

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2025 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 10/06/25. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Travis Holthaus. Answering roll call were Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, and Alicen Strombeck. Absent was Bob Anderson and Luke Burger. Others present: Finance Officers-Joan Julson & Kendra Julson, Jason Jaeger, Tammy Hofer, Nick Palmer–SECOG, and Timothy Gray.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

No interested person came forward to apply for the Ward II or the Mayor position.

The minutes of last month's meetings were sent to the council for reading prior to the meeting. Motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to approve the September 8th regular meeting minutes and the September 22nd special meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Hofer for Letcher: Letcher has been working out at the dump, mowing a little bit, and was wanting to bring up that H&W had hit a shut off by 3rd & Oak and it needs to get fixed.

Public Input: Tammy Hofer was here on behalf of the group that decorates Sparky Park for Christmas. She was wondering if it would be possible to put an outdoor outlet on the bar. Strombeck mentioned that she can help them out with electric. Tammy said they would reimburse for the power and Strombeck said they wouldn't need to. The group would like to continue decorating Sparky Park. The council members mentioned how nice it looks decorated.

No more input and President Holthaus moved on.

President Holthaus opened the 8:00 pm Public Hearing at 8:16 pm for Nuisance Abatements. No one came or submitted any comments. Finance Officer did instruct the council that the John Brumlik's assessment has been paid, so it will be taken off the list. A motion was made by Strombeck, second by Hofer to approve & to submit these assessments to the McCook County Auditor. All present voted aye. Motion carried. At 8:18 pm the Public Hearing was declared over.

*Angela Letcher, 401 N Cedar Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: E½ of Lot 11 & All of Lot 12 Block 6 OT

Parcel #18.00.0612: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$876.15

*Eric & Debra Roth, Lots 1-3 Block 14 OT, Bridgewater SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lots 1-3 Block 14 OT

Parcel #18.00.1401: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$238.95

*Elizabeth Klassy % Elizabeth Thornburg, 551 E 2nd St, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: E 78.5' of Lot 1 Block 20 OT

Parcel #18.00.2001: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$79.65

*Mynor Carrillo & Tracy Pitts, 351 N Cedar Ave, Bridgewater, SD 57319

Legal Description of Property: Lots 1 & 2 Blk 9 OT

Parcel # 18.00.0901: Nuisance Property Cleanup: \$398.25

Municipal Ordinance Revision with SECOG: Nick Palmer discussed Ordinance Titles 1, 2, & 3. He will be present at the December 8th meeting.

Storm Sewer: An email from Scott LaVoy-DGR had been sent saying we are just waiting on the punchlist items to be completed. In regards to the grass, whatever doesn't grow will be reseeded. Those who have watered are likely enjoying a nice-looking lawn. Those who haven't might not be so fortunate, given it hasn't rained much in the past couple weeks. Strombeck said some areas she had watered hasn't grown and some areas she hasn't watered have grown.

Government Buildings: The quotes from Viking Glass and Interstate Glass for replacing the Legion Hall doors were discussed. A motion was made by Hofer, second by Strombeck to accept the quote from Viking Glass in the amount of \$12845.00 to replace the doors at the Legion Hall. All present voted aye. Motion carried. A bid from Heiman Construction was received and discussed for the replacement of the gutter and downpipe as well as t-straps at the Legion Hall. After discussion, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Strombeck to approve the quote from Heiman Construction in the amount of \$1857.50. All present voted aye. Motion carried. It was brought to the city council's attention that the carpets at the bar have not been cleaned according to the lease agreement. A motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to renew the city liquor license for the bar. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ambulance: Timothy Gray is being added on as an EMT. Danell Hammer is being added on as EVOG driver. A motion by Strombeck, second by Hofer to approve reimbursement of the first EMT testing & mileage for Timothy Gray. All present voted aye. Motion carried. The Sanford helicopter will be out at the ball field Tuesday evening conducting training with the Fire Dept and the Ambulance crew.

Law Enforcement: September's report was received and noted.

Parks & Rec: No updates currently. Strombeck had a meeting for the LWCF grant, they had come out and checked everything. Just waiting to hear something back.

Code Enforcement: City Attorney is still working on serving papers to property owners at 4th and Walnut. Strombeck asked if Zac Appletoft would need to be part of Planning & Zoning in order to have access to the Beacon site. It was relayed that he would need to have some official capacity to use city things. Strombeck will contact him.

2nd Reading of 2025 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance #A-125. A motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to adopt the 2025 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance #A-125. Roll call – All present voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed on October 9, in The Special)

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-2 – amending municipal election date. After discussion, a motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to adopt the Ordinance 2025-2. Roll call – All present voted aye. Motion carried. (Printed on October 9, in The Special)

The 1st Reading of 2025 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance # A-126 by the council was completed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Hofer, second by Strombeck to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:37 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer

Claims:

Payroll by Dept.: Ambulance 9615.84; Finance Office 2235.60; Dump 38.97; Liquor 510.06; Parks 901.51; Sewer 2208.98; Storm Sewer 168.85; Streets 1741.33; Water 1747.83; Mosquito 194.85; Fire 116.91; EFTPS – September payroll taxes 5307.85; SDRS – employee & city match of retirement 1297.76, SD Unemployment Ins Div-3rd Q Unemployment, 50.81.

Supplies: Ace Hardware – hose connector & weedeater string 18.49; Auto Value – fire truck battery, paper towels, absorbent floor 217.91; Best Buy – computer tower, Microsoft Office, antivirus 1329.97; C & B Operations LLC – mower parts 333.55; CHS – Mosquito Spray 122.52; Core & Main – fire hydrant replacement, meters, & misc. 5038.37; Heritage Pharmacy – 2 epi pens for Amb 600.00; Hofer, Robin - ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement) 146.01; Julson, Joan – shop & mowing gas (credit card statement) 276.74; McKesson Medical-Surgical – resuscitator masks 234.42; McLeod's – Receipt books 199.90; Menards – mostly park bathroom paint and misc supplies and rebate credit 937.38; Quill – FO & amb supplies, 1500 forms, boxes 228.21; Riteway Business Forms – laser utility bill & freight 224.57; Runnings – oil, trimmer line, parts 84.89; Titan Machinery – skidsteer parts 107.07; Total Stop – fire dept gas/diesel 193.09.

Repairs & Maintenance: Commercial Asphalt – extra asphalt paving (on Juniper, Poplar, & Walnut) 259,559.10; FloorTec – Firehall carpet cleaning & steam clean kitchen & bathroom floors 736.77.
Beer and Liquor: (paid in September & reimbursed by The North 40) Beal Distributing, Inc. 467.60; Dakota Beverage 402.50.

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc–lease agreement for copier & extra copy; 96.49; Bridgewater Development–donation, 500.00; Margaret Rempfer – Firehall rental reimbursement 100.00; McCook County – Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment 2600.00; Nordwald Rentals – November rent (Payable 11/01/25) 400.00; Petty Cash – FO supply, storm sewer postage & ambulance supply 73.19; Public Health Laboratory – water testing 20.00; RBS Sanitation Inc – September garbage pickup 3420.00; RBS Sanitation Inc – September dumpster fees (Legion Hall, Firehall, Shop) 195.00; SD Department of Revenue – Malt Beverage License for Potter's Station 150.00; SD State Treasurer– September garbage, etc. sales tax 233.37; SD 811 – 5 faxed locates in September 5.60; Timothy Gray – mileage & Amb testing reimbursement 543.80; The Special/New Century Press – September publishing 428.31; US Bank 2 sewer SRF Loans 8834.09;

Utilities: (paid in September midmonth) Golden West 286.70; Hanson Rural Water 6254.06; Xcel Energy 2006.57;

Insurance: AFLAC – reimbursed by employees (ACH) 311.50; Health Pool of SD – health ins 4707.62; Julson, Joan – monthly Medicare, Supplement & Part D reimbursement 837.25.

Professional: DGR – professional services through 8/31/25 10604.30; Eich Law Office – Professional Services in September 2036.07; H&W Contracting LLC – Storm Sewer Project Phase 2 (ARPA payments #20) 21850.42.

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