

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held October 3, 2016 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Liskey, Boyd, Anderson, Catania, High, Ramsø

COUNCIL ABSENT: Barnes

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Ganum, Clerk Holm, Street/Fire Chief Knuth, Water/Parks Superintendent Kading, Police Chief Unruh, Attorney Senica, Engineer Nykamp

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Wendy Lozeau, located at 3747 Lake St. talked about the fall decorations that Rick Fuller and she have put up. The decorations include pumpkins, straw, and some scarecrows where the planters are located at City Hall and down Lake St. The final cost was only \$140.

Kirsten Howell, located at 4660 Hidden Creek Dr., would like the City to enforce Ordinance No. 178, Section 302.4 and Ordinance No. 148 not only for the Adco property located behind her house but all properties located in the City. She stated she has made 7 written complaints and 1 verbal complaint regarding the property owned by Adco LLC. She was at the September 6, 2016 city council meeting and asked the city council to enforce both of these ordinances. She stated she first made contact with the City on June 14, 2016 and went through the history of communications between her and the City. She stated that she has been in contact with an attorney over this matter. Ms. Howell handed out a packet of information including all email communications to the council members. (A copy of this information has been scanned in and placed in the city council packet)

Kim LaSata, State Representative Candidate for the 79th District stated she will be visiting the neighborhoods before the November Election and would like everyone to consider voting for her.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Mayor Anderson made the following changes to the agenda:

- Add **Action Item #4** - *Property regulations specific to weeds, grass and vegetation* and remove this item under Reports
- Add **Action Item #5** – *Repeal of Ordinance No. 148*
- Add **Action Item #6** – *Repeal of Ordinance No. 178, Section 302.4*
- Add under **Reports** – *GRSD Report from City Manager Ganum*

Motion by Council Member Boyd, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the agenda as amended by Mayor Anderson for October 3, 2016, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried**.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Boyd to approve the September 19, 2016 city council meeting minutes, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried**.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the bills in the amount of \$287,048.04, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried**.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford F-150 XL truck for use by the Water and Parks Departments for \$11,880 along with the needed repairs for a total cost of \$14,408.16, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried**.

Attorney Bell recapped the City Council Meeting from September 6, 2016 by talking about the slides that City Manager Ganum showed the council. These slides had a variety of pictures from Industrial and Commercial properties with some of them abutting Residential properties. When looking at the pictures, it shows that some of the properties would not look appealing if both Ordinance No. 148 and Ordinance No. 178, Section 302.4 were to be enforced. The City needs to be more careful on what regulations are in place for all different zoned properties including what is right for a 1.4 acre parcel compared to a 30 acre parcel. Attorney Bell is recommending that the Council repeals Ordinance No. 148 in its entirety and Ordinance No. 178, Section 302.4. She stated that now is the best time to do this since it is the end of the growing season. This gives the City 5 to 6 months to start over and create a comprehensive ordinance that addresses some of the concerns such as the size of each parcel, the location, if it is a platted subdivision, and maintenance and upkeep of properties that works best for everybody.

Motion by Council Member Boyd, seconded by Council Member Ramso to repeal Ordinance No. 148 in its entirety,

Roll call:

Yeas: Boyd, High, Catania, Anderson, High, Liskey

Nays: None

Absent: Barnes

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Boyd, seconded by Council Member High to repeal Ordinance No. 178, Section 302.4,

Roll call: Liskey, Boyd, Anderson, Catania, High

Nays: None

Absent: Barnes

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Stormwater Asset Management (SAW) Program – *Presentation by Lank LaPierre with Wightman & Associates, Inc.* The SAW grant was approved by the State 5 years ago and the City of Bridgman is in the 4th distribution cycle. The key elements to this program is to access inventory, establish level of service, evaluate criticality, develop Capital Improvement Plan, and present a 20-year complete revenue and funding forecast. The total grant amount is for \$610,000. Engineer Nykamp stated that the SAW grant is a 90% grant, with the City matching 10% of the cost. The process will start by having a camera go down into the whole system to then rate the system, including the pipes and lift stations. This is a great way for Bridgman to plan and budget for needed repairs instead of fixing it when it breaks. The City applied

for the grant 3 years ago and is just now receiving the grant approval. The SAW Program will take 3 years to complete. One of the features from this program is the GIS mapping system that will show all of the lines and lift stations that will be available online instead of locating and pulling out drawings.

Weko Beach Event Venue – *Presentation by Brett Boyd with Classic Catering.* Originally this event venue was brought before council in March of this year. Both Classic Catering and the City’s attorney have looked over the proposed contract they have put together. A map was presented in his slide show which shows the location and size of the proposed event venue. This map will be included in the final contract. Mr. Boyd stated that the 2018 projection is for 50 events in the summer season which in a year could result in revenue to the community in the amount of \$125,000. This would also create the need for other services such as limo services, dress wear, hotel, etc. Mr. Boyd went through the rest of his presentation and answered all questions by council.

Motion by Council Member Boyd, seconded by Council Member Catania to proceed with getting the final agreement worked out between both Classis Catering’s Attorney and City Attorney Bell and to bring the final agreement back to the City Council on October 17, 2016, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried.**

Weko Beach House Partition Door Replacement Project – Park/Water Superintendent Kading has given the council the information for a replacement door which includes purchasing roll-up doors instead of accordion doors. These doors would be motorized and have a post in the middle.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Ramso to put the Weko Beach House Partition Door Replacement on the next agenda to move forward with the project, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried.**

REPORTS

City Manager Ganum stated that the GRSD (Galien River Sanitary District Sewer Authority) is refinancing 1.8 million dollar bonds to get more competitive rates that would save the GRSD \$92,000. For the Authority to move forward, all 5 members have to approve the resolutions in their communities. The draft resolution and contract have been handed out to council tonight. Council has time to look over the information before discussing it on the October 17th meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council Member High wanted to thank Wendy Lozeau and Rick Fuller for the lovely fall decorations in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., voice vote unanimous, meeting adjourned.

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk