

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 4, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on January 4, 2021 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Pam Hahaj, Stacy Stine, Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, John Bonkoske, Georgia Gipson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Lambrix, Building Official Mattner, Parks and Recreational Director Ball, DPS Director Kading, Assessor Baumann

The pledge of allegiance was led by Hannah Caudell, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Bridgman Elementary School.

**Mayor Rose** explained the meeting procedure and how the public will be able to comment under the Hearing of Citizens.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda for January 4, 2021 as presented,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 regular meeting,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$19,196.72,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to reappoint Dorothea Crocker to the Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2022, Kay Roehl with a term ending December 31, 2023, and Karin Chappell as an alternate board member with a term ending December 31, 2023,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adopt **Resolution 2021-01 A Resolution to approve Temporary Alternative March Board of Review Dates,**

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adopt **Resolution 2021-02 A Resolution to update the City of Bridgman Poverty Exemption Eligibility Requirements for 2021,**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the revised fee schedule for the rental of the Weko Beach House as presented,

Council discussed the fee schedule and had a few questions and concerns that include the following:

- Having a deposit for the beach house and coming up with a deposit amount.
- Factoring the utilities and cleaning into the deposit or the two hour minimum.
- Looked over the current contract and the need to make some modifications. This would include the current wording of “the lesser of \$500 or actual damage”, it would need to instead just state the actual damage.
- Coming back to council with all the information needed. This includes what the deposit would be and the revised contract.
- Attorney Senica would prefer if the city comes back to council and presents the entire agreement as a whole.

**Motion** by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Gipson to withdraw the previous motion,

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

## **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

### **City Manager’s Report**

- The budget preparation starts in March but maybe it can be cut up into chunks to start talking about revenues of the General Fund earlier. After that there can be a Q&A session and budget workshops will begin with the department heads in May.

- Ganum went through the information in the packet on the tax dollars at work.
- Baumann went through the equalization study and where the taxes are coming from. He explained Proposal A and the Millage Reduction Fraction.
- Ganum showed an old postcard from Kevin Mathieu in the campground/beach area that dates prior to 1948.

**Downtown Development Project – discussion with guest, Jordan Klint**

Jordan Klint went over the current housing market and the need for more housing in Bridgman. He recently purchased and rehabilitated the Oddfellows house. He has been flipping houses since 2002 and has had rental units in Bridgman since 2009. There is currently not enough supply in the area to rent out or sell. He explained his situation with rentals and not having enough parking during winter months when vehicles cannot park on the street overnight. He also explained about accessory dwelling units and converting garages into rental units

**Discuss a process for appointing a new member of the Bridgman City Council following the resignation of Council Member Sarah Buist**

Ganum showed examples of how other communities go through the process of filling vacant council seats. Currently when there is a vacant seat the notice will be published in the newspaper and posted on the city’s website. The council discussed different ways of getting the information out to the residents and allowing the applicants to speak to council during the meeting. Ganum will come up with a few questions that council can ask the applicants and if council has any strong opinions on questions, they can email them to him.

**Introduction of proposed budget amendment to purchase a new truck for the Parks and Recreation Department**

Ball stated the current 2003 park truck’s frame is starting to deteriorate and showed the council pictures of it. She has started to look into pricing out a new truck and the city may also be eligible for a grant. The purchase of a new truck is not in this budget this fiscal year but is a necessary purchase. The council discussed the purchase of a truck at length with the following key points:

- The safety of the current truck and the condition it is in.
- Presenting a non-budgeted item to council.
- What can be done in the meantime before the purchase of a new truck.
- Being more diligent on anticipating repairs and purchases.
- Possibly amending the budget to purchase a new truck.
- The quotes that Ball received and the possibility of getting a grant for it.

No decision was made tonight as it was only intended for discussion.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- No council comments were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stine to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.,

**Roll call:**

**Yeas:** Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske

**Nays:** None

**Absent from vote:** Gipson

**Motion carried.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk