

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2022
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on May 2, 2022, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Stine at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Sam Stine, Vince Rose

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda for May 2, 2022, as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library Director updated the council on upcoming programs for this summer.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022 regular meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the bills in the amount of \$110,153.48, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the Special Events Application submitted by the Bridgman American Legion Post 331 for a Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29, 2022, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve a Special Events Application submitted by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance (CGA) for the Makers Trail Festival on June 11, 2022 **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adopt the **Second Reading and enactment of General Law Ordinance 2022 – 211** *to allow one medical marijuana secure transporter, but disallow every other type of medical marijuana use within the City limits,* **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adopt the **Second Reading and enactment of General Law Ordinance 2022 – 212** *to allow one recreational marijuana secure*

transporter, but disallow every other type of recreational marijuana use within the City limits, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adopt the **Second Reading and enactment 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.**

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to adopt the **First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2022 – 214** to amend the Bridgman Zoning Ordinance to incorporate Planned Unit Development (PUD) provisions,

- Member Bonkoske led a lengthy discussion on the proposed Ordinance sharing his concerns with language throughout the document. After Ganum and Senica answered questions and the council continued on with discussion, it was suggested to take it back to the Planning Commission to see if changes needed to be made before the second reading and adoption.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to schedule a public hearing for the Fiscal Year Budget (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) on June 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve Horizon Bank and Honor Credit Union as secondary depositories for investment purposes as allowed in the Investment Policy, **voice vote, motion carried with Council Member Gipson abstaining.**

WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Assessor's monthly report – April 2022

Assessor Baumann was not present. Ganum highlighted the preliminary analysis showing an increase in residential values of 7.5% for this upcoming 2023 assessment roll, but because of State Law, the City will be capped at 5%.

City Attorney's Report - verbal

Attorney Senica explained the new indemnification agreement that will be included in the next Special Events Application. This form was copied from another local municipality. A few changes were made and now it is much easier to read and understand.

City Manager's Report

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

- The City recently upgraded the computer system from Google to Microsoft. OneDrive will now be used instead of the Google Drive to access files.
- The council is invited to the Memorial Day parade. Please let him know by Friday who will be attending so he can let the Legion know.
- A week from today Bridgman will host the Blossomtime breakfast at the Weko Beach House.
- Christopher Quattrin, County Drain Commissioner recently stopped in to speak to him regarding a petition the County received for the Bedortha Drain. Quattrin would like to have a public meeting for the Bedortha and Bridgman Drains and would like the City to participate as a petitioner.

- There will be a guest representing the Berrien County Public Transportation at the next council meeting. Ganum explained how the City used to have an agreement with them in the past for one day a month. This allowed the CGA to use that service for their festivals held at the beach.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Stine asked about the Maker's Trail special event application on what services the City would be waiving fees and what that dollar amount would look like. Ganum will have an estimate of cost for the council to consider at the next meeting.
- The budget workshop will be held in two weeks with the department heads presenting the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and a capital improvement plan. It was suggested to possibly hold this meeting offsite at the library.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Dennis Kreps – The CGA, parks department, and the library are planning summer movies at Toth Park. More information will be forthcoming.
- John Hopkins, 10819 Jericho Rd. – He is co-owner of J&J Transportation along with Jason and Maria Cleveland. He thanked the city for approving the Ordinances amendments to allow for a secure transporter license so quickly.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Trapani – She thanked Chief Unruh and Ganum for putting up the speed radar sign on Maplewood. She has seen improvements with vehicles slowing down.
- Member Bonkoske – He said the Bridgman Schools were ranked 38 in the State and 1 in Berrien County. A great school district is the cornerstone of any community, and this is what makes our community great. Everyone should be very proud of this accomplishment, the children, and the teachers.
- Member Gipson – She recently brought cookies to the schools on behalf of Honor Credit Union for their accomplishments. She said if someone wants to reach out to her for the Toth Park movies, maybe HCU could help with providing popcorn.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Stine – Bridgman Schools have consistently been receiving high ratings which makes a huge difference. The teachers have the heart and motivation with their students.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Stacy Stine, Mayor Pro-Tem

Allyson Holm, City Clerk