

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JULY 10, 2017  
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on July 10, 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, Rose, Anderson, Catania, Fuller, High

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Gipson (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

No citizens were in attendance to be heard.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda for July 10, 2017 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the June 19, 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 \$88,240.65, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the contract between the City of Bridgman and General Code LLC in the amount of \$11,000 for Codification Services, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to adopt **Resolution 2017-08 A resolution to adopt the City of Bridgman Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 2017-194), motion carried unanimously.**

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

*(Council Member Gipson arrived at 6:35 p.m.)*

**Blight Ordinance – discussion with City Attorney and City Manager**

Attorney Senica explained to the council that the City currently has a Blight Ordinance. This new ordinance being presented, has additional information included making it a more comprehensive ordinance. Questions were asked on how the city enforces ordinances. Senica explained that Bridgman enforces ordinances on more of a complaint driven process. The City does not have dedicated Code

Enforcement Officer that would routinely handle violations. The council and manager also discussed how to approach businesses to encourage them to keep their places looking nice. An example of this would be to include screening around dumpsters behind buildings.

### **Garage Sale Ordinance – discussion with City Attorney and City Manager**

Attorney Senica have a brief overview of the Garage Sale Ordinance presented to council. Discussion was held on the City Council waiving the fee for times such as the citywide garage sale that the Friends of the Library sponsors. The council agreed to take out the language of council approval and allow the city clerk to waive those fees.

Senica informed council that there will be another ordinance presented pertaining to parking boats and travel trailers on properties. She is still working on finishing up the language and will then present it to council.

### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:**

No citizens were in attendance to be heard.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Anderson handed out an invitation for next Monday for Katie Preston, Miss Michigan Outstanding Teen 2017. There will be a presentation for her such as the key to the city. Next Thursday she goes to Atlantic City for the Miss America Teen Pageant. She asked for a status update on renting out the beach house. The committee said they are were about 80% complete. The committee needs to meet one more time to finalize a proposal to bring before the city council.
- Liskey wanted to give a big thank you to everyone that was involved with Celebrate Bridgman, the concert at the beach, the concerts playing on Saturday, and the Fireman’s Street Dance.
- Fuller wanted to thank the volunteers that are watering the planters downtown.
- Ganum informed council that Berrien County annually stripes down Lake St. and he is considering changing the width of the lanes to include bike lanes. Also, the City recently purchased a financial forecasting tool. He will be sharing a report that has been generated from this at the next council meeting.
- Council discussed the progress and growth happening in downtown Bridgman and in residential areas.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Hannah Anderson, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk