

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 2017
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 19, 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, High

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member High, supported by Council Member Catania to approve the agenda as presented for June 19, 2017, **motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Anderson acknowledged Gus Littke for ten years of service to the City of Bridgman. He was unable to attend tonight to receive his certification of appreciation.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the June 5, 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 \$61,123.59, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adopt the City of Bridgman Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018), **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt the amendments to the City of Bridgman Fiscal Year 2017 Budget (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017), **motion carried unanimously.**

Adoption of a resolution to approve the City of Bridgman Zoning Ordinance for the first reading

Mayor Anderson explained the 15 month process of reviewing the Zoning Ordinance and creating a more user friendly, form based zoning process. With an influx in Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and issues with the definition of a garage and accessory buildings in the ordinance, it prompted a review of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission sent out Request for Proposals (RFP'S) to look for professional firms to assist in the re-writing process. There were approximately 5 that came in that the Planning Commission reviewed, and chose 2 of those firms to interview. They decided to contract

Williams & Works to start the process. A Steering Committee was then formed, which included members of the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, citizens, and business owners, approximately 12-15 people in all. Mayor Anderson gave a brief overview of how the new Zoning Ordinance is set up, and is really proud of the end result. She clarified the minimum for short-term rentals is 6 months in the Zoning Ordinance before council tonight. She wanted to compliment the Planning Commission, Steering Committee and staff for the hard work and hours spent dedicated to this process.

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt **Resolution 2017-07 A Resolution to Adopt Ordinance No. 194, The City of Bridgman Zoning Ordinance for First Reading,**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Manager Ganum stated this is not technically a workshop meeting, so there are no workshop items at this meeting to discuss. There will be four ordinances presented to council at the next meeting. These were previously included in the Zoning Ordinance that have been pulled out to become standalone ordinances under the General Ordinances.
- Mayor Anderson polled the council to see what day works best for them since there is not a first Monday meeting scheduled in July. Council agreed to set a Workshop Meeting for Monday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Maureen Rotondo, located at 4444 Lake St is upset that her water bills are so high and feels the sewer part is outrageous. She has lived in Bridgman for 17 years, and it is hard for seniors like her to manage the bills, especially when they are on a fixed income. Mayor Anderson recommended her to visit City Hall where the Utility Billing Clerk can take a look and see if there are any possible issues.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council Member Catania explained that the city has tried their best to get the train track crossing at Lake St. fixed for the last few years. Manager Ganum said the city cannot work on the railroad without permission from CSX. CSX had a recent change in leadership who is cutting costs leaving fewer people to do the job in this region. He sent an email recently and has still had no response from CSX. Bill Boyd stated that it is more than just a rough track, it is a safety hazard. He suggested trying to get a hold of the National Transportation Safety Service.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk