

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

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on March 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, Gipson, Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, High

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Street/Fire Chief Knuth, Sgt. LaVanway, Attorney Senica, Park/Water Superintendent Kading, Engineer Nykamp

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Mayor Anderson went over the public participation rules and procedures that were recently adopted by the city council, and reminded everyone that the full council packets are now available on the website.

No citizens wished to be heard.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Anderson would like to add under the City Manager's Report to the City Council – *Weed and Ordinance update*.

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the agenda as presented for March 6, 2017 with the addition of *Weed and Ordinance update* under the City Manager's Report to the City Council, **motion carried unanimously**.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the February 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously**.

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the bills in the amount of \$28,969.21, **motion carried unanimously**.

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the contract between John Withrow Excavating and the City of Bridgman in the amount of \$8,500 for the demolition of the house located at 4262 Oak St., **motion carried unanimously**.

## WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### City Manager's Report to the City Council

Ganum went through his Manager's report and briefly discussed a few of the following items in his report:

1. **Fire Chief Succession** – Currently, the City's Fire Department has an administrative structure of officers which includes an assistant fire chief, two captains and two lieutenants. When current Assistant Fire Chief, Joel Buist gets promoted to Fire Chief, Joel does not intend to replace himself by hiring or promoting a new assistant fire chief. This will modify the administrative structure by eliminating one position.
3. **Baldwin Road Sanitary Sewer** – Engineer Nykamp gave an update on the project. The project will go out for bid starting tomorrow for a 3 week period. If there are no issues with the bids coming in it will go to council at the April 3, 2017 meeting. Construction for this project should be completed by the end of October.
5. **Lake Street Lighting** – The City has installed lighting on some of the light poles on Lake Street. There is a section that has been wrapped with lights on both the east end and west end of Lake Street. The City is still working on options of what will work best in downtown Bridgman.
6. **Corridor Improvement Authority Planning Survey** – The CIA and CGA have been working on a survey that the CIA recently approved. It will be going out via email through the CGA's distribution list and will also be placed on the City's website. This survey includes items such as lighting, parking and décor throughout the city that can be ranked and prioritized from order of importance to not a priority.
7. **Beach House Rental Agent/Food Concessionaire/Food Truck Vendors** – The rental agent RFP is complete and ready to be published in the paper. The food truck notice is ready to be published as well. Interested parties for the food truck will have a mandatory meeting on March 21, 2017. The food concessionaire will be run by seasonal city staff which will handle ice cream, drinks and snacks.
8. **Horse Drawn Carriage** – Ganum along with Calli Berg, CGA Director, looked through the General Ordinances to find out if Horse Drawn Carriages would be allowed in the city. Their interpretation is that it doesn't appear having a Horse Drawn Carriage would violate the City's Code of Ordinances. After discussion, the council would like Berg and the interested party to come to the next meeting to explain more of their intent to the council.

### **Other Discussion Items:**

- The City Council Visioning Session is coming up this Saturday, March 7, 2017. This meeting is to look at the Master Plan as a compass, and talk about projects and costs associated for future planning.
- Grass and Weed Ordinance- Ganum has been looking at other communities to see how they regulate this. South Haven has a practical and workable ordinance. The framework of a new ordinance for the city is starting to take shape.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Wendy Lozeau brought up the dogs at Weko Beach and the need for more enforcement down there. Council discussed more enforcement and options to look into.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Liskey to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Hannah Anderson, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk