

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 10, 2016
6:00 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held at the Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Anderson, Liskey, Barnes, Ramso, Catania, Boyd and High

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Senica, Manager Ganum, Water/Sewer and Parks Superintendent Kading, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Brychta and Deputy Clerk Davis

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Rick Fuller from the Bridgman Public Library talked about the Library Garage Sale Days for this year. The Garage Sale dates will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 12th through May 14th. The sales will not be held on Sunday as in previous years.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Catania, supported by Council Member Barnes to approve the agenda of the March 10, 2016 meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ACTION AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Catania, supported by Council Member Boyd to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Moved by Council Member Barnes, supported by Council Member Ramso to approve the bills in the amount of \$166,230.84. **Motion passed unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A discussion was held on a proposal from Dixon Engineering for Water Tower Inspection Services. Moved by Council Member Liskey, supported by Council Member Boyd to move forward with the proposal from Dixon Engineering in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A discussion was held on a proposal from Second Nature Gardens for the cleanup, and weekly maintenance of weeding, fertilizing, deadheading & watering of (9) streetscape planters and the Toth Street Park gardens. Moved by Council Member Barnes, supported by Council Member Catania to move forward with the proposal from Second Nature Gardens in the amount of \$3,745.00. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding a vendor agreement between the City of Bridgman and Steve Strefling of Bee's Bikes for the operation of a bicycle rental business at Weko Beach. Several concerns were presented by council members. The council would like to invite Steve Strefling from Bee's Bikes to attend the next City Council meeting on March 21, 2016 to address their concerns.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding an increase to the Weko Beach seasonal passes and the daily entrance fees. Moved by Council Member Barnes, supported by Council Member High to approve the following rates:

	<u>NEW RATES</u>	<u>OLD RATES</u>
●Resident Seasonal Pass	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
●Berrien County Seasonal Pass	\$40.00	\$30.00
●Outside Berrien County Seasonal Pass	\$50.00	\$40.00
●Motorhome Seasonal Pass	\$60.00	\$50.00
●Daily Entrance Fee	\$10.00	\$ 7.00
●Motorhome Daily Fee	\$25.00	\$15.00
●Bus Daily Fee	\$60.00	\$50.00

Motion passed.

Also discussed was changing park hours to opening earlier and staying open later. Staff will review.

PRESENTATIONS:

Rick Fuller and Wendy Lozeau presented a slide show of a City beautification project. The City currently owns (23) planters which they would like to see placed around town and have volunteers adopt a planter. Their idea is to have the City provide the planters, plants and soil, River Valley Garden Club will plant and citizen volunteers to water and maintain the planters from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The River Valley Garden Club along with Beth McNeil from Paws to Wash and Council Member Barnes would work together to select the best plants with all planters being planted the same. A unique sign with "River Valley Garden Club" and the "volunteers name" placed on the sign and inserted into each planter. Rick Fuller and Wendy Lozeau will spearhead all operations of the project. Moved by Council Member Barnes, supported by Council Member Catania to move forward with the idea not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

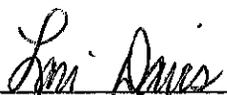
City Manager will draft Memo of understanding.

Gretchen Evans from the Bridgman Public Library indicated the Library will be rolling out a new logo which she will present at the next City Council meeting on March 21, 2016.

On Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm the Library will continue celebrating their 50th Anniversary with 60's jazz music with the Ed Bagatini Trio.

A presentation was given by Brett Boyd and Shelli Knoll of Classic Catering & Events, Inc. for an events venue at Weko Beach. The project would intend to attract people to an ever-growing market of local & destination events by providing a venue unprecedented to the great lakes region. A metal framed tent designed for up to 200 guests along with a cook's tent and executive washrooms would be erected on the shores of Weko Beach which would provide a space for celebrations, ceremonies, parties and a variety of festivities. This venue would bring individuals, families & organizations to the community that would support the growth of local businesses. The venue would become an attraction for the City of Bridgman. After much discussion, several concerns were raised. Classic Catering, Staff and Council will continue to work together to bring this idea to fruition.

Mayor Anderson closed the meeting at 7:50 pm.



Lori Davis, Deputy Clerk



Hannah Anderson, Mayor