

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2022
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on April 18, 2022, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Georgia Gipson

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the agenda for April 18, 2022, as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Eugene Herrman, 4346 Willard St – He is here tonight on behalf of the American Legion for an upcoming Memorial Day Parade that has not been able to take place since 2019. It will be held on Sunday, May 29th with the line up starting at 12:00 p.m. and the parade kicking off at 1:00 p.m. They will need some help with traffic control during the parade. He has dropped off the special events application tonight for consideration at the next regular council meeting.
- Phyllis Jackson and Betty Korcek – They spoke on behalf of the National Day of Prayer that will be held at 12:15 p.m. on May 5th around the flagpole at City Hall. They explained what it was all about and invited everyone to join them.
- Peter Lamberta, 9515 Maplewood – He is now a fulltime resident that works from home and has small children. He is concerned with the traffic and speeding along Maplewood and asked if a traffic study or something could be done to slow traffic down.
- Kevin Whiteford – He lives in South Haven and is running for State Representative in the 38th District. He introduced himself and shared some background information on himself and why he is running.
- Hannah Anderson, 9735 Beechnut St. – Shared two compliments to Parks Director Ball for how nice the Beach House was taken care of and how great she has been to work with.
- Julie Strating, 3774 Stelter Farm Dr – Spoke on behalf of the CGA, CIA, and as a resident. She thanked council for her appointment to both the CGA and CIA and is very excited to see the courtyard area come to fruition. She explained the upcoming programs of music and movies that will be held this summer in the courtyard and at Toth Park. She loves being a part of this community and shared a few stories from an Instagram she created last year called “We love WEKO”. She has also designed a few stickers and passed them out to everyone.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 regular meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the bills in the amount of \$73,333.86, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adopt **Resolution 2022-06** for a Social District Permit requested by *On Lake Time, LLC at 4228 Lake Street*, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Sam Stine, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to adopt the **First Reading of General Law Ordinances 2022 – 211 and 2022 – 212** to allow one recreational marijuana secure transporter and one medical marijuana secure transporter, but disallow every other type of recreational and medical marijuana use within the City limits, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to adopt the **First Reading of Ordinance 2022 – 213** to amend the *Bridgman Zoning Ordinance*, to include marijuana secure transporter as a permitted use within the *Interstate Gateway District and Transitional Industrial District*, and add zoning definitions, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Police Chief's Monthly Report – March 2022

Chief Unruh explained plans for more traffic enforcement along Maplewood and trying to get the two new radar signs along all the city streets. Both signs are solar driven.

Director of Public Services Monthly Report – March 2022

Kading was not present tonight and the council did not have any questions or comments on his report.

City Attorney's Report - verbal

Attorney Senica did not have anything additional to add from what was included in the council packet.

City Manager's Report

Ganum shared a few additional items along with his written report.

- He shared how fun it is to be involved with Ms. Klunder's second grade Junior Achievement class and what a marvelous teacher she is.
- Don Chepe's food truck will be returning on May 3rd next to the courtyard from 4 – 7 p.m. Information will be placed on the community sign and the Chamber will also send out information.
- After the last council meeting it was stated that the new daily parking fee for Weko Beach was the highest in the area at \$15. Ball checked with a few other local beaches and found that New Buffalo has now raised their price to \$20 and day while Warren Dunes is \$10 a day.
- He had Kading get a quote from the Verdin Co. on what the cost would be to repair the clock tower at City Hall. The parts estimate came in at \$7,670 which includes a 3-year warranty with another \$1,000+ for a rental lift to do the repairs. He suggested that the residents wanting the clock fixed maybe start a fundraiser to raise money. The council discussed the cost of the repair

and tossed around a few different ideas on what could be done instead of repairing the clock. Ganum will bring a few different options of repurposing the clock during the budget meeting.

Hannah Anderson spoke on behalf of the CIA regarding part of Ganum's manager report on recent updates to the courtyard area. Now that the State is allowing Social Districts to be permanent, the CIA would like to do more enhancements to make the space more intentional and inviting and explained some of the plans they have. They would like to place silver troughs with plants and arborvitaes around the perimeter and install beams directly into the asphalt to put-up lights and shade sails. She wanted the council's approval with their upcoming plans to the courtyard before the CIA spends up to \$10,000 for these improvements. Council all agreed they are good with the CIA continuing to enhance the courtyard area. She also explained that the CIA is going to look at grant opportunities this year and focus on the exit 16 area to beautify that space. She also explained the CIA and CGA are trying to figure out who is responsible for the welcome sign coming off I-94.

Maplewood Street – discuss concerns about speeding

Member Trapani stated she has lived on Maplewood for the past 22 years and explained how the traffic and speeding has increased because of people wanting to take a short cut to avoid the traffic light. The council discussed concerns about speeding on not only Maplewood, but other streets as well. Chief Unruh will start moving the new speed radar signs throughout the city starting on Maplewood. Ganum also shared some pictures and techniques that other cities use for traffic calming. He is open to ideas and experimenting with suggestions.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Peter Lamberta – Thanked the council for consideration of the traffic and speeding along Maplewood and having this conversation. He knows the city will work on this issue.
- Eugene Herrman – Explained why Pine Street is a one-way. The intersection of Lake and Pine Street was extremely dangerous and explained a personal experience with a child on a bike. He asked the city not to put in low curbs along any of the streets again as there are issues with people parking up on the sidewalks along Pine Street.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Rose – Spoke of the loss of Planning Commission Chair Mark Hurray. He really cared about the city, was very involved and a great man. He will be greatly missed, and thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family. Ganum shared how passionate Hurray was with the Bridgman community and shared a personal story. He will be greatly missed. Mayor Rose asked for a moment of silence in memory of him.
- Member Bonkoske - Commented on how one life touches another, no matter how close to someone you are. Everyone should count their blessings every day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk