

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2018  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 18, 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, Georgia Gipson, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Ken High

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Police Chief Unruh, City Attorney Senica

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Library Director - The summer reading program is underway for adults, teens, and children. The disc golf club meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Township Park. They now have 10 portable internet devices called hotspots that can be checked out.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the agenda for June 18, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the June 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$382,697.83, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Liskey, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) City of Bridgman Budget Amendments as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Liskey, seconded by Council Catania to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) City of Bridgman Budget as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

## WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### Grass and Weed Ordinance – continued discussion

Attorney Senica is in the process of working on the draft ordinance and creating definitions that fit Bridgman. The city has unique properties such as woodlands, wetlands, and dune lands that other cities don't have. She will have a draft ordinance ready for the next council meeting.

Ganum explained that defining a "lawn" is just as challenging as defining a "weed". The ordinance that will be created needs to be a workable, practical, and enforceable ordinance. Since Bridgman passes so few ordinances, the city owes it to the residents to make sure they are all informed. After discussion, it was decided that the new Grass and Weed Ordinance should be placed in the next Community Buzz along with the Blight Ordinance as a reminder and the recently adopted RV Ordinance. The information should be presented in a positive way to the residents.

### HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Fuller has concerns with Baroda-Lake Police driving through town. Chief Unruh will look into it.
- Member Catania inquired about the stop signs with lights he brought up at the last meeting. Chief Unruh said he looked into it and they run between \$800 - \$1200 apiece.
- Member Liskey asked about the sewer fund and if the treasurer had any concerns. Lambrix stated that the sewer fund is headed in the right direction, but the GRSD (Galien River Sanitary District Sewer Authority) is the wild card right now. The city will have to keep a close eye and stay very involved with them. Ganum stated the operating reserve invoice have doubled since last year. It could possibly be caused by a meter near the lagoons, but that has since been replaced. The city will be monitoring the problem closely. The GRSD board agreed this needs to be investigated and the city's bill has since been artificially suppressed for now. Ganum will give a presentation to the council once the city has all the findings.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Hannah Anderson, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk