

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
March 2, 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 (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one wished to be heard.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the agenda for March 2, 2020 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.** (Member Buist Arrived at 6:31 p.m.)

PRESENTATION:

Presentation: Bill Boyd, Bridgman's appointed representative to Medic 1 Ambulance Service to share an overview of the 2020/2021 budget

Bill Boyd went through the 2020 – 2021 Budget Highlights that is included in the packet.

- Purchase two 2019 ambulances and a 2019 wheelchair van. Salary increases of 3% to both union and non-union employees, a 3% increase in the per capita level for all municipalities, and a 3% increase in the rates charged to patients.
- He went through the numbers in the Income Summary, 2020-2021 Projected Revenue and Expense Budget. Medic 1 writes off between \$30,000-50,000 a year.
- Medic 1 always tries to keep 5 ambulances on the road, and they keep a couple on reserve for their busy times in the summer.

Member Stine asked why Bridgman and other municipalities are not paying the same per capita as the original members after being a member for so many years. Boyd will ask the board and get back to the council.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the special minutes of the February 5, 2020 special meeting with the correction of the spelling of Member Gedeon-Kuhn's name and the minutes of the February 17, 2020 regular meeting as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the bills in the amount of \$28,282.46, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt **Resolution 2020-01**, a *Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions*, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to adopt **Resolution 2020-02**, a *Resolution to Adopt the City of Bridgman 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan*, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion of new monthly camping rates at the Weko Beach Campground

Root went through a power point presentation on the current monthly camping rates that have been in effect since 2018 and the daily rates. He went through the occupancy rate history and revenue between the monthly campers and transient campers and the price points for Kamp Across from the Dunes and Shamrock Park as a comparison. The campground needs to be run as a business and went through the different opportunity costs. His recommendation is to not make any changes to the monthly camping rates at this time and re-evaluate at the end of the season. Attorney Senica explained that the council has control of setting the rates and that is why Root presented the information tonight. No action is needed if the council wants to keep the rates as is.

Discussion to establish official hours of operation for Weko Beach and Campground, Toth Park, and Legion Park

Root explained after talking to Chief Unruh, it is hard for his officers to enforce the park hours if the hours are not established by ordinance or resolution and not posted. Currently Weko Beach has hours established by Resolution 2002-05 that it closes at 11:00 p.m. but does not indicate when the park is open. Toth Park currently has posted hours of 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. May 1st – October 1st and 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. from October 2nd – April 30th and there is no signage at Legion Park. In looking back at the last 20 years, he was unable to locate any ordinance or resolution that states what the park hours are for Toth Park and Legion Park and would like to establish official hours by resolution. Root recommends that Weko Beach and Campground hours should be 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and have both Toth Park and Legion Park have hours from Dawn – Dusk. The resolution should also declare that parking not be permitted in Toth or Legion Park after hours. The council discussed the information presented and Root will present a resolution at the next meeting for council to consider adopting.

City Manager's Report – written report

In addition to Ganum's written report:

- The sock drive for the Key Club was very successful with collecting 1300 pairs of socks. The City of Bridgman and Lake Township had a friendly competition on collecting the most socks with the City collecting 247 pairs and the Township collecting 192 pairs. Lake Township will treat the city staff to pizza for their success.
- Ganum displayed one of the new 52 banners that was created from the middle school again this year. They will be installed in the next few days. There were approximately 150 designs to choose from.
- Ganum updated the council on the status of a resident who is blind and has concerns with crossing the Red Arrow and Lake Street intersection. City staff has been busy looking into the

programming and standards for that intersection. Currently the crossing time exceeds standards by 11 seconds on the north side. The city will visit the gentleman and run some “real world” tests to see if further modifications need to be made such as turning the audibles up.

- In two weeks, there will be guests present at the council meeting for Habitat for Humanity. Trying to create a project here in Bridgman has been in the works for the last couple of years and has a potential of building 8 new houses. Eligibility requirements would be the applicant reside in or works for the community for 12 months. These houses would probably be in the \$125,000 – 150,000 range. More information will be presented at the next council meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Fuller thanked Ganum and staff for visuals, it adds to the presentation and complemented Root on his reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk