

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
6:30 PM**

The workshop meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on September 4, 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, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller, Ken High

COUNCIL ABSENT: Vince Rose, Georgia Gipson

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the agenda for September 4, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the August 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the bills in the amount of \$400,790.68, **motion carried unanimously.**

Ganum, Nykamp, and council discussed the road conditions in Bridgman and putting a Paser Rating Study together to plan for future paving projects. Wightman would be able to assist with that or the city could see if the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission still does it at no charge.

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the purchase of a 4-Ton Falcon Asphalt Recycler & Hot Box Trailer in the amount of \$22,765.81, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to reappoint Chris Brooks, Lowell Smith, and Jim Gast to serve on the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term ending 2020, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Liskey to adopt the Annual Exemption Option of Public Act 152 of 2011, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Special Events Application submitted by Zachary Kalmer for the Grand Opening of Kalmer's Graphics, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt the first reading of **Ordinance 2018-200**, an ordinance to grant Indiana Michigan Power a utility franchise agreement to operate within the City of Bridgman for a 30-year term, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt the first reading of **Ordinance 2018-201**, an ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code with Amendments, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt the first reading of **Ordinance 2018-202**, an ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Queen's Committee float storage project

Ganum showed the parcel that the city owns where the sewer lagoons are located on Rambo Rd. He would strongly consider setting aside and dedicating some land for the Queen's Committee. Having a dedicated piece of land might help with the fundraising so people donating money know that there is a place for the storage building to be built. The city could do a long-term lease for \$1 and have in the lease that they pay for electricity. This could also be an opportunity for the city to contribute some money to build a little larger building for additional storage to alleviate items currently in the police garage. The city could possibly do an 80/20 split with the committee.

Ganum stated there have been recent talks with the GRSD on the millions of dollars in improvements that are needed for the plant itself, pipes, and lift stations. Potentially down the road the city could reactivate 1 of the 3 sewer ponds as a retention pond. Nykamp stated that during storms, the water that infiltrates the system overloads the system and leaves the potential for sewer overflow. The DEQ would be very involved and check the liner before proceeding with the reactivation. This may be a good option as far as the city is concerned. The city should also plan on doing smoke testing in the near future to locate problem areas.

The consensus of the council agreed the Queen's Committee can use the front portion of the sewer lagoon property to construct a building for their float.

ENGINEER'S UPDATE

- **Donna Drive and Vista Drive Improvement Project** – The final payout for this project is in the council packet tonight. There were some concerns with the restoration work where the sidewalks were placed. Most of the grass area looks nice but there is a handful that weren't cared for properly and have some bare spots and weeds instead of grass. Weeds are drought tolerant and grass needs more care and watering to grow in. This tends to be a common problem with restorations.

- **DPW Building Project** – This project is nearly complete with the exterior and a few things left on the interior. The coping was completed today. This project will be completed the middle of October. The demolition and site prep portion of the new salt building was been subbed out.
- **Baldwin Road Lift Station Project** – The underground work has been completed. Just waiting on the electric and gas companies to complete their end. They still need to add gravel and complete the fence which should be completed in two weeks. If there is a delay from the utility company, then the project should be completed in three weeks.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Anderson received a request for a letter of support for the strategic leadership program. This a group with the county wide transportation. She will be signing on behalf of the city to show support with no obligation to the city.
- Member Fuller complimented the city on getting a street light repaired that had been out for several months, fixing the lighted trees on Lake Street that were out, and credit for the leadership in the new grass and weed ordinance. He stated that town is looking better, and people are cleaning things up. The Weko Beach parking lot looks good with the extra spaces and noticed that people took advantage of the transportation service that was offered for the Sunday concert on the beach.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk