

**Bridgman City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**6:30pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on September 6, 2022, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30pm.

**2) ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Vince Rose, Jan Trapani, Stacy Stine, John Bonkoske, Sam Stine, Pam Hahaj, Georgia Gipson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, Parks Director Ball, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Lambrix, Attorney Senica

**3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

**4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion** by Council Member Pam Hahaj seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the agenda as amended to include item 6F consideration to change City Council Meetings to once a month.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**5) HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None

**6) ACTION ITEMS**

**6A. Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022, regular meeting as printed.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**6B. Motion** by Council Member Hahaj seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to approve the bills in the amount of \$109,638.93.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**6C. Motion** by Council Member Hahaj seconded by Council Member Gipson seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-09 to appoint Juan Ganum the City of Bridgman Street Administrator.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously

**6D. Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adopt Resolution 2022-10 an MDOT Performance Resolution

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously

**6E. Motion** by Council Member Hahaj seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve a conditional rezoning of property at 9675 Maplewood Avenue from Downtown Core District to Industrial District for storage use by Transient Artisan Ales. Second Reading.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously

**6F Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve one City Council meeting on the first Monday of the month beginning in October of 2022.

Voice vote motion      Ayes: Rose, Gipson, Sam Stine, Stacy Stine, Bonkoske, Hahaj  
Nays: Trapani

## 7) WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS

**7A. Police Chief's report:** Discussion of the Weko Beach parking tickets and how they move through the system if they are left unpaid. Looking to have the parking lot paved so that the approved parking spaces are clearly defined. Most of the recorded tickets are for improper or invalid parking during crowded weekends.

**7B. City Attorney's report:** Nothing tonight.

**7C. City Manager's report:** DPS Director Tim Kading has decided to retire in the middle of October. He is working on a plan to determine what the right path forward is with DPS as the City will be left with only 2 operators and it needs 3. Mary Nykamp will be consulting on options including a contractual employee, as well as the consideration of the cost options to buy water from Lake Township. Manger Ganum will be over seeing the DPS department for the immediate future. There is a Police Officer opening that has been posted for a few weeks. Best practices committee will be having its bimonthly meeting on September 14, 2022. Assessor Bauman and Manager Ganum will be presenting on the Hedley Act. The Resolutions for the Drain Commission will be on the meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A presentation on Oak Wilt will be coming to the next planning commission meeting. GRSD Sewer Authority is looking to change the rate method to cover the costs of the sewer plant by implementing a 3-year flow average to even out the fluctuation based on flow that will create a new accounting system to cover expenses.

## 8) HEARING OF CITIZENS

Chris Betts thanked council and the city for its continued support of Transient Artisan Ales.

## 9) COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Trapani:** Thank you to Mattner and Ganum for the information regarding housing and who can live where. Where is Bridgman going and how are we going to handle short term rentals? Tourism adds to everything in this community, anything that brings people to town is a good thing. What we are not doing is encouraging people to come and live in Bridgman because there is nowhere for them to go. The city needs to be on top of this or will we end up as a weekend rental destination. She is concerned over once-a-month meetings and feels with less frequent meetings.

**Mayor Rose:** reminder that a six-month minimum rental in the residential districts, more public awareness around the laws. We need to convince builders to come in and build single family homes so that we don't close in the winter. Rose is concerned about the school traffic on Lake Street, it's getting worse. Rose is hopeful the school will continue to look for changes.

**Sam Stine:** Policy without enforcement and attempting to create new policies to stop the flood of short-term rentals is a waste of our efforts and time lets enforce the rules. Bridgman Public Schools Superintendent Shane Peters is looking at multiple options to help with the traffic issues during drop off and pick up times.

**11) Closed Session:** Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976) MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(a) to consider the evaluation of the City Manager, motion by Council member Trapani seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to enter close session at 7:57pm.

Council member Bonkoske seconded by Council member Hahaj to return to open session at 8:31pm. Voice vote motion carried unanimously.

**12) Motion** to approve a one-time pay adjustment of net \$7500 to Chief Unruh and a 3% raise to Manager Ganum by Council member Trapani and seconded by Council member Gibson.

Voice vote motion carried unanimously

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by** Council Member Hahaj seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm,

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Sarah Karl, City Clerk

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