

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 2, 2018
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on July 2, 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, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Engineer Nykamp, Fire Chief Buist, Matt Jones, Street Department

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Caroline Miller located at 8848 Dunewood Dr. – When the city does the striping of the streets, they should include painting the crosswalk borders that currently exists along Lake St. and place crosswalk signs on both sides.
- Troy Rolling, State Representative Candidate – Introduced himself and his platform. He would like to make sure that all students coming out of school with low grades has a pathway to success such as getting them into a trade. Marijuana is on the ballot this November and he has experience to help create policies in Lansing.
- JoAnn Demeulenare, State Representative Candidate – Introduced herself and her platform. She would like to see schools have a zero F policy for students to continue playing in sports. Education, public safety, healthcare, and mental illness are also important to her.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Mayor Anderson would like to add two additional bills to approve for tonight. One is for the Boy Scout Troop 326 in the amount of \$100 for the use of their tent for a concert during Celebrate Bridgman. The second is for \$50 for Blue Shoe Jazz Band for handling their sound and equipment at the previous Bridgman Final Friday Fest.

Motion by Council Member Catania, supported by Council Member Gipson to approve the agenda for July 2, 2018 as presented with the addition of the two bills, **motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATION:

Presentation: Bridgman Community Queen Committee

Kristen Buist, Miss Teen Bridgman 2018 introduced some of the royal court that was able to attend tonight. She gave a little back history of the Queen Committee and all that they do. She asked the city council for support for the Bridgman float. Currently the float is at Lake Charter Township, but they can no longer store it. They have asked a lot of various places, but no one is able to accommodate the float.

The Queen Committee is willing to help raise money but would like to get the community involved as well.

The council discussed and agreed there is no place currently in the city that the city owns to store the float, but they would put out feelers to try and locate a place for it.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Rose, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the June 18, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the bills in the amount of \$78,125.92, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Repair, sealcoating and paint striping of municipal parking lots and paint striping of local streets

Ganum went through the information presented in the packet. It has been 5 – 10 years since the last time that the municipal parking lots have been sealed. This should be done at least every 3 years. The Weko Beach parking lot would come out of the Park Fund. The City Hall repair, sealing, and striping would come out of the General Fund. Matt Jones explained the process of crack sealing and using infrared sealer on the larger cracks. Council discussed and a couple had some concerns with the FY 2019 budget being presented and approved, and now this is getting presented to them for an additional \$60,000 that wasn't budgeted. Ganum will present council with a budget impact for each of the funds at the next city council meeting. Ganum and Treasurer Lambrix are comfortable that the city has the funds for the projects presented.

Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance – distribution of full draft

Attorney Senica went through some of the highlighted areas of the draft ordinance. There is room in the ordinance for interpretation for the Building and Police Department to enforce. This is not a zero-tolerance ordinance. If someone disagrees, they have an appeal process to come before city council to explain their area and situation. The council would have the final say. If someone is in violation, a notice would be mailed and hung on the door. They would have 10 days to comply and mow or get a ticket. A bill would be sent out and if not paid, would be placed on the property taxes.

Council discussed what was presented and asked questions. They decided that the height of the grass should be no longer than 6", not the 8" stated in the draft. Mayor Anderson would like a spelling correction in Section 3B of one of the weeds to be Knotweed. She would also like to add to the list of noxious weeds to include Garlic Mustard, Spotted Knappweed, and Phragmites. She would like to see language added to Section 6 regarding composting. There should be something in the ordinance that states the residents are responsible for their tree lawn and cannot blow lawn debris into the street.

Attorney Senica will make the changes suggested for the council to review at the next meeting.

Consideration of amendments to the city manager's employment agreement

Mayor Anderson stated that Ganum is requesting three changes to his current contract. The first one is for him to no longer request permission from the council to attend seminars and eliminate that language from the contract. The second one is to consider a monthly car allowance between \$300 - \$500 a month. The third request is to increase his severance in the contract from 4 months to 6 months.

Council discussed the information presented. They were in agreeance that Ganum is frugal to where he goes and is comfortable to eliminate that language from the contract. They then discussed the proposed car allowance. Ganum is currently receiving mileage reimbursement when he drives more than 100 miles, but he currently does a lot of local driving with his vehicle to attend meetings. The consensus of the council is to give Ganum a \$400 monthly car allowance. Council also agreed that his severance payout should be increased from 4 months to 6 months.

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to honor the requests presented by Ganum that the language to request permission from city council to go to conferences be taken out of his contract, give a \$400/month car allowance, and increase his severance pay from 4 to 6 months, **motion carried unanimously.**

ENGINEER'S UPDATE

- **Donna Drive and Vista Drive Improvement Project** – This project is nearly complete. The top coat of asphalt will be installed tomorrow. The concrete work, sidewalk, and restoration looks very nice.
- **DPW Building Project** – This project is moving nicely. The roof work is completed except for some flashing. It will still be a few more weeks before the horizontal siding will be available and installed. The inside work is moving along as well. The plumbing is complete, the door openings are framed out, the LED lights have been installed, but the floor is not sealed yet.
- **Baldwin Road Lift Station Project** – The pump for the lift station is still delayed at the manufacturer in Europe. The start date of this project will be the end of the week of July 23rd with the construction lasting four weeks.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Troy Rolling, State Representative Candidate – invited everyone to a town hall meeting next Tuesday at the Bridgman Library starting at 6 p.m. so he has an opportunity to hear what the residents are interested in.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Anderson stated a couple of council members still need to sit down with Joan Guilfoyle.
- Member Fuller stated the suggestions and observations from Joan has been very good and thanked her. He also shares the concerns with the crosswalks that Caroline Miller discussed earlier. He is also impressed with how the Bridgman King and Queens represent the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk