

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2021
6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on February 1, 2021 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Piper Griswold, 1st grader at Bridgman Elementary School.

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 Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda for February 1, 2021 as presented,

Attorney Senica asked council to consider amending the motion to add to the agenda:
Review/consideration of material otherwise exempt from public disclosure (confidential attorney-client communication) under MCL 15.268(h).

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to amend the agenda to add under **8 E Discuss next steps for proposed downtown housing project**, *Review/consideration of material otherwise exempt from public disclosure (confidential attorney-client communication) under MCL 15.268(h)*,

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to also include the modification of the numbering sequence after **8 Workshop Items and Reports**, *9 Hearing of Citizens*, *10 Council Comments*, *11 Adjournment*,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, 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 January 18, 2021 regular meeting,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$22,040.51,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rose, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the proposed budget amendment to purchase a new truck in the amount of \$26,700 for the Parks and Recreation Department,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose

Nays: None

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

City Manager's Report

- City Hall has reopened to the public starting today.
- Ganum explained the Affordability and Planning Grant. The City requested a total of \$194,000 which is under the maximum grant award of \$500,000. The City should know by the end of March if this grant has been awarded.
- Ganum shared information about Chikaming Township Board of Trustees holding an upcoming meeting where an ordinance could be passed that would prohibit shoreline armory. He will try to get a copy of the recorded meeting and share with the council.

Water and Sewer Fund – explanation by Director of Public Services, Tim Kading

Kading went over the graphs and information that was included in the packet.

- The Galien River Sanitary District Authority (GRSD) is the largest expense in the sewer fund followed by the bond interest.
- Water pumpage did go up from last year. Irrigation is probably a large part of it. The second homeowners did come early last year and are still here. The rate increase did not affect the water usage since the commodity rate did not increase, only the surcharge.
- The capital equipment replacement chart was created two years ago for the Water Asset Plan. Every year \$40,000 gets set aside to replace equipment as needed. There is also an additional \$20,000 that gets set aside every year for equipment that is required by the Rural Development Loan.
- The sewer cash was in the negative, but it is now starting to build back up.

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Gipson to go into closed session to review/consideration of material otherwise exempt from public disclosure (confidential attorney-client communication) under MCL 15.268(h) at 6:56 p.m.,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Gipson, Hahaj, Bonkoske, Trapani, Rose, Stine

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The City Council came out of closed session at 7:39 p.m. and resumed the regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rose adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. due to the public not being able to get back into the meeting.

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk