

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2017  
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on February 6, 2017 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Liskey, Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, High

COUNCIL ABSENT: Gipson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Street/Fire Chief Knuth, Police Chief Unruh, Attorney Senica, Park/Water Superintendent Kading, Treasurer Lambrix

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

No citizens wished to be heard.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Anderson would like to add under *New Business 6F Severance Agreement and Release with Rich Knuth*. Council Member Catania would like to add under *Workshop Discussion Items H Lake Street Lighting*.

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the agenda as presented for February 6, 2017 with the addition of *New Business 6F Severance Agreement and Release with Rich Knuth* and *Workshop Discussion Items H Lake Street Lighting* , **motion carried unanimously**.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the January 16, 2017 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously**.

**Motion** by Council Member Rose, seconded by Council Member High to approve both meeting minutes of January 16, 2017 closed sessions, **motion carried unanimously**.

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the bills in the amount of \$104,008.77, **motion carried unanimously**.

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the Lake Michigan College Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes for the 2017 school year, **motion carried unanimously**.

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to adopt Resolution 2017-01:

**City of Bridgman  
Berrien County, State of Michigan  
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152,  
THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT  
Resolution 2017-01**

**WHEREAS, 2011** Public Act 152 (the “Act”) was passed by the State legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

**WHEREAS, the** Act contains three options for complying with the requirement of the Act;

**WHEREAS, the** three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 – “Hard Caps” Option – limits a public employer’s total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 – “80/20” Option – limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 – “Exemption” Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**WHEREAS, the** City Council has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the** City Council of the City of Bridgman elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017.

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Gipson

**Abstain:** None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose, to approve the Severance Agreement and Release with Street Superintendent/Fire Chief, Rich Knuth as presented,

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Gipson

**Abstain:** None

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### **Discussion on Beach House Concession Contract and Rental Agent Contract**

Water/Park Superintendent, Tim Kading informed Council that Classic Catering gave a 30 day notice on the rental agreement and they also no longer want to do the concession stand in the beach house. Superintendent Kading went over the different options the council can pursue for both the Weko Beach Concession and the Community Room rental. The options are as follows:

#### **Weko Beach concession**

1. Send out "Request for Proposals", advertise that the City is seeking someone to run the concession as in the past. Prior to Classic's willingness to operate the concession there has been little or no interest mainly due to the fact of it being a short season. As a result of the lack of interest there have a couple of seasons with no concessionaire.
2. Allow various food trucks to utilize a parking space at Weko along with a very limited menu (ice cream, hot dogs, candy and bottled water) concession operated by our own staff. The concession would be accessible from the service window only (located on the east side of the Beach house). This would allow the community room to be rented year round.
3. Do nothing- We would have no concession for the 2017 season.

#### **Community Room rental**

1. Send out "Request for Proposals", advertise that the City is seeking someone to act as Community Room rental agent as in the past.
2. Offer the rental agent position to the CGA. This option could include set hours of operation in a temporary office space much like the space the Lion's Club had in the south-east corner of the concession area. The arrangement could be similar to the existing agreement by paying the agent a percentage of the rental fee.
3. Do nothing- We would stop taking reservations for 2017 but we would honor the reservations that are currently booked.

Council discussed the different options and decided that Council Members High and Fuller, along with City Manager Ganum and Parks/Water Superintendent Kading will meet up to go over the options and bring information back to council at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Raw Water Flow Meter**

Parks/Water Superintendent Kading stated the water plant was built in 1958 and explained what a raw water flow meter is and what it is used for. This is a budgeted item and it comes with software. Purchasing this equipment will allow the city to have a separate meter for the actual amount of water the city is treating.

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the purchase of the raw water flow meter in the amount of \$2,300, **motion carried unanimously.**

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Anderson stated there are two open seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals. One is to be filled by a council member with the vacant seat left by Bill Boyd. If any council members are interested in serving on the board, they should contact City Manager Ganum.

Council Member Catania would like to see lights on the small decorative trees downtown all year long. City Manager Ganum stated the city is looking into downtown lighting across Lake Street.

Council Member Liskey talked about an article in the Herald Palladium regarding Benton Harbor schools. He would like the City to write our State Representatives in support of Benton Harbor, giving them more time to implement and improve the school systems. City Manager Ganum will draft a resolution and bring back to council at the next meeting.

Mayor Anderson stated the Michigan Municipal League (MML) is going around the state discussing revenue sharing. She would like it if they would come down in this area and get all communities together to discuss.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Hannah Anderson, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk