

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on September 17, 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, Fire Chief Buist, Water/Sewer Superintendent Kading

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Nancy Jezisek, Weko Dunes resident – Walks the boardwalk every day and is very concerned with the conditions of both the dune walks and boardwalk at Weko. There are several boards missing, boards are uneven, and the retaining wall looks like it is going to collapse. She would like everyone on council to look at the conditions down there. Mayor Anderson stated that there is currently work being done on replacing bad boards along the dune walk and the boardwalk. The city does need to prioritize the repairs for not only the dune walk/boardwalk, but the bathrooms, campgrounds, etc. Work is being done and more still needs to happen.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to approve the agenda for September 17, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATION:

Presentation – Maria Cleveland to share her vision for the “Food Fight” fundraiser at the Weko Beach House

Maria and her husband, Officer Cleveland recently moved to Bridgman. She is the owner of Brewster’s in New Buffalo. She would like to do a cookoff on November 10th to celebrate Veteran’s Day and have the proceeds go to the Bridgman Legion. This is a family friendly event with live music, beer/wine, and kids’ activities. There will be a \$10 entrance fee to get in except for children and veterans who will get in free. She asked that the fees for the rental of the beach house be waived since the money is going to a non-profit organization. She is in the process of contacting all the local businesses and has already received a good response so far. Attendees will get to sample the food and vote for the best dish. This year it will be a macaroni and cheese cookoff. The winner of the event will win bragging rights and get to choose what the dish for the following year will be.

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member High that the city is in support of the Veteran's Day event, the "Food Fight" fundraiser at the Weko Beach House on November 10th and waive the rental fees for this event, **motion carried unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the September 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the bills in the amount of \$301,130.70, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member High, seconded by Council Member Fuller to accept the Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 2018-200**, *An Ordinance to grant Indiana Michigan Power a utility franchise agreement to operate within*, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member High to accept the Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 2018-201**, *An Ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code with Amendments*, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member High to accept the Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 2018-202**, *An Ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code*, **motion carried unanimously.**

Council and Ganum discussed the resolution of support of non-motorized land and water infrastructure and how it might pertain to the portion of Red Arrow Highway south of the city limits being redone. Member Catania is against the four-lane highway going down to three lanes to make room for a bike lane/trail. Ganum stated it is not going to effect Red Arrow at this time and will still be a four-lane highway when it gets repaved.

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member High to approve **Resolution 2018-15**, *a resolution in support of regional non-motorized land and water infrastructure*, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

No items to discuss.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Catania inquired about the status for the flashing stop signs and said the parking lot after the new striping between Accents and Eric's Café is tight for parking. Ganum said there has been cost estimates for the flashing stop signs, but nothing further since the city was focused on completing the parking lots first. The parking lot between Accents and Eric's was supposed to be

on an angle, but the striping company placed them perpendicular. The city measured and the distance between parking spaces is 24' which is more than the minimum of 20' required by the city. People will need to get accustomed to the new layout. If it doesn't work out, it can be changed back to angled parking.

- Member Liskey inquired about the status of the heating/air conditioning at the Weko beach house and staffing at the gate entrance on weekends. Kading stated the contractor for the beach house project is waiting for confirmation on the State on the mechanical end. The park seasonal staff is down to six members and the beach entrance gate has never been staffed after Labor Day. Mayor Anderson stated that the city should evaluate possibly leaving the gate staffed on weekends after Labor Day.
- Member Fuller thanked Ms. Jezisek on her comments regarding the Weko Beach boardwalk/dune walks. Safety is important.
- Member Rose thanked the Bridgman Police Department for their quick response at the beach for the boat ramp parking area. Unauthorized vehicles were either moved or ticketed. There were a lot of boaters using the designated parking spaces last weekend.
- Member Gipson is the President of the CGA and gave an update. She said the CGA has been in recent negotiations with Cornerstone Alliance and the Cornerstone Chamber. They are trying to partner with both and should have something to present at next month's CGA meeting. The Weko Wine Festival was recently cancelled by a few of the CGA board members due to lack of funding for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk