

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on February 6, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI, 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Jan Trapani at 6:30 pm EST.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Trapani instructed the city clerk to take roll call.

Present: John Bonkoske, William Boyd, Georgia Gipson, Pam Hahaj, Sam Stine, and Jan Trapani

Absent: Vince Rose

Staff Present: City Manager Juan Ganum, City Clerk Sheila Reitz, Fire Chief Joel Buist, Police Chief Dan Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Ball, Assessor John Baumann, Attorney Sara Senica, and City Engineer Mary Nykamp.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Trapani.

**4. Approve/Amend the Agenda for February 6, 2023**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Gipson to amend the agenda to remove agenda items 7E and 7G, which includes the board appointments to the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance (CGA) and board appointments to the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA).

Discussion was held. Council Member Bonkoske asked for clarification regarding the process for mayoral recommendations and the involvement of council members in the appointment process. Attorney Senica explained that the mayor has the right to make her recommendations and council members could then vote to support or not support those recommendations.

Roll call vote to amend agenda:

**AYES:** Boyd, Bonkoske

**NAYES:** Gipson, Hahaj, Stine, Trapani

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Rose

**Motion failed.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve agenda as presented.  
**Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Hearing of Citizens**

- Allyson Furman, representative from Representative Joey Andrews office, spoke about the different committees that Representative Andrews was assigned to and his office hours.
- Mike Carlson, 9512 Ontario Street, spoke about Lake Street Eats and the Habitat for Humanity project slated to start in the Spring.
- Matthew Bizoe introduced himself to the Council.

**6. Presentation on Bridgman Placemaking Project by Julie Strating, CGA Vice President & CIA member**

Julie Strating, member of the CGA and CIA boards, presented to Council Members the Bridgman Placemaking Project. The presentation covered the following topics of the Courtyard Project:

- Project evolution and timeline
- Project Vision
- Project Financials
- The City's Role
- Contributors include local businesses and numerous volunteers

**7. Action Items**

**A. Approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2023, regular meeting**

**Motion** by Council Member Boyd and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the January 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Approval of the bills in the amount of \$324,719.30**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$324,719.30. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Consideration of adopting Resolution 2023-04 to accept letters of protest from city residents for March Board of Review**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve Resolution 2023-04 accepting letters of protest from city residents for the March Board of Review meeting. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**D. Consideration of adopting Resolution 2023-05 to approve MDOT Contract 22-5565 for the Lake Street Reconstruction Project.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gipson and seconded by Council Member Stine to adopt Resolution 2023-05 to approve MDOT Contract 22-5565 for the Lake Street reconstruction project.

Council Member Boyd stated he would like to see the Lake Street reconstruction project to include the burial of power lines and landscaping. Discussion was held.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Stine, Bonkoske, Gipson, Boyd, Hahaj, Trapani

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Rose

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. Appointment to the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance (CGA)**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Gipson to appoint Julie Strating to the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance (CGA). **Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Bonkoske, Boyd, Stine, Gipson, Hahaj, Trapani

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Rose

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**F. Appointments to the Board of Review (BOR)**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to appoint Dorothea Crocker and James Kole to serve a two (2) year term on the City of Bridgman's Board of Review.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Boyd, Gipson, Hahaj, Stine, Trapani, Bonkoske

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Rose

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**G. Appointments to the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA)**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Stine to appoint Hannah Anderson to a one-year term ending October 2023, and to appoint Matthew Bizoe and Beth McNeil to a four (4) year term ending October 2026, to the City of Bridgman's Corridor Improvement Authority Board (CIA).

**AYES:** Stine, Hahaj, Boyd, Gipson, Bonkoske, Trapani

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Rose

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 8. Workshop Items and Reports

### A. Parks & Recreation Director's 2022 Annual Report

Parks & Recreation Director Sara Ball presented her 2022 Annual Report to the Council. Report information included the revenue and expenditures for the year. The report was included with the council packet.

Council Member Bonkoske commended Parks & Recreation Director Ball on the success of her efforts.

### B. Police Chief's January 2023 Monthly Report- Report was included in the council packet.

### C. Assessor's January 2023 Monthly Report

Assessor Baumann reported on personal property taxes and assessment notices. He also stated that property assessment appeals could be made during the March Board of Review meeting dates. Report was included with the packet.

### D. Engineer's Report

Mary Nykamp reported that both bids received for the Lake Street Reconstruction Project came in under the engineer's estimate.

### E. City Attorney's Report- No report was given.

### F. City Manager's Report

City Manager Ganum presented examples of social media pages from other communities to the Council. Ganum also presented a rough draft of a request for proposal (RFP) outlining the qualifications and description of duties for a social media communications professional.

## 9. Hearing of Citizens- No citizens wished to be heard.

## 10. Council Comments

- Council Member Boyd stated that a storm drain may need repair on Mathieu Street.
- Council Member Bonkoske welcomed Matthew Bizoe to the Corridor Improvement Authority board. He also stated his disappointment in the recommendations for other board appointments.

## 11. Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Gipson and seconded by Council Member Stine to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jan Trapani, Mayor

Sheila Reitz, City Clerk