

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2020  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on October 19, 2020 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Pam Hahaj, Stacy Stine, Vince Rose, Rick Fuller, Georgia Gipson, Sarah Buist

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Jan Trapani

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Lambrix, DPS Director Kading, Building Official Mattner, Parks and Recreational Director Ball

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:**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the agenda for October 19, 2020 as presented,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Stine, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Hahaj

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2020 regular meeting,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Hahaj, Stine

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** Buist

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$56,122.69,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Stine, Hahaj, Rose

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the three-year agreement to designate John Baumann as the City of Bridgman’s Assessor at a proposed rate of pay \$21,300,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Gipson, Buist, Hahaj, Stine, Rose, Fuller

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve a Purchase Agreement between the City of Bridgman and Harbor Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$28,000 for the sale of 1.3 acres of City-owned property along Vineyard Street (parcel no 11-56-0019-145-14-1) contingent on City-borne costs for a boundary survey and Phase 1 environmental review under \$4k and a 30 day inspection period,

Member Stine had questions on the additional inspections and the cost to the buyer. Attorney Senica stated that if the costs are more than \$4k, the city would not do Phase II and could terminate the contract.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Buist, Hahaj, Stine, Rose, Fuller, Gipson

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

**City Manager’s Report**

- The Governor has signed SB 1108 pertaining to the Open Meetings Act. Ganum explained that this bill allows public bodies to conduct virtual meetings for any reason through the end of the year. The changes are also retroactive back to March which means actions taken at remote meetings held since then are considered valid.
- The council chamber is not large enough to hold in person meetings. The city will need to find an alternative location. When in-person meetings resume, the city will also need to be able to do it remotely as well. He is looking into the technology to mic up all the council members to allow for remote participation.
- Ganum shared a map of the city’s Commercial Tax Abatement Districts. He explained how this is a tool to provide local businesses with tax incentives to attract businesses.
- Ganum shared a photo of a section of the boardwalk that was repaired by Ken Hyzer and Sara Ball.
- Lake Side Fit has a ribbon cutting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The recycling survey has run its course with 255 responses that have been submitted. A new survey will be distributed with one from the Corridor Improvement Authority.
- Ganum was contacted by a journalist from MLIVE who wrote an article which profiles Bridgman and the revetment issues. He will send council the link.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**Recognition of Councilmember Rick Fuller’s service to the City of Bridgman**

Ganum presented Member Fuller with his plaque and read it aloud. Mayor Rose thanked him for his service.

**Recognition of Wendy Lozeau, Otis Watkins and Connie Allee for their service to the City of Bridgman**

Mayor Rose read through each of the certificates and thanked them all for their service.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Member Stine stated that everyone can take pride in the beauty of our downtown. Bridgman is a beautiful location to live. This is a large part from the efforts of you all.
- Member Hahaj stated this is not their first project and this is a well-deserved recognition.
- Member Fuller thanked them for their kind works and recognition well deserved.
- Mayor Rose wanted to encourage everyone to go out and vote. The next council meeting will be later in November.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stine to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.,

**Roll call:**

**Yeas:** Hahaj, Stine, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk