

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm

City Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 5, 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, Vince Rose, Sam Stine, and Jan Trapani

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Juan Ganum, City Clerk Sheila Reitz, City Treasurer Debbie Lambrix, Fire Chief Joel Buist, Police Chief Dan Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Ball, Assessor John Baumann, Building Inspector Brad Mattner, and Attorney Sara Senica.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Trapani.

4. Public Hearing- FY 2024 City of Bridgman Budget

Mayor Trapani closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm EST. There were no public comments. Mayor Trapani closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 6:32 pm EST.

5. Approve/Amend the Agenda for June 5, 2023

Motion by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

6. Hearing of Citizens- No one wished to be heard.

7. Lifetime Volunteer Award Presentation

Mayor Trapani introduced a Lifetime Volunteer Award and this year's recipient, Dorothea Crocker. A video presentation was given honoring Dorothea's life. City Manager Ganum announced that the award was being named in honor of Dorothea and future recipients would be awarded the Dorothea Crocker Volunteer of the Year Award.

8. Action Items

A. Approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2023, regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the May 1, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

B. Approval of the bills in the amount of \$147,842.99.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$147,842.99. Discussion was held. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

C. Consideration of appointing Adam Schaller to the Planning Commission for a partial term ending April 1, 2024.

Motion by Council Member Gipson and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to appoint Adam Schaller to the Planning Commission for a partial term ending April 1, 2024. **Roll call vote:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Consideration of approving Resolution 2023-08 to approve Annual Exemption Option of Public Act 152 of 2011.

Motion by Council Member Stine and seconded by Mayor Trapani to approve Resolution 2023-08 to approve Annual Exemption Option of Public Act 152 of 2011. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

E. Consideration of approving a professional services agreement between GameTime-Sinclair Recreation and the City of Bridgman for playscape designs, construction, and equipment related to the Toth Park Playground Renovation Project in the amount of \$348,040.90.

Motion by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the service agreement between GameTime-Sinclair Recreation and the City of Bridgman for Toth Park in the amount of \$348,040.90. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

F. Consideration of approving Resolution 2023-10 to amend the Building Permit Fee Schedule.

Motion by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve Resolution 2023-10 amending the Building Permit Fee Schedule as presented. Voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

G. Consideration of adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget with \$5,713,546 in total expenses and to set the millage rate at \$14.2382 per \$1,000 taxable value.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Stine to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget with \$5,713,546 in total expenses and to set the millage rate at \$14.2382 per \$1,000 taxable value as presented. Voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

9. Workshop Items and Reports

A. Police Chief's Monthly Report-

Chief Unruh stated that Maker's Trail will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, and the department was preparing for the event.

B. Park Director's Report-

Park Director Ball stated that the Weko Beach parking lot has been restriped.

C. Assessor's Monthly Report-

Assessor Baumann had nothing to add at this time.

D. Attorney's Report-

Attorney Senica stated that she did not have anything to add at this time.

F. City Manager's Report-

City Manager Ganum gave several updates regarding the Bridgman Public Schools Second Grade field trip to City Hall, a pre-construction meeting with Michigan Paving for the Lake Street road project, and the restriping of parking lots in the City.

Ganum informed the Council Members that he and several other municipality officials met with Congressman Walberg on May 5, 2023, at Fernwood for a round table meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of trash and recycling for the city and the residents.

10. Hearing of Citizens

Julie Strating, resident, gave an update on the courtyard project and how the project was funded. She stated that the project was well supported by the community and no individual taxpayer dollars were used. She also gave an update on the function of the Council for Growth & Advancement (CGA).

Sarah Skinner, Bridgman Public Library Director, offered to place and maintain a Little Free Library at Toth Park. She stated that the library is currently updating the catalog system. She also mentioned that Representative Joey Andrews will be holding a coffee hour at the library on Friday, June 23, 2023.

Tara Heizer, resident, gave an update regarding the Bridgman Beach Bus.

Matt Yeske, resident, voiced his support for the Bridgman Beach Bus. He also encouraged Council Members to look for businesses to move to Bridgman that offer a living wage.

11. Closed Session

Motion by Council Member Boyd and seconded by Council Member Gipson to go into closed session. **Roll call vote:**

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session began at 8:01 pm EST to discuss material exempt from public disclosure under Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being a confidential attorney-client communication from the city attorney. Council Members came out of closed session at 8:15 pm EST. Mayor Trapani reopened the regular meeting.

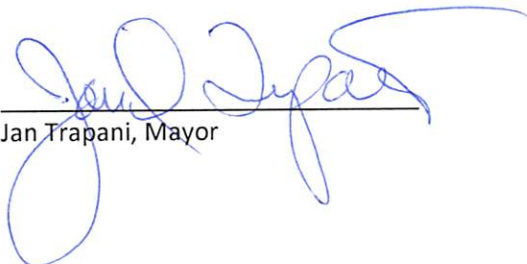
12. Council Comments-

Council Member Bonkoske informed everyone that he has an upcoming article being published in the Herald Palladium titled "Stone Soup".

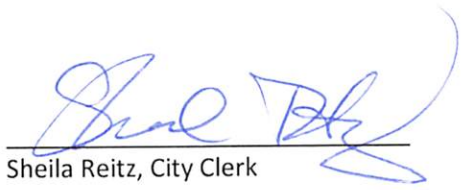
Council Member Boyd stated he would like to see monthly reports from the water and street department heads, along with a monthly report from the building inspector.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adjourn at 8:16 pm EST. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**



Jan Trapani, Mayor



Sheila Reitz, City Clerk