

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2018
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on August 20, 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, Ken High

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Margaret Moore, Bridgman – Does not like the boat ramp. There is always work that will be needed for repairs and questions how many people really use it. She asked council when they will consider getting rid of the ramp.
- Clara Wagner, Red Arrow Highway in Lake Township – Goes to Weko Beach every day and meets very few people who are from Bridgman. Weko Beach is a treasure and should be looked at it that way. There is work that needs to be done with the boardwalk. She discussed the parking and entry into the beach.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the agenda for August 20, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the July 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the bills in the amount of \$321,711.95, **motion carried unanimously.**

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

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council High to approve the Special Events Application submitted by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance for the Weko Wine Festival on September 29, 2018, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Policy for the 2018-2019 Plan Year, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Electric Franchise Agreement with Indiana Michigan Power (dba American Electric Power)

Attorney Senica discussed the proposed agreement from AEP and talked about a few things she would like to add to the agreement before bringing it before council. A few suggestions to add were:

- When tree cutting is going to take place, the city needs to be notified 20-30 days ahead of time.
- The city needs to have a contact for public emergencies or when the city needs to vacate a street.
- Provide a general liability insurance policy.
- Choice of law if there is a dispute in the future.
- Suggest that Oak trees not be trimmed or cut until after the first freeze because of Oak Wilt.

She will have a draft ordinance to present to council at the next meeting. The additional items are common language that other communities have agreed to. This is a 30-year contract, so the city needs to make sure it has all the necessary language in it.

Adoption of revised ordinances to adopt the International Building Code, International Fire Code and International Property Maintenance Code

Attorney Senica stated the last time the Building Code was adopted was in 2010 for the 2009 Code. Every three years the codes get updated. The State is slow at producing the updated versions, so they are usually two to three years behind the current year. She is going to craft an ordinance on each of these codes to have language that allows for automatic adoption of the most recent code, so it doesn't need to always come before council. A draft ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Clara Wagner – Has concerns with the police presence at the beach. She does not feel it is necessary. She sees security, police, and rangers constantly walking around.
- Doug Yack, Bridgman – Asked when the street light on the corner of Pine St. and Lake St. will be fixed. It has been 6 months since that light has been out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Ganum presented to council the proposed changes to the parking at Weko Beach. Joan Guilfoyle gave a presentation last month on proposed changes, but they have been slightly modified. Member Fuller recently approached Ganum on adding more parking spaces at the beach. With a new seal coat going on the parking lot, it allows an opportunity to re-stripe the parking area differently. Brandon Hebard, with Wightman Engineering explained the proposed area. He went through the width of driving lanes, parking spaces, and the new boat ramp parking area. Member Fuller suggested for a slight change on the north side of the parking lot. After lengthy discussions, the council was in a consensus for this new plan to move forward and allow staff to finalize the parking plan. Hebard is going to run the proposed change through his system to see if it will work or not.
- Member Liskey stated the corner planters have come a long way and are gorgeous now. He would like to see the round ones look that nice next year. There are a few trees along Lake St.

that need to be weeded. Some are looking really bad. He asked about the city's water quality, the status of the air conditioning going in at the beach house, and the status of the salt bin. Ganum stated the equipment that was ordered for the beach house should be in this week and the project will start shortly thereafter. There has been a change order added to the DPW project for the salt bind. The additional cost will be \$80,000 which is only \$5,000 higher than the estimated cost.

- Member Fuller asked if the holes drilled into the pavement for special events get repaired or paid for by the one holding the event. There should be something written into the contract to restore the pavement after each event. He addressed the members in the audience that spoke tonight. He stated he was against the boat ramp a year ago. After listening to the boaters in favor of the ramp, knowing the ramp can be used for emergency services, and having a new boat ramp that is more robust, he is now a fan of the boat ramp. He recently watched an interaction with a police officer patrolling the beach and a group of people that had alcohol in their cooler. The officer handled it very, very well. He is confident that the city will make sure the light referenced earlier will be fixed. Some of the decorative trees were not lit recently. People are appreciating the new bike lanes and are using it. He sees people sitting on the new wood benches too. All the little things happening are making a difference. There is also one more Bridgman Final Friday Fest coming up this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk