

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
February 3, 2020
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on February 3, 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, Georgia Gipson, Sarah Buist

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Root

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Nancy Jezisek from Weko Dunes – She had heard at a previous council meeting the possibility of raising the rates to enter the beach or charge people that were walking into the beach and asked council if that was something they were considering. Mayor Rose stated not at this time.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the agenda for February 3, 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 January 20, 2020 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 \$41,773.60, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Manager's Report – 2019 year in review report

- Ganum handed out an addendum to his written report. Under Public Services, the gusher repairs started today and repaired the one under Rambo Rd and one behind Mead & White. The third one by Industrial Fab they were going to tackle but after a camera was placed down there, they found it was no longer gushing. Calcification had sealed the gap and is now just a mild leak. After talking to the engineer, this will be addressed later with a lining project. Council further discussed the SAW grant, repairs needed, and illegal connections of sump pumps.

- At a recent conference Ganum attended, he learned about Spring Lake Village and their township combining some of their services when the Township moved in with the Village and is renting their space. They share some employees and equipment and keep track with careful record keeping and separate payroll. He found this intriguing.
- Director of Public Services Kading is currently investigating the process of reclassifying Gast Road and Baldwin Road from local to major and has ordered a traffic count to be conducted in the spring. Ganum explained how money is distributed from the State for both local and major roads. Reclassifying these two roads would essentially give the city more funds from the State.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- John Sleder recently moved to Bridgman about three weeks ago, resides at Sunset Landings, and is legally blind. He enjoys walking and has concerns with the signals at the corners of Lake St. and Red Arrow Highway. The signals are nice because they talk to him, but he does not feel safe crossing due to the short amount of cross time. He also has concerns with vehicles turning at that intersection. He didn't know if the city could adjust to make for a longer cross time and raise the volume due to the traffic.
- Bill Boyd talked about some of the subdivisions and streets where the water enters the lift station and sump pump connections.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Gedeon-Kuhn reminded council of the upcoming Capital Conference being held in Lansing on March 24 and 25, 2020 for elected officials. She would like to go and encouraged everyone to attend. Ganum stated there is money in the budget for council to attend the training.
- Member Fuller mentioned an email that Ganum sent regarding the overheated wires on some of the trees along Lake Street. He is mystified why that happens. Ganum stated the electrical contractor told the city that the lights are drawing such little load they are not tripping the GFI. There is not an answer how to fix this yet but he will look into it and come up with something for a solution.
- Attorney Senica would like to set a special meeting of the council for Wednesday or Thursday this week between just her and the council. Council discussed a date and time and it was the consensus of the council that the special meeting would be set for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- Ganum reminded everyone of the upcoming Polar Party on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk