

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2020
6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 1, 2020 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:31 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, Building Official Mattner, Engineer Nykamp

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. He is also adding an extra Hearing of Citizens at the beginning of the meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library Director – Explained that the library will start working on re-opening procedures and everyone can follow their social media for more updates.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the agenda for June 1, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Fuller (muted)

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 regular meeting,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Fuller (muted)

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the bills in the amount of \$71,859.41,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Fuller (muted)

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adopt the second reading and enactment of Ordinance 2020-207, adopting a codification and revision of the Ordinances of the City of Bridgman,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Fuller (muted)

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson schedule a public hearing on June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed City of Bridgman Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Fuller (muted)

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) Budget Amendment - Treasurer

Lambrix answered questions with regards to the summary of amendments in each fund. Mayor Rose asked about the increase in the building inspector budget and if this position will turn into full time. Ganum explained the projects that Mattner has taken on since he arrived and how well he is doing. This will not be a position that will turn into full time.

FY 2021 Budget workshop

Ganum went through the highlights in the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget has changed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic hitting the local communities, state and nation. This budget has been dramatically reduced to reflect the anticipated reductions in the state revenue sharing and Act 51 funds. The estimated reduction in revenue sharing from the State is 11%. Since the City is anticipating further reduction in the state revenue sharing, the City has budgeted a reduction of 23% from its original revenue sharing allocation.

Due to these reductions, the City department heads have eliminated the majority of planned capital expenses. The only capital improvement project that will be done this year are the sanitary sewer repairs that were explained to council a few months back. Member Fuller inquired about the increase in the garbage/recycling and if Ganum had heard back from the Representative from Republic. Ganum has not received a response yet. He also inquired about the \$10,000 that was previously budgeted for the Greater Area Bridgman Growth and Alliance. Ganum explained that the City had budgeted \$10,000 for a three year period, and last fiscal year was the end of the three years.

City Manager's Report

Ganum gave a verbal report on the following:

- Beginning June 8th bars and restaurants will be open at 50% capacity.
- There was a sewer clog on Lake Street that caused two houses to back up. One resident submitted their information and it has been turned over to the City's insurance company to handle.
- Arcadia has planted all the flowerpots in town which is going to look great.
- Wightman has created an estimate for the Willow Street extension. Engineer Nykamp explained total cost estimate to extend Willow Street to Baldwin Road would be \$1.1 million. To extend the road for the Habitat project would cost \$350,000 and she explained the costs in detail. Ganum said that Habitat is still working on developing a different plan and that is why the presentation was pulled from the agenda.
- Ganum explained the "We are ready" marketing campaign for Harbor Country. This is to help attract tourist back to Harbor Country and show the area is ready to reopen.
- The Farmer's market has been going quite well over the last month.

Councilmember Trapani's letter to Lakeland Spectrum

Ganum explained the letter Member Trapani wrote to Lakeland Spectrum asking them to reconsider the decision to no longer provide Parish and senior center nursing programs. Council discussed and thought it was a good idea to have all the councilmembers sign it and send it to Lakeland. It will be made available to sign in the vestibule at City Hall.

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Gipson to send the letter presented to Lakeland regarding senior center programs,

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Absent from vote: Fuller (muted)

Motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- No council comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Gedeon-Kuhn, seconded by Council Member Stine to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.,

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent for vote: None

Motion carried.

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk