

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 7, 2018
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on May 7, 2018 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Robert Liskey, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller, Ken High

COUNCIL ABSENT: Georgia Gipson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Water/Sewer Superintendent Kading, Engineer Nykamp, CGA Director Calli Berg

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Council Member Catania wanted to add under **Workshop Agenda Items:** *Weko Beach Parking and the Berrien Bus*. Council Member Fuller wanted to add under **Workshop Agenda Items:** *Family Friday Fest*.

Motion by Council Member Catania, supported by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda for May 7, 2018 as presented with the addition of **Workshop Agenda Items:** *Weko Beach Parking, Berrien Bus, and Family Friday Fest*, **motion carried unanimously**.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation Envision Bridgman architecture projects by Julie Bender's F.C. Reed Middle School 8th Grade Art Class

Annika Hawley, Angelina Kietzer, Elizabeth King, Grace Fenech, Arie Hackett, Linda Klein

Ms. Bender encourages her 8th graders to think about Bridgman and what they would like to see in town that they would enjoy. She encourages creativity with no cost limitations in designing their plans.

- Angelina and Annika presented Lightning Aquarium. Their logo is an octopus and the façade includes a large glass dome at the top with a large light up sign. The aquarium includes an area for dolphin shows, shark shows, a petting pool area, café, and gift shop.
- Arie and Linda presented On the Lake which would be located at the beach. This includes a restaurant, Starbucks, stage area, and a stop in shop that would sell items such as sunscreen, flip flops, and trendy cloths.
- Grace and Elizabeth presented a Bridgman Rec Center. This would include an area for swimming, biking, rock climbing, locker rooms, saunas, showers, gym area, a track, yoga room,

dance room, meeting room, balcony, concession stand, and child care area. This building would have an all glass façade.

Proclamation of Janet Schrader as The City of Bridgman Sand Sculpting Laureate

Mayor Anderson presented the proclamation to Janet Schrader and thanked her for joining the city. She will be putting up a permanent sand sculpture display downtown.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the April 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the bills in the amount of \$114,718.97, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to reappoint Dorothea Crocker and Eugene Herrman to the Planning Commission for a term ending April 1, 2020, and Mark Hurray and Richard Kading to the Planning Commission for a term ending April 1, 2021, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt **Resolution 2018-08**, *A local governing body resolution for charitable gaming licenses*, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Rose, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt a policy and application process for exemption from property taxes for charitable, educational and religious nonprofit organizations as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Liskey, seconded by Council Member Catania to adopt **Resolution 2018-09** *Waiving penalty fees and interest for property owners who fail to file property tax transfer affidavit*, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to schedule a public hearing for a Headlee Rollback Increase for May 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to schedule a public hearing for Fiscal Year 2019 Budget on June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve a Special Events Application submitted by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance for the Makers Trail Festival on June 9, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the contract for consulting services for parks and recreation regarding Weko Beach and Campground between GS Enterprises and the City of Bridgman, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Weko Beach Parking

Member Catania is concerned with the Weko Beach parking and people parking in the boat launch area. Not all the tickets issued get paid so he talked about possibly getting a couple of boots for the cars or having vehicles towed. Chief Unruh explained the process of issuing tickets and following up with unpaid tickets. Attorney Senica explained being a smaller city and the ones receiving the tickets have a right at due process to pay the ticket before getting a boot placed on the vehicle or having them towed. Chief Unruh stated the ideal situation would be having a designated officer down there, along with better communications with the Parks Department staff. Mayor Anderson would like to keep updated on the parking situation.

Berrien Bus

Member Catania has concerns with the Berrien Bus and Bridgman not getting the service that is needed for what the city is paying for it. Ganum stated that the city pays approximately \$5,500 a year and Bridgman is not served by Berrien Bus outside the contract we currently have. CGA Director Berg explained the cost and services to the council on what is currently in the contract. She stated that currently there are 1-3 riders on Fridays. Ganum stated he is the Bridgman Representative for the Connect Berrien Effort committee. They are currently looking at transit county wide. There are two different services, on demand service like a taxi and a line haul route. A draft of the services has just been completed. Mayor Anderson would like to put this on the agenda for a workshop meeting down the road.

Family Friday Fest

Member Fuller updated the council on the new Family Friday Fest that is being created. This will be held on the last Friday of each month between May – August. There would be one block of Lake Street between Mathieu Street and Maple Street closed off between 5 – 9 p.m. A small group of people that have been meeting for this festival are working out the details. There will be children events, a bonfire, vendor tents and more. No alcoholic beverages will be served in the streets. These events are based on the lighter, quicker, cheaper concept but there will be a few expenses incurred. The CIA has contributed \$1,000 and the CGA \$650 for these events. He is asking council to consider paying for the costs of 12 tents around \$1,600 that the city would own, for porta johns that would be around \$300-\$500 per Friday, and for the City to hold the bank account for this money and help with some of the set up.

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Catania for the city to incur the costs of the purchase of tents and porta johns, provide a bank account, and for the city to put up street blockades, **motion carried unanimously.**

ENGINEER'S UPDATE

Nykamp stated the Donna/Vista Drive project is very active right now. The storm sewer repairs and improvements are completed. They are currently working on grating sidewalks right now and next week they will start on the street. The pavement will be completed by early June and the completion of the sidewalks after the roadway. This project will be completed around the end of June. The DPW and Lift Station projects are gearing up to get started in the next couple of weeks.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

One resident inquired on the status of the boat ramp. Ganum explained that the city council elected to keep the boat ramp as it was an asset to the city and the residents. There was an offer made from a citizen to fabricate the new boat ramp at no charge if the city pays for the materials. Shortly after that, another citizen contacted AEP, who then donated \$8,000 to the city for the materials for the ramp. The new ramp is currently being fabricated at this time and will hopefully be installed soon. Until the new one is installed, the old one was put in on May 1st so boaters could use the ramp.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Ganum pointed out that in two weeks will be the budget workshop, and all department heads will be at that meeting. The draft budget will be available by noon tomorrow on the G drive.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk