

**Bridgewater City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2026 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room for their regular meeting on Monday 01/07/26. 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-Kendra Julson.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Burger, second by Hofer 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 Anderson, second by Burger to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes and the December 31<sup>st</sup> special meeting minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Maintenance Report by Julson for Letcher: 1) working at the Legion painting, 2) the floors at the legion should get stripped and waxed before the finish is shot. 3) Working around the shop and office. Doing end of the year permits. 4) Looked into the replacement of the Dewalt tools previously discussed in December, should be roughly \$1000 to upgrade the old ones. 5) Going to need about 4 loads of rock from Anderson from the quarry to finish around the Lagoon. 6) Asked for permission to go to Pierre next week for classes & Joan Julson's Office Person of the Year award ceremony. That would also allow him to get contact hours.

Strombeck mentioned Bridgewater Helping Hands group was going to be having a movie night at the Legion again, possibly February 21<sup>st</sup>. The council would like a quote to strip and wax the floor in the Legion.

Motion by Burger, second by Hofer to allow Letcher to purchase new Dewalt tools not to exceed \$1200. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Burger to purchase rock for the Lagoon. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Burger to approve Letcher going to Pierre for training. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:15 pm President Holthaus opened the Public Hearing for the temporary beer/liquor permit for the Fire Dept for a Dart tournament on 2/7/26 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 dart tournament on 2/7/26 at the Legion Hall. All present voted aye. Motion carried. At 7:16 Public Hearing was over.

Public Input: No one here with public input. President Holthaus moved on.

Streets & Alleys: A homeowner on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Main is needing to repair a sewer line. Roughly 25' of asphalt will need to be dug up on Main for the sewer line replacement. No permit will be needed.

Parks & Recreation: Strombeck asked Julson to reach out to Sean Hegyi from SECOG to get the ball rolling for the Bridgewater Splash Pad project.

New Council pay will effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to declare the special meeting on December 31<sup>st</sup> a no pay meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to pass Resolution 26-0107. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**City of Bridgewater  
Resolution #26-0107**

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with SDCL 6-1-10, which states that a complete list of all salaries paid to all city officials and employees be established by resolution and published in the minutes of the first meeting of the fiscal year and thereafter published monthly by department;

**WHEREAS**, all volunteers of the ambulance and the fire department are covered under the City of Bridgewater’s work comp;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following is a list of all said salaries:

**FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**GROSS ANNUAL WAGE:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Per Meeting Attended</b>
vacant	Mayor	\$1000.00	\$150.00
Bob Anderson	Councilperson	\$850.00	\$150.00
vacant	Councilperson	\$850.00	\$150.00
Tony Hofer	Councilperson	\$850.00	\$150.00
Travis Holthaus	Council President (Mayor pay)	\$1000.00	\$150.00
Alicen Strombeck	Councilperson	\$850.00	\$150.00
Luke Burger	Council Vice-President	\$850.00	\$150.00

**HOURLY WAGE:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Per Hour</b>
Julson, Kendra	Finance Officer	\$21.00
Letcher, Todd	Utility/Maintenance Supervisor	\$27.00
Julson, Joan	Part Time/Temporary FO Help	\$30.00
Eich Law Office	Attorney & Assistant	\$200.00 / \$100.00

**AMBULANCE:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Per Trip</b>	<b>Carrying Pager per Hour</b>
Hofer, Roger	EMT	\$150.00	\$1.50
Rinehart, Susan	EMT (Co-director)	\$150.00	\$2.50
Gilbert, Doug	EMT	\$150.00	\$1.50
Julson, Jim	EMT (Director)	\$150.00	\$3.00
Gray, Timothy	EMT	\$150.00	\$1.50
Johnston, Roger	EVOC	\$100.00	\$1.50
Hammer, Danell	EVOC	\$100.00	\$1.50
Hofer, Robin	EVOC	\$100.00	\$1.50

Both EMT’s & EVOC drivers are paid \$15.00 for No Transport w/ No Treatment calls and \$30.00 for No Transport w/Treatment calls.

Volunteer Fire Dept: Chief – Chad Addy, Asst. Chief – Doug Weber, Sec./Treas. – Kenny Erickson, Training Officer – Scott Hofer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Officer – Keith Heiberger. Other members: Ed Meyer, Craig Meyer, Todd Letcher, Matt Kroger, Zach Guenther, John Paweltzki, Jalen Weber, Kenny Weber, Matt Anderson, Ryan Watters, Landon Hofer, Jeb Olsen, Aguer VanSickle, Brenden Watters, Bennett Guenther, Ethan Roebuck, Brian Cable, Zach Pearson, and Reserve (Mike Weber, Doug Gilbert, Roger Hofer, Chuck Addy & Bob Anderson).

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mike Damm, Alicen Strombeck, Steve Prater, Breanne Schmidt, and 1 vacant seat.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 in Bridgewater, South Dakota.

Travis Holthaus

Council President

ATTEST:

Kendra K Julson

Finance Officer

SEAL

Motion by Anderson, second by Burger to designate The Special as the official newspaper for 2026. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hofer, second by Burger to designate Rivers Edge Bank as the official depository for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Strombeck, second by Burger to continue the Bridgewater Development monthly donation of \$500. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to sign the 2026 Agreement with Eich Law for city attorney. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Briefly discussed Municipal Ordinance questions and notes for Title 6 sent from Nick Palmer with SECOG.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Anderson, second by Burger to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 7:35 pm.

Next regular meeting is Monday, February 9, 2026.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Kendra K Julson – Finance Officer

**Claims:**

Payroll by Dept.: Finance Office 2473.74; Water 1940.50; Sewer 1882.03; Liquor 575.30; Streets 3543.02; Parks 272.80; Fire 107.17; Government Buildings 103.92; Ambulance: 6621.84; EFTPS – December payroll taxes 5025.23; SDRS – employee & city match of retirement 1433.08; SD Unemployment Ins Div – 4<sup>th</sup> Q Unemployment 34.33;

Supplies: Core & Main – Mud plugs 175.00; Hofer, Robin - ambulance gas reimbursement (credit card statement) 73.73; Julson, Joan – shop & mowing gas (credit card statement) 687.45; MARC – lagoon supply 5625.29; Meyer Motor – Fire dept. fuel additives, Amb oil change & service 197.74; Stern – propane 611.00; Total Stop – fire dept gas/diesel 278.42;

Repairs & Maintenance: Anderson Trucking – snow removal 12/7/25 & 12/15/25 2387.50; Anderson Trucking – rescue truck maintenance 572.91; CMC Excavation Inc. – street light pole repairs & hydro jet sewer main (cherry & 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>) 1581.64; Olinger Electric LLC – city park bathroom electric work 3531.43;

Beer and Liquor: (paid in December & reimbursed by The North 40) Beal Distributing, Inc. 827.10; Dakota Beverage 164.10;

Miscellaneous: A&B Business Inc – lease agreement for copier & extra copies 102.59; Bridgewater Development – donation 500.00; Humboldt Fire & Amb – 1 amb ALS assist (11/4/25) 150.00; McCook County – Contracted Law Enforcement monthly payment 2675.40; Nordwald Rentals – February rent (Payable 02/01/26) 400.00; Petty Cash – ink cartridge ambulance 73.16; Public Health Laboratory – water testing 20.00; RBS Sanitation Inc – December garbage pickup 3420.00; RBS Sanitation Inc – December dumpster fees (Legion Hall, Firehall, Shop) 195.00; Schlecht, Michaela – Website build downpayment 1000.00; SD Amb Assoc – conference fees 300.00; SDARWS – awards banquet for 2 80.00; SDARWS – leak detection, exercise valve, hydro-vac 750.00; SD State Treasurer – December garbage, etc. sales tax 254.39; SD 811 – 1 faxed locates in December 1.12; Smith, Jordan – water deposit return 116.52; The Special/New Century Press – December publishing 202.70; US Bank 2 sewer SRF Loans 8834.09;

Dues & Fees: SD Amb Assoc – 2026 dues 75.00; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems – 2026 dues 445.00; SD DANR – 2026 Wastewater fee 550.00; SECOG – 2026 Dues 1057.00; SD Municipal League – 2026 Dues 889.00; SD Governmental Finance Officers Assoc – 2026 Dues 50.00;  
Utilities: (paid in December midmonth) Golden West 313.73; Hanson Rural Water 5327.22; Xcel Energy 2020.17;  
Insurance: AFLAC – reimbursed by employees (ACH) 391.98; Health Pool of SD – health ins 5194.96;  
Professional: Eich Law Office – Professional Services in 10/27/25-12/3/25 458.61;

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