

Bridgman City Council
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2022
6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 6, 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, Georgia Gipson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, Building Official Mattner, Parks Director Ball, Police Chief Unruh, Fire Chief Buist, 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 Bonkoske to amend the agenda, with the addition of Action Item E Fence and approve the agenda for June 6, 2022, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) City of Bridgman Budget Vince Rose opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

No Comments were made.

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Pam Gipson closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m., voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Nick Schmidt- Market Manager for the Bridgman Open-Air Farm Market gave an update to the council.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Pam Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Jan Trapani to approve the minutes from May 2, 2022 regular meeting, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by council Member Georgia Gipson, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to approve the bills in the amount of \$182,981.70, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Georgia Gipson, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve reappointing Mike Mendus and Thomas Buckley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for terms ending May 1, 2025, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Sam Stine seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to approve the Second Reading and Enactment of Ordinance 2022-214, to amend the Bridgman Zoning Ordinance to incorporate Planned Unit Development (PUD) provisions with the following changes:

*Under Section 1(C), "Purpose of Departures from the Zoning Ordinance", the language "and the developer more or less equally" was stricken, with the sentence reading: "Deviations should benefit the community."

*Under Section 1(D)(b)(4), "Conditions", the word "viable" replaced the word "feasible", to read: The PUD constitutes a significant redevelopment of an underutilized or vacant property where conventional development may not be viable."

*Under Section 1(G)(2)(a), "Design Standards", the second sentence was stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following: "Any deviations, including those recommended by the Planning Commission, shall be subject to City Council approval."

*Under Section 1(G)(4), "Conditions", "may" was stricken and replaced with "shall" in the first sentence, to read: "The City Council shall impose conditions with the approval of a PUD that are necessary to ensure compliance with the standards for approval stated in this section and any other applicable standards contained in this chapter."

*Under Section 1(H)(9), the first sentence was changed to clarify that "all of" the following were required, to read: "In form generating districts, open space shall also be designed and arranged to accomplish all of the following;"

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Jan Trapani, John Bonkoske, Vince Rose, Stacy Stine, Pam Hahaj, Georgia Gipson, Sam Stine

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 7-0.

The Council discussed the concept of allowing the landowner to keep up a previously installed fence on Lake Street via a license agreement. The Council discussed the following minimum provisions that would need to be included in order to grant a license agreement: the agreement would be revocable, there would be an annual fee, the City would have to be named as an additional insured on the landowner's commercial liability insurance, there would be strict fence upkeep and grass upkeep requirements, such as mowing and trimming weekly, breach provisions with a strict time line to cure a breach, and the City could ask that the fence be removed with notice, with the City having the authority to remove the fence and put the costs on the tax bill if the landowner refused to comply.

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member John Bonkoske to table the fence issue, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Workshop Items and Reports:

Assessor's Monthly Report – May 2022

Police Chief's Monthly Report – April 2022 and May 2022

Director of Public Services Monthly Report – April 2022

City Attorney's Report

City Manager's Report – City Manager Ganum reminded the council that the Makers Trail Festival would take place on Saturday, June 11th.

Budget Workshop – Presentation of proposed City of Bridgman Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Hearing of Citizens:

Bill Boyd – Had a question regarding the census.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bonkoske took a tour of the STEM lab at the school and was blown away with what the school has to offer. "Kudos to the Educators." He also would like Fourth of July decorations for Lake Street.

Council Member Stacy Stine commented on how involved the student body was in the graduation ceremony.

Council Member Sam Stine commented that 45 of the 68 students that graduated had 3.5 or higher GPA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Pam Hahaj, seconded by Sam Stein to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Vince Rose, Mayor

Amy Fidler, Recording Secretary