

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2021
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on March 1, 2021 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:38 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Pam Hahaj, Stacy Stine, Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, John Bonkoske

COUNCIL ABSENT: Georgia Gipson (arrived at 7:34 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Lambrix, DPS Director Kading, Building Official Mattner

The pledge of allegiance was led by Sophia Rodriguez, a 4th grader at Bridgman Elementary School.

Mayor Rose explained the meeting procedure and how the public will be able to comment under the Hearing of Citizens.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Mayor Rose would like to amend the agenda to move **Workshop Item H. Consideration of candidates for City Council vacancy** to **Action Item B2**,

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the agenda for March 1, 2021 with the amendment listed above,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Stine, Hahaj, Bonkoske

Nays: None

Absent from vote: Gipson

Motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Gene Schoon, 4970 Kevin Dr. – President of the Woodland Shores Board which includes approximately 70 homes just north of Weko Beach. He spoke in favor of the actions the Bridgman City Council took last year and what Chikaming Township did last week. Chikaming stepped forward to limit the shoreline revetments by Ordinance. He urges the City to work with Lake Township and do something like what Chikaming Township just did. He would like to see this on the agenda in the future.
- John Immel – President of the Wildwood Association. He reiterated what Schoon stated and applauded the Bridgman City government for their actions last year. It would make sense for both Lake Charter Township and Bridgman City to combine their thoughts and join Chikaming Township for the common good.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 regular meeting,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rose, Stine, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani

Nays: None

Absent from vote: Gipson

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the bills in the amount of \$67,328.97,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Stine, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose

Nays: None

Absent from vote: Gipson

Motion carried.

Mayor Rose asked the council if anyone would like to make a nomination for the City Council vacancy. Council Member Hahaj nominated Sam Stine. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stine to appoint Sam Stine to the City Council with a term ending November 2022,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose

Abstain: Stine

Absent from vote: Gipson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Rose welcomed Sam Stine to the Bridgman City Council. He will be able to join the council at the next meeting after he gets sworn in.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve a contract between B&Z Company and the City of Bridgman in the amount of \$66,500 for replacement of the Baldwin Road lift station discharge manhole,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine

Absent from vote: Gipson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve a Site Discovery Services Proposal between Housing Next and the City of Bridgman in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to evaluate City-owned property adjacent to City Hall,

Council Member Bonkoske asked council if the proposal could be amended to allow him to evaluate other properties in the city. Attorney Senica explained that the council can approve the proposal as written and then create an addendum for him to do more work. This addendum would be subject to attorney review before sending it to Mr. Kilpatrick for review. Mr. Kilpatrick said he can work with time and material charges above what is in the proposal if Ganum feels it is appropriate.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine, Hahaj

Nays: Nays

Absent from vote: Gipson
Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

City Manager's Report

- Ganum added an additional page to his report that was created by Assessor Baumann. The map that was displayed shows all parcels that have transferred ownership in the last year highlighted in pink. Baumann stated there were approximately 137 which is a healthy sum of sales. There are additional sales between families that are not included in this number.
- The annual banner project is taking shape with this being the 3rd year. Everyone will be thrilled with the colorful banners. The new art teacher and middle school principal have been excellent to work with.
- A young gentleman, Parker Cody has a strong interest in city management. He went to Hope College a year ago and Ganum tried to hire him as an intern for the city. Due to COVID-19 that was not able to happen last year. Ganum is working with MML to try and obtain a grant to offset some of the cost of the internship. Hopefully, he will come back to Bridgman after college and Ganum will work with getting him involved here in his hometown.

Director of Public Services, Tim Kading – overview of revenues and expenses within the Major and Local Street Funds

Director of Public Services, Tim Kading went through the information that was included in the packet and highlighted some of the following information:

- Public Act 51 is where the city receives money annually for Major and Local streets. This money also includes the Marijuana Tax which has made a very positive impact.
- Bridgman has 6.76 miles of Major Streets that receive approximately \$180,000 annually for maintenance, snow removal, patching, reconstruction, etc.
- Bridgman has 7.44 miles of Local Streets that receive approximately \$61,000 annually for the same reasons as the Major Streets.
- The city can transfer up to 50% of the funds from the Major Streets to the Local Streets.
- Kading went through the PASER ratings of the road conditions in Bridgman and explained which are labeled Major Streets. He went through the recent street rehabilitation projects and what the upcoming rehabilitation priorities are for the city. In the meantime, the DPS is continually patching potholes throughout the city.

City Attorney's update – shoreline revetments

Attorney Senica updated the council on the recent meeting that Chikaming Township had to prevent hard armory along the shoreline. She attended the meeting and was very impressed on the work that was put into the proposed Ordinance. The City passed a resolution in August 2020, but an ordinance has a stronger impact than a resolution. The council should consider following Chikaming Township's lead but will need to act in unison with Lake Charter Township. The City should have serious discussions with Lake Charter Township to decide what is in the best interests for the citizens. This topic should stay on the agenda until there is a resolution. The local officials should work together to create a joint Ordinance. Senica, Ganum, and council further discussed how to move forward.

Council Member joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to go into closed session under Section 15.268 (8)a of the Open Meetings Act at the request of the City Manager at 7:34 p.m.,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The City Council came out of closed session and resumed open session at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to give City Manager Ganum a 10% raise,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske

Nays: None

Motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stine to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk