

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 18, 2020  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on May 18, 2020 remotely by means of electronic conferencing 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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Root, Treasurer Lambrix, and DPS Director Kading, Fire Chief Buist, Building Official Mattner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**Mayor** Rose explained the meeting procedure and how the public will be able to comment under the Hearing of Citizens portion of the agenda which will be towards the bottom of the agenda.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the agenda for May 18, 2020

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Gedeon-Kuhn, Stine, Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 regular meeting and May 11, 2020 special meeting,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Stine, Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Gedeon-Kuhn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the bills in the amount of \$29,187.16,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Gedeon-Kuhn, Stine

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the reappointment of Joan Hurray to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending May 1, 2023,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Gedeon-Kuhn, Stine, Trapani

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt the First Reading and introduction of Ordinance 2020-207, adopting a codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Bridgman,

Attorney Senica explained the recodification process which began in 2018 by hiring a professional company. This company along with the Department Heads, City Manager, and herself went through the ordinances to make sure the content was up to date, consistent, and resolved any conflicting ordinances. All changes that were made, is listed in exhibit "A" that was included in the last council packet. She went through a few examples. It has been over 16 years since the city re-codified the ordinances and this process should be done every 10 – 15 years.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Gedeon-Kuhn, Stine, Trapani, Rose

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

#### **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

##### **Distribution of Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) City of Bridgman Budget**

Ganum went through the budget approval schedule. The council has a couple of weeks to tear into it and ask questions. Questions can be asked before the next meeting and Ganum can respond to the entire council at that time. A public hearing will then be scheduled as required to adopt the budget. Ganum shared a few slides and went over a few highlights. The city is forgoing capital improvement projects this year and deferring for at least a year. The city is also deferring grant programs for road projects that would be a 50/50 program. The only capital improvement projects this year is the storm sewer projects that was discussed late last year that will help further reduce the inflow.

##### **City Manager's Report**

- In addition to Ganum's report, he talked about a safe return work plan created by MIOSHA. The city will do something similar, be implemented and have the city staff return this week. He is not going to temperature check everyone but ask that each employee check their temperatures daily before coming into work. Rite Aid in Bridgman is a COVID-19 testing facility where residents can register and get tested.
- The city's website has been updated as part of the original contract. It is a big improvement and more user friendly.
- Bridgman is participating with other Harbor Country communities in a marketing effort with the Pokagon Fund to show we are opening. On Wednesday there will be community members from New Buffalo to Bridgman that will meet at Warren Dunes to take a drone photo showing that we are ready and maintain social distancing.
- Member Gedeon-Kuhn talked about the surprise on Lake Street where 48 banners were installed for the 2020 graduates.

### HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Root spoke on the withdrawal of the Memorandum of Understanding for access of Weko Beach to install revetments north of the city. Maybe the council could discuss revetment projects in the city at a later date. Mayor Rose and Member Trapani agreed it needs to be on the agenda and discussed.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Rose thanked Root and Ball for the “I love Weko” sign at the beach. People are going to be taking pictures of that. Root stated it was Ball’s idea initially and put in great effort. People are taking photos of this and hopefully there will be more use of it.
- Member Trapani talked about Lakeland and the current layoffs. They are pulling the program where nurses are assisting seniors. South County is underserved, and she worries about the people that are hungry and do not have insurance. The Senior Center is writing a letter, nurses are writing letters, and maybe the City can join together and write a letter, review and submit at the next meeting.
- Member Fuller asked if City Hall is opening when the staff returns to work. Ganum stated that City Hall will be closed until at least May 28<sup>th</sup>. A plexiglass shield will be installed at the counter and everyone will maintain social distancing.
- Chief Unruh stated that an officer will start working at the beach on weekends beginning this weekend and will enforce parking, no dogs on beach, and boat ramp parking.
- Root stated the beach passes are now being sold at the campground check-in station as well as senior passes. He is not sure on what capacity to allow to prevent overcrowding, but he is working on a plan.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m., **motion carried.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk