

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2016
6:30 PM**

The special meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held October 5, 2016 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Boyd, Anderson, Catania, Ramso

COUNCIL ABSENT: Barnes, Liskey, High

STAFF PRESENT: Street/Fire Chief Knuth, Water/Parks Superintendent Kading, Police Chief Unruh, Attorney Senica

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Kirsten Howell, located at 4660 Hidden Creek Dr., stated she is disappointed how the City is handling the overgrowth of weeds behind her property. She has made 7 written complaints to the City and 2 verbal complaints to the City Council regarding the need for the City to enforce Ordinance No. 148, and Ordinance No. 178 Section 302.4. Ms. Howell went through the history and chain of events of her complaints as she stated in the October 3, 2016 meeting. She quoted from a Harbor Country article that was printed on September 21, 2016. Ms. Howell is seeking strong action from the City to enforce the Ordinances listed above. She stated the property located behind her house has unsafe conditions and the City is not addressing the issue.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Boyd to approve the agenda as presented for October 5, 2016, voice vote unanimous, **motion carried**.

ACTION ITEMS:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 192 – An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 148, *An Ordinance to regulate weeds, grass, brush or other vegetation to reduce the danger of fires, reduce pollen and conditions tending to faster hazardous, unsafe or dangerous conditions, adverse to the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the City of Bridgman.*

ORDINANCE NO. 192

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 148
OF 2002 IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

THE CITY OF BRIDGMAN ORDAINS :

Section One. Ordinance 148 of 2002 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Boyd to adopt Ordinance No. 192
Roll call:

Yeas: Anderson, Catania, Ramso, Boyd

Nays: None

Absent: Liskey, Barnes, High

Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 193 – An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 178, *An Ordinance to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.4 Weeds.*

ORDINANCE NO. 193

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 302.4 (WEEDS) OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGMAN.

Section One. The following Section 302.4 is repealed in its entirety from Ordinance 178:

Section 302.4. Weeds. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six (6) inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

Motion by Council Member Boyd, seconded by Council Member Ramso to adopt Ordinance No. 193,

Roll call:

Yeas: Catania, Ramso, Boyd, Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Liskey, Barnes, High

Motion carried.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council Member Boyd wanted to recognize Dr. Rambo Day coming up on October 15th.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Ramso to set Trick-or-Treat hour for Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., voice vote unanimous, **motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk