

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 5, 2017
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 5, 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

COUNCIL ABSENT: High

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Ganum, Clerk Holm, Treasurer Lambrix, Police Chief Unruh, Engineer Nykamp

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda as presented for June 5, 2017 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to close the regular meeting and open up the public hearing for the proposed FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) City of Bridgman Budget and Truth in Taxation (Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction MCL 211.34d) **at 6:30 p.m., motion carried unanimously.**

Gene Herrman asked how the Headlee will affect the residents of Bridgman and their taxes. Manager Ganum explained the Headlee Act and Proposal A. The Headlee is a property tax capped by the rate of inflation. The change will be so insignificant that you won't notice it on your bill. If anything, your taxes will down a small percent.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting **at 6:38 p.m., motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Envisioning Bridgman's Future: Student Architecture from F.C. Reed Middle School

Julie Bender, a teacher at F.C. Reed Middle School along with three students gave a presentation on a recent project they did. They were encouraged to plan for the future of Bridgman and create a cool idea for the center of the city. They explained their plan to use the old retirement home located on Lake and Church Street and turn it into a place that would be fun for middle school and high schoolers to hang out at.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the May 15, 2017 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Rose, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$139,911.11, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt **Resolution 2017 – 05** *A resolution authorizing publication of a Notice of Intent to issue general obligation limited tax bonds and declaring intent to reimburse in order to finance reconstruction of Donna Dr. and Vista Drive, the Baldwin Road Lift Station, and the modernization and repair of the Street Department building,*

Roll Call:

Yeas: Gipson, Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, Liskey

Nays: None

Absent: High

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt **Resolution 2017 – 04** *A resolution authorizing the Bridgman Fire Department's Application for a Special License to serve alcohol during Celebrate Bridgman,* **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the special events application submitted by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance for the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Festival as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the special events application submitted by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance for the Weko Beach Brewers Fest, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the special events application submitted by Bike Michiana for Hospice for a bicycling event on September 17, 2017, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adopt the Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction to capture a multiplier of 1.009 for 2017 City of Bridgman Millage Rate for Operation,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, Liskey, Gipson

Nays: None

Absent: High

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Short term rental regulation – proposed legislation by Michigan House and Senate

Council discussed Michigan House Bill 4503 and Senate Bill 329, which was recently introduced, that would create new legislation that effectively overrides local control with respect to short term rentals. These bills would define short term rentals as the “rental of any single-family residence or 1-to-4 family house or dwelling unit, or any unit or group of units in a condominium, for terms of less than 28 days at

a time. Additionally, short term rentals would be considered a residential use and be permitted in all residential zones, should the bills be enacted into law.

Motion by Council Member Liskey, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt **Resolution 2017-06 A Resolution Regarding State Short-Term Rental Bill,**

Roll Call:

Yeas: Catania, Fuller, Liskey, Gipson, Rose, Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: High

Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

Gene Herrman said that he has contacted Senator John Proos to give him his opinion and encouraged others to do so.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Liskey inquired about a trailer parked in someone's driveway near Harding's and if that was allowed in the city. Chief Unruh stated that if it is properly plated, they can park on the property for up to one year.
- Council as a whole discussed the crosswalk that is in the road on Lake St. between Mathieu and Maple St. There are safety concerns with having it in that location without an actual crosswalk there. Would like to see the crosswalks painted and have signage on the sidewalk at the crosswalks to make them more visible. Would like to see the police enforce this law if they witness cars not yielding to pedestrians. Council agreed the sooner the crosswalks are painted and signage is up, the better.
- Member Gipson wanted to thank Wendy Lozeau and Rick Fuller for planting all of the brick planters in town.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk