

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2017
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on May 15, 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, Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, High

COUNCIL ABSENT: Gipson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Sgt. LaVanway

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Bill Boyd – would like to see the remnants of the trees cleaned up that were cut down by the power lines on Lake St. near the beach. The trunks and logs are still laying there and it makes it susceptible to Oak wilt. It should be covered in plastic, and hauled out so beetles don't get in.
- Rick Fuller – 3729 Stelter Farm – would like to invite everyone to an open house for Hoof-to-Hanger on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member High, supported by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda as presented for May 15, 2017, **motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the May 1, 2017 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the bills in the amount of \$57,338.40, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Horse Drawn carriages within the City of Bridgman – discussion and consideration

Council discussed the presentation from Stephanie Strefling to the council approximately six weeks ago and the consideration of allowing a horse drawn carriage business in the City of Bridgman. If they are to allow it, they would need to create an ordinance with regulations. Another option is to allow horse drawn carriage rides through special event applications like the City of St. Joseph does. Attorney Senica said the council as a legislative body needs to decide if they want to allow this or not. You could put it in the Zoning Ordinance as a permitted special use, or could have a separate ordinance regulating this type of business. The council will need to look at all aspects. The City of St. Joe allows horse drawn carriage rides at special events and closes some of the downtown roads to do it. By doing it this way, it would need to come before council each time for approval. Council further discussed safety concerns such as

the roads not being wide enough, the carriage slowing down traffic, and overall congestion it would cause. The council agreed it is a great idea but not a good fit for Bridgman at this time.

Mayor Anderson polled the council and the **unanimous consensus was to take no action at this time.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Bryan, residence on Church St. – Has concerns with the outside dining areas on Lake St. encroaching into the sidewalk too far making the pathway too narrow. He also does not like the pedestrian crosswalk sign in the middle of Lake St. that is not in a crosswalk. The city should get rid of it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Anderson wanted to remind everyone that the Memorial Day parade is on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Line up for the parade is at noon with the parade kicking off at 1:00 p.m.
- Fuller wanted to mention the clock at City Hall is correct and wanted to thank the person that corrected it. Concerned with the safety factor of the entrance between Eric's Café and Accents needing to be marked a one way with signage.
- High asked about the unofficial crosswalk and what has been looked into. Ganum stated he was out there last week for an hour with the DPW and is still trying to find a solution. He is going to have the crosswalks painted white downtown as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk