

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016
6:30 PM**

The regular 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: Liskey, Barnes, Ramso, Catania, Boyd, High and Anderson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Sencia, Manager Ganum, Police Chief Unruh, St/Fire Chief Knuth and Clerk Hahaj.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Brian Berger introduced himself to the City Council. He is the new Probate Judge for Berrien County, he was appointed on January 4, 2016 by Governor Snyder.

Ryan Arnt introduced himself to the City Council. He will be running for State Representative of the 79th district.

Moved by Council Member Ramso and supported by Council Member High to approve the agenda for the March 21 2016 meeting. **Motion was passed unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Council Member Boyd and supported by Council Member Barnes to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting with the correction of an addition to minutes "City Manager will draft a memo of understanding". **Motion was passed unanimously.**

Moved by Council Member High and supported by Council Member Ramso to approve the bills in the amount of \$76,690.19. **Motion was passed unanimously.**

Moved by Council Member Ramso and supported by Council Member Barnes to approve the City Manager attendance to the Michigan Municipal League Capitol Conference. **Motion was passed unanimously.**

Moved by Council Member High and supported by Council Member Ramso to give the first reading to Ordinance 190 "Ordinance to Amend Section 11.03(7) in the City of Bridgman Zoning Ordinance to exempt directional signs that meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Transportation". Yes – 6 No – 1. **Motion passed.**

Council Member Boyd stated that if we keep saying yes to all of the Business that would like to place signs in town, we will end up looking like Las Vegas. Attorney Sencia stated that only qualified business will be able to place the sign, she also stated that we need to be in compliance with the law.

PRESENTATIONS:

Gretchen Evans, Director of the Bridgman Public Library gave a presentation on Yappy Hour. The Library and dog owners would meet at the Dog Park and sample local beer and wine and talk about recent books, Ms. Evans stated that it would increase the use of the park.

- Must be 21 years of age.
- Only 5oz drinks would be poured
- This will take place on Monday's from 5 to 6 pm. In the summer.
- The City will have to amend the Ordinance to allow for alcohol in the parks
- Event Application will be needed for the event.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct Staff and the Attorney to proceed with the paper work for the event.

Steven Streffling, Owner of Bee's Bikes presented the bicycle rental proposal at Weko Beach. He would like to place a bike rack at the beach that would hold 7 bikes; he will place a small table with a Banner advertising the rental. Mr. Streffling has obtained the insurance that is required for the rental and will have supervision at the Beach.

It was the consensus of the City Council to continue with the project and bring the contract to the April 4 City Council Meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Treasurer Brythca received the certificate of achievement award from the GOF.

Moved by Council Member High and supported by Council Member Ramsos to approve the Spring Holiday (Good Friday) to the Holiday Schedule starting in the year 2016. Yes – 6 No – 1. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Fuller suggested a Library Box be placed at the Dog Park.

Fire Chief Knuth stated that the Fire Department has a class 4 rating which should make home owners insurance go down.

Ken Schiffer, owner of Lake Street Eats thanked the City for moving quickly on the Sign Ordinance.

Police Chief Unruh thanked the Street/Fire Department for the help with the accident last week on Red Arrow Highway.

Moved by Council Member Catania and supported by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting. **Motion was passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Pamela Hahaj, Clerk

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

