

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2018
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on July 16, 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, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller, Ken High

COUNCIL ABSENT: Georgia Gipson

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Bruce Gorenflo – State Representative candidate from St. Joseph introduced himself. His platform is to work on the roads and infrastructures. He would like to keep the economy growing and help businesses. He would like to address local struggling school districts such as Benton Harbor and help move them forward.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Rose, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the agenda for July 16, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the July 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the bills in the amount of \$282,488.76, **motion carried unanimously.**

Council discussed the Special Events Application submitted by Lake Street Eats to extend its sidewalk patio during Bridgman Family Friday Fest. Members Liskey and Fuller expressed concerns for this request to serve alcohol further into the street since this is a family event that is kid and pet friendly. Stacey Barajas, Manager for LSE explained the request. They will be placing their own snow fencing up and will have a person that will be checking ID's. The area will include a few tables. No food from the restaurant will be served in that area, but you are allowed to bring in food from the vendors. They would serve canned beer only. Chef Tish's band is playing that night and many of his family and friends along with the Shiffer's friends and family will be there that night from out of state. This would allow for additional space for them and others. This is a request for that night only, not an ongoing event.

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve Special Events Application submitted by Lake Street Eats to extend its sidewalk patio during Bridgman Family Friday Fest on July 27, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Catania to adopt Resolution 2018-13 Authorizing the Lake Street Eats Application for a Special License to serve alcohol during the Bridgman Final Friday Fest, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to accept the First Reading and Introduction of **Ordinance No. 2018-199 Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance**, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Presentation by Joan Guilfoyle, consultant for Weko Beach and campground operations

Guilfoyle started working May 7th looking at the beach, parking, fee structure, etc. Parking was the number one issue she started looking into. There were some grey areas, loopholes, and confusion with staff at the beach. On May 25th she recommended a change in procedure and started a Visitor Assistant Rangers (VARs) program. Additional staff was added and training was done with the implementation starting on June 25th. She went through a couple of maps that were included in the packet to show the new flow into the beach parking area. She went over a few policies that were implemented for the beach parking, camping sites, and communication with the police. Another map in the packet showed the new painting plan she would like to see happen down at the beach and explained the changes to the council. She also has an idea of having the city consider getting a short school bus to have a small route between Hardings, City Hall, the Library, and the beach on weekends to allow for people to be able to commute down to the beach and in town for a small fee.

Repair, sealcoating and paint striping of municipal parking lots and paint striping of local streets – budget impact overview prepared by City Treasurer

Council discussed the information that was presented in the council packet. These projects are long overdue. It has been since 2003 since the Weko Beach parking lot was done.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the asphalt restoration and striping projects as presented at the last council meeting for repair, sealcoating and paint striping of municipal parking lots and paint striping of local streets in the amount of \$61,147.75, **motion carried unanimously.**

Weko Beach house air conditioning and furnace installation project

Kading stated the city has been working on a design for this since early March. The renovation of the beach house that was done in 1991 has created some problems and is making the task of installing air conditioning more difficult. He contacted a couple of local contractors at first and one said it was too big of a job to undertake. He also contacted our engineers to look into this project. They agree with the information presented tonight from Custom Design Concepts, LLC. on the installation of a new furnace and air conditioning. Paul Guseman from Custom Design was present and explained the process to the council in detail. If this gets approved tonight, he would be able to get the first of three phases done by the end of the month to serve air conditioning to the rental space.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the quote from Custom Design Concepts, LLC for the purchase and installation of the air conditioners and furnace as presented in the amount of \$35,449.00, **motion carried unanimously.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Anderson reminded council of the upcoming 5th Monday meeting this month that will be held here at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Bridgman went well this year and she thanked Jan Trapani for organizing the bands.
- Member Fuller wanted to thank the Mayor for everything she does for Celebrate Bridgman.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk