

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2020
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on February 17, 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, Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, Rick Fuller, Sarah Buist

COUNCIL ABSENT: Stacy Stine, Georgia Gipson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Police Chief Unruh, Parks Director Root, City Attorney Senica, Treasurer Lambrix, Department of Public Service Director Kading

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Library Director – The blood drive last Friday only resulted in 8 pints donated. The upcoming “Library Happenings” is included in the council packet, and there was an additional date for children’s movies added on March 17th.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the agenda for February 17, 2020 as presented, **motion carried unanimously**.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the minutes of the February 3, 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 \$240,049.19, discussion was had on the Chase Bond payment, invoice for cleaning the beach house, and the operating reserve from GRSD being \$20,000 higher this month, after discussion **motion carried unanimously**.

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Fuller to appoint Kathleen Ramso to the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance Board of Directors for a term ending December 2022, **motion carried unanimously**.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Manager’s Report

- Member Gedeon-Kuhn stated the Polar Party was a great turnout. The band has already been hired for next year and they are thinking about extending the hours to 10 or 11 p.m. She brought up an idea that recently evolved with the town doing a walk a few times a week with

possibly having the mayor lead the group. Pastor Fast came up with a name called “Bridgman on the Move”. Nothing is set yet as far as when it will start or the times and wanted to see what the council thought. Maybe the city could put out water bottles or have water stations. The council agreed this is a good idea.

- Ganum recently attended the third MML Policy Forum Series Conference in Grand Rapids about climate change and how it is affecting cities in Michigan. He heard a new term “climate refugees” and explained if the water runs out in the Southwest, the people might move towards the Midwest and specifically Michigan for the abundance of water here. He showed a short video of an artist talking about ways to communicate with individuals. He found a way to reuse sandbags and repurposed into an amphitheater. The message at the end is thinking outside the box to get involved and help the government solve problems in a different way.
- Ganum had a short discussion on strategic planning and went over a handout from the City of Holland. The City Manager of Holland has offered to lead the council through the process of strategic planning. Ganum will get more information and make a recommendation to council. Lastly, the City and Lake Charter Township has a friendly competition to collect as many socks possible for the BHS Key Club. The deadline is February 24th and the losing municipality will purchase pizza for the other municipality.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Bill Boyd asked if the city noticed a reduction in the electric bills for the streetlights now that they are LED. Ganum stated he was told that the city is charged a flat fee since they are not metered and would not necessarily pass on the cost savings to the city. Boyd also commented on a recent article regarding bottled water and draining aquifers. He has concerns with people using Lake Michigan as a resource for water and the city should look into passing an ordinance to be proactive and put into place that it is not allowed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Fuller thanked Ganum for projecting the council packet on the wall for all to see.
- Mayor Rose commented on the low turnout for the blood drive. Maybe it was due to lack of signage and during working hours. Maybe the city or Fire Department could do one on a Saturday. Something to look into.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk