The Special)

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

Maintenance Report given by Letcher: 1) project work, 2) cleaning gutters 3) street work filling potholes 4) lagoon work. Motion by Hofer, second by Anderson to rehire Jerico Shape as summer temporary part time/as needed for \$17.00 per hour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Nicole Webster with SEFP gave an overview and update on the happenings with SEFP. She also invited everyone to the Annual Investor Reception on April 23rd in Parker. Mike Damm asked about the camper & semi trailer sitting at 4th & Walnut, connecting with project concrete contractor, and outside Legion Hall painting. Asked about the timeline for street construction in the 3rd & Cherry intersection area as his sister will be having a house moved onto the lot at 4th & Cherry. Breanne Schmidt visited with the council about the Bridgewater Helping Hands group and the spring clean-up. Steve Prater asked about commercial business items in residential area. No more input and President Holthaus moved on.

Storm Sewer: Scott LaVoy-DGR gave a project update. The intersection on Walnut between 3rd & 4th streets will be getting torn up & worked on. Manholes on 3rd street that are in bad shape & will be needing to be replaced. Also discussed curb & gutter install, manhole adjustments along Hwy 42, and projected project completion date the end of June depending on the weather.

Streets & Alleys: council discussed extra streets that could be asphalted this summer. Also talked about the streets lights not working on the west side of Main Ave and that an electrician has been called to repair.

Law Enforcement: March report was noted.

Parks & Rec: Strombeck has ordered more trees for the city park area. Nothing to report on the park bathrooms yet.

Code Enforcement: Attorney will be contacted about 3 houses/bldgs that need torn down.

Building Permit: Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to approve permits for Verne & Marcia Alexander and Alicen Strombeck. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Burger to approve the 2024 Annual Report. All voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed elsewhere in the 4/17/25 issue of The Special)

Motion by Burger, second by Anderson to go into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2.4. All voted aye. Motion carried. Time 9:06 pm. President Holthaus declared executive session over at 9:16 pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 9:17 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, May 5, 2025.

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 8288.25; Finance Office 1310.33; Fire 409.19; Gov't Bldg 97.43; Liquor 295.71; Parks 175.37; Sewer 1425.37; Storm Sewer 643.01; Streets 2023.21; Water 1217.54; EFTPS-March payroll taxes, 4633.97; SD Retirement System-employee & city match, 978.78; SD Unemployment-1st Q, 70.94.

Supplies: Alexandria Ace Hardware–shop supply, 26.97; Auto Value Salem–dumprtk filters, 14.32; CHS–shop propane, 427.50; Freeman Lumber–fire dept shelves & shop supply, 166.94; Heritage–shop supply, 12.19; Hofer, Robin–ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement), 143.00; Julson, Joan–shop gas (credit card statement), 186.13; McKesson Medical-Surgical–amb & fire supply, 256.58; Matheson–amb oxygen, 125.10; Pfeifer Implement–street sweeper brushes, 70.64; Post Master–WSG billing stamps, 112.00; Stern Oil–Legion Hall propane (3/25), 326.26; Total Stop–fire dept diesel & premium gas, 61.48; Two Way Solutions–Amb pager clip, 16.99.

Repairs & Maintenance: CMC Excavation Inc–various clean outs, jetting & vacuuming, 8030.10

Beer and Liquor (paid in March & reimbursed by The North 40): Beal Distributing Inc, 1215.70; Johnson Brothers, 468.44.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–copier lease agreement, 96.47; Banyon Data Sytems–payroll & fund acctg support, 1730.00; Bridgewater Development Corp–monthly donation, 500.00; Bridgewater Fire Dept–donation from CHS, 9500.00; Knochenmus, Veronica–return of water deposit balance, 175.13; McCook County–Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment, 2600.00; Nordwald Rentals–May rent (Payable 5/01/25), 400.00; Public Health Laboratory–water testing, 15.00; RBS Sanitation–Mar garbage pick-up, 3420.00; RBS Sanitation–dumpster fees (Legion Hall, firehall, shop), 195.00; Rinehart, Sue–5 amb CPR certification cards, 40.00; SD State Treasurer–Mar garbage, etc. sales tax, 250.36; SD 811-13 faxed locates, 14.56; The Special/New Century Press–Mar publishing, 164.85; US Bank-2 SRF Sewer loans, 8834.09.

Utilities (Paid in March mid-month): Golden West, 327.42; Hanson Rural Water, 4630.93; Xcel Energy, 2178.63.

Insurance: AFLAC–reimbursed by employees, 311.46; Health Pool of SD, 2354.86, Julson, Joan–monthly Medicare, Supplement & Part D reimbursement, 740.29; SDML Work Comp Fund-2024 payroll audited billing, 70.00.

Professional: Eich Law Office–Feb/Mar services, 200.00.

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