

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2021
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on February 15, 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, Parks and Recreational Director Ball, DPS Director Kading, Building Official Mattner

The pledge of allegiance was led by Colin Neidlinger, a 4th 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 Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda for February 15, 2021 as presented,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library Director – Wanted to remind everyone that the library is open by appointment only. These appointments are 30 minutes and can be made by either calling or just walking up at the door. No one has been turned away since they have not exceeded the capacity of 30 people. They are still doing virtual appointments and welcoming people back in. After a couple comments from the council, he suggested changing the wording on the library's website to better convey to the public how the library is doing business.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 regular meeting,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the bills in the amount of \$46,703.99,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the City of Bridgman Handbook,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stine to appoint Rich Kubsch to serve on the Construction Board of Appeals for a partial term ending August 2022,

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

City Manager's Report

Ganum touched on the following items from his report:

- The dangers of walking on the shoreline ice. There is a sign posted at the entrance of the beach and information has also been shared on the police Facebook page.
- Explained the location and details of the upcoming manhole replacement project. This replacement is considered a high priority in the capital improvement schedule and has been planned for 2021.
- The city is participating in the Municipal Sock Challenge again this year to support the Bridgman High School Key Club. The City and the Township are having a friendly competition on who can collect the most socks and encouraged everyone to donate new socks.

Parks and Recreation Director, Sara Ball – overview of revenues and expenses within the Parks and Recreation Department

Ball went over the graphs and information that was included in the packet. Some of the factors for increases in the revenues for 2020 were the weather, COVID-19, new management, and price increases. Some of the highlights were the following:

- Due to COVID, the campsite reservations increased while the beach house rentals decreased.
- Seasonal and daily parking and boat ramp passes increased.
- Firewood, ice sales, souvenir sales, and concession sales all increased.
- The kayak rentals were inhouse in 2020 so there was a significant increase from the previous year.
- Most of the budget is for wages and benefits, followed by repairs/maintenance, and then utilities.
- Contractual services and repairs/maintenance expenses decreased in 2020.
- Operating supplies, concession costs, and merchandise expenses all went up due to volume of people in 2020.

City Attorney's update – shoreline revetments

Attorney Senica updated the council on what Chikaming has started working on regarding shoreline revetments. Since the council discussed protecting the shoreline and watermark last year, Chikaming has started working on an ordinance to protect the shoreline and prohibit anything to be placed on the beach. It is more aggressive approach as an ordinance trumps a resolution. She just wanted to put it on the council's radar. If the council choses so, this can be placed on the March 1st agenda to have more of a discussion on how the council feels and what is best for the city.

Consideration of candidates for City Council vacancy

Mayor Rose thanked the six applicants who have shown interest to serve on the City Council. He allowed everyone to introduce themselves and answer the seven questions that they had received as part of the application process. Mayor Rose went in order of when the applications where received. Gary Blied was the only applicant absent from the meeting. The five applicants introduced themselves and answered the preselected questions in the following order: Bill Boyd, Sam Stine, Adam Schaller, Jim Kole, and Katelyn Hickman. All applications were included in the council packet. Council will come to a decision and make an appointment at the next regular meeting on March 1st.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Bonkoske asked the council if they should have a meeting with the applicants this Thursday ahead of the next regular meeting. After council discussed that they are still within the time limit to make the appointment on March 1st, council decided not to hold a special meeting before then.
- Mayor Rose informed council that he would be sending out an evaluation sheet to each council member for Ganum who has an annual reviewing coming up.
- Member Stine explained that applicant Sam Stine is her husband. She feels he is qualified and would be valued on the council. They are both very independent individuals and she wanted to express that. Member Hahaj asked if she would need to abstain from the vote if he was appointed. Attorney Senica explained that you can vote for your spouse. The way the Charter reads is that you cannot have a spouse as an appointed position, but you can as an elected position. In this case, if he was the one council chooses to appoint, he would be appointed to an elected position which is allowed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.,

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk