

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
January 6, 2020  
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on January 6, 2020 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Linda Gedeon-Kuhn, Stacy Stine, Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, Rick Fuller, Sarah Buist

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Georgia Gipson

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Fire Chief Buist, Director of Public Services Kading

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the agenda for January 6, 2020 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the bills in the amount of \$56,311.13, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Buist, seconded by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn to approve the Special Events Application submitted by The Greater Bridgman Area Chamber and Growth Alliance for the Polar Party, a fundraiser for the Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Police Chief's Report – presentation of annual report for 2019**

- Chief Unruh went over a few additional items that weren't included in his annual report.
  - The medical disposal box in the City Hall lobby collected 83lbs in 2019 with a total of 198lbs since 2017.
  - There has been 23 property checks throughout the year for residents that are on vacation.

- He strongly recommends lining up a seasonal officer for Weko Beach for the time period between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the summer of 2019, 107 parking tickets were issued.
- His department did not participate in any traffic grants this year due to the fact they would not be able to work in Bridgman for those grants.
- Narcotic number is drastically down because of the legalization of Marijuana but the drugs they are seizing more of is methamphetamine and heroine.

#### **Fire Chief's Report – presentation of annual report for 2019**

- Chief Buist went through his report that was included in the council packet.
  - In 2019, the department has volunteered and donated a total of 1142 hours. This is important to point out.
  - The new training facility that has been in the plans for a while is moving forward. The containers are now at the location and concrete will be poured in the spring. There have been quite a few donations from businesses on stairs and such.
  - A school bus has also been donated that was ready to scrap. This will be used to hold an extrication class which is being set up through the State.
  - Two firefighters have completed 1 and 2 training which is around 300 hours and 1 just started class.
  - This year the department will continue with the training facility, CPR classes and their ISO rating.

#### **Building Department – annual report for 2019**

- Ganum went through a few highlights of Mattner's report. He complimented him on doing things to the letter of the law and his strong sense of duty.

#### **City Manager's Report – 2019 year in review report**

- Ganum is proud of what has been accomplished in this last year. He thinks there will be more building happening this year by the inquiries he has received for both commercial and residential. He passed out a short questionnaire to council for them to fill out. Some of the questions include what makes you most proud of Bridgman and what the City's main priority or focus area should be. This will help to lay the groundwork for a future strategic planning session sometime in the spring. Member Trapani would like to have a discussion on future tax abatement for businesses in the City.

#### **Director of Public Services - tackling the gushers in the sanitary sewer mains**

- Kading said there is currently \$20,000 in the budget for manhole rehabilitation this year. After watching the presentation from Wightman, the main priority is tackling three gushers in the sanitary sewer mains that will cost approximately \$13,000. With the three gushers infiltrating the system by 3-4 gallons a minute from ground water, the City will recoup the cost to repair these in 10 months. These projects are not weather dependent and will start this winter.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Bill Boyd, resident - inquired about what kind of band is going to be playing at the Polar Party and has concerns with the way kids dance.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Fuller asked each council member if they had any reaction to the new water and sewer rates. The few people that have approached the other council members might not be happy with the higher rates but generally understands that the increase needs to be done. Member Fuller said he was accosted on the street by two people that were so angry they were considering leaving Bridgman. Member Gedeon-Kuhn suggested directing people to the city's website where there is more information and a calculator to estimate what their bills are going to be. Member Trapani said the city has done a very good job at getting the information out to the residents. Ganum said the city can put together a table that shows similar communities with their rates.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk