

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2020
6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on July 20, 2020 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:32 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, Rick Fuller, Georgia Gipson, Sarah Buist,

COUNCIL ABSENT: Stacy Stine

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Root, Treasurer Lambrix, and DPS Director Kading, Fire Chief Buist, Building Official Mattner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

Mayor Rose explained the meeting procedure and how the public will be able to comment under the Hearing of Citizens.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Mayor Rose would like to add two items under the Workshop Discussion portion of the agenda, *Fire Hose Replacement for the Fire Department and Police and Fire Department Hazard Pay*,

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the agenda for July 20, 2020 with the two additional items Mayor Rose stated above,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist

Nays: None

Motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Mark Anderson – Shared his concerns with the COVID-19 lockdown and his thoughts on this being based on very flimsy science.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2020 regular meeting,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Trapani

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$67,330.65,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Trapani, Rose

Nays: None

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Developing a plan to fill an unexpired City Council term ending November 2022

Ganum told the council that they will need to decide a process to fill the unexpired term. The City Charter only states the timeline of 60 days to fill the vacancy. Council could have candidates fill out an application or answer a few basic questions.

Attorney Senica recommends publishing the vacancy in the newspaper and posting it at City Hall to allow candidates time to fill out an application and turn it in the Monday before the August 17th council meeting. They could submit a resume along with the application if they chose to, such as why they would be interested in serving on council and be a good fit. After that the council could allow them to speak for a couple minutes like public comment.

Council discussed the information presented and agreed to have the candidates fill out an application and submit it by Monday, August 10th. This will allow the council enough time to review the information and have the candidates speak at the August 17th meeting to talk for 2 – 3 minutes. This information will be spelled out in the notice.

City Manager's Report – Verbal Report

Ganum shared the two addition items for council to consider and act on.

- The first is the approval of purchasing 600 feet of Large Diameter Hose. The fire hose gets tested annually and a portion of the fire hose failed the recent testing. Chief Buist gave a quick overview of the annual testing and the four quotes he received to replace them.

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Gipson to purchase the fire hose from Douglas Safety in the amount of \$3286.80,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Gipson, Buist, Trapani, Rose, Fuller

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- Consideration for approval of hazard pay for the first responders through the State of Michigan CARES Act. Ganum asked the council to approve the payment for the Police Department and Fire Fighters up to \$1,000 each contingent on the approval from the State of Michigan. This money would not be added to the payroll until a much later date.

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council member Fuller to approve hazard pay for the Police Department and Fire Fighters up to \$1,000 each contingent on the approval from the State of Michigan,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson

Nays: None

Abstained: Buist

Motion carried.

- Ganum received a response from Lakeland regarding the letter that council approved and sent out. He will email it to council. The planning for the 2021 Polar Party will begin on Thursday morning.

Parks and Recreation Department update by Director of Parks and Recreation, Milo Root

Root went through a power point for council to give information on the following:

- The Parks revenue compared to previous fiscal years
- Preliminary Expenditures for the Park Fund
- Parking Update with Weko Beach pass sales
- Campground update with occupancy rates for this year and the previous two years
- Concession and Rentals Monthly Sales Report
- Kayak and Stand-up Paddleboards Rentals and consideration of purchasing more for next season
- The impact of COVID-19 and weather this season

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- No one wished to comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., **motion carried.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk