

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2018  
6:30 PM**

The special meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on January 29, 2018 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Robert Liskey, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Ken High, Rick Fuller, Georgia Gipson (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh,

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

No one wished to be heard.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member High, supported by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda for January 29, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Consideration of the sale of City-owned property located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Legion and Mathieu streets and the sale of City-owned property on the west side of Vineyard Street just north of Willow Street.**

**Property located at Legion and Mathieu Street**

Ganum recently received an inquiry from the owners of Lazy Ballerina on purchasing the property located at Legion and Mathieu Street. Owners Melanie and Lauren were present to talk about what they would like to do with that space.

Melanie said Lazy Ballerina has now been open since mid-June of last year. It has been wonderful, and Bridgman has been welcoming and great to work with. They are only getting busier and two weekends ago, Bridgman's location did better than the St. Joe location that has been opened for three years. They are also getting more requests from groups and this location. They would like to turn that parking lot into an outdoor space allowing more room to bring groups into that area. They don't have plans to build a structure, but would like to have a canopy, or tent to keep people out of the changing weather.

Discussion was had on the following:

- Parking and deliveries for Lazy Ballerina and China Café
- What the look and feel of that space will be
- Having an architect look at all the space on Legion between Mathieu and Maplewood to have more green space and tie all the properties together.

- Selling the property or having Attorney Senica create a license agreement for Lazy Ballerina to allow the city time to decide if they want to sell the property.
- Getting an appraisal and title search done on that property.
- Time frame to get the space opened to the public. Melanie stated they would still need to go through the State and Federal Governments for approval, so it might not be until the end of the summer this year or even next spring before they could open that up outside.
- Utilizing the whole lot, or leasing out just half of the lot.

Attorney Senica stated that having a license agreement between the city and Lazy Ballerina would be a quicker way for Lazy Ballerina to get the process started to have the outdoor space they are looking for. This gives the city time to decide if they would like to sell the property or not. The city will still be the ones insuring the property, and having a license agreement is not permanent, it is revocable.

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Gipson to have Attorney Senica create a two-year license agreement between the City and Lazy Ballerina, with the option to go to a yearly agreement after that, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Property located on the west side of Vineyard just north of Willow Street.**

Ganum informed council that the 1.34 acre property in questions is not Residential Central, it is zoned Open Space. This zoning does allow for single family homes but are larger lots that require 110ft of frontage. Council discussed the option of selling the property to allow for residential homes to be built on the property. This would tie in to the rest of the neighborhood in the area. Discussion was had on possibly extending Willow Street west to Baldwin Road or just to the end of the property.

Ganum stated he will get estimates from the city's engineer to install Willow Street to the end of the property, and another one to tie into Baldwin Road. If the city would like to have the property rezoned, it will need to go before the Planning Commission and hold a public hearing before giving a recommendation to council. Attorney Senica stated the city should look to see if we already hold an easement that was platted for Willow Street to go through to Baldwin Road. Now is a good time to rezone that property, and would be a simple map amendment.

**City Manager's evaluation**

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to close the regular session at 7:33 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Gipson to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 Sec 8(a) as requested by the City Manager for his annual performance evaluation at 7:33 p.m.,

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, High, Liskey, Gipson

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to resume open session at 8:17 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Council discussed the option of giving Ganum a raise this year and if so, how much. His overall score received was 4.6.

**Motion** by Council Member Liskey, seconded by Council Member High to give City Manager Ganum a \$3,250 raise to bring his salary from \$78,750 to \$82,000, **motion carried unanimously.**

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS

No one wished to be heard.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Liskey asked Ganum how his expense account was going and if he was using it. Ganum stated he is using it but is far under the current budget.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Hannah Anderson, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk