

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 21, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on June 21, 2021 at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Georgia Gipson

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Engineer Nykamp, Police Chief Unruh, Assessor Baumann, Parks Director Ball, Fire Chief Buist, Building Official Mattner

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the agenda for June 21, 2021 as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library Director – The summer reading programs are under way and programs are being held at Toth Park and Lake Township Park. Everyone should check out the library's website for more information.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 regular meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Engineer** Nykamp explained the Weko Beach Joint Application. This was started a couple months ago to allow equipment on the sand to regrade the beach in the springtime. When the application was submitted, the State did a site visit and saw maintenance being done to the boat ramp. They then informed the city that a permit was need for the boat ramp as well. The joint application is for both the regrading of the beach and the boat ramp. The permit will then be good for five years and will be renewed after that along with the application fee. The original application fee was \$200 but was raised to \$1,500 with the addition of the boat ramp. Once Nykamp receives clarification on the fees, she will hit submit and get the application off to the State. Not applying for the permit was an oversight and the city will routinely apply for the permit moving forward.

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the bills in the amount of \$71,419.62, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve an amendment to the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to adopt Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) City of Bridgman Budget as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

### **City Attorney's Report (verbal)**

Attorney Senica was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

### **City Engineer's Report (verbal)**

Nykamp gave an update on the following projects:

- B&Z Company is working on a manhole replacement project that began last week along Snow Road. They have completed a trial shutting down the sewer lift, as that will need to be done to install a bypass, make the connection, and then remove the bypass. There should be another week or so of active construction to complete the project.
- There will be a meeting next week for the City of Bridgman, Lake Charter Township Feasibility study. The Township will also have their engineer present for the meeting. This first meeting is to talk about the scope of the project and communication protocols. The grant is good for two years to get the work completed.

### **City Manager's Report**

Ganum hit on a few items in his written report and added a few highlights as well:

- Planning Commission Chair Hurray is going to present the results of the Marijuana survey to the council at the next meeting. There were 341 that completed the survey, and the results are fairly evenly divided.
- The Snow Road manhole replacement is very important as every drop of water goes through it.
- He and Ball met with Gary Wood with the Friends of Berrien County Trail. This is a non-profit group that is promoting trails throughout Berrien County. He did ask the city to contribute \$2,000 along with other communities along the coast. He will come back to the council with more information and have someone from the organization address the council.
- The Social District is moving forward and showed an example of the sandwich signs that have been ordered.
- He shared an email that he received from Pauline Wendzel and the discussion that was had between himself, Wendzel, and Baumann regarding Headlee and Prop A. After that discussion, he did speak further to her about HB 4722. Council expounded on their thoughts with that legislation.
- He shared cards that were received from the Art teacher at Reed Middle School thanking everyone in the city that was involved with the recent art banner project.
- He showed a Weko Rock that he purchased from the open-air market. This vendor has been quite successful with the sale of those and is very talented.
- The city is losing a long-time employee, Matt Jones, who is leaving after 16 years to move on to Lake Charter Township and will be missed.
- The swings and basketball nets have been replaced at Toth Park. Hopefully, the city will receive the grant funding this year for Toth Park and make much needed improvements.
- The tower clock has been looked at and the city was not able to get it working. Kading is working on obtaining a quote to get it repaired. Members Trapani and Hahaj both stated that there is a shelf life for everything and maybe the clock is coming to the end of its life.

- Member Sam Stine did reach out to a few departments at the school inquiring if any of the students would be interested in doing volunteer work at the parks. He has heard back from one and waiting to hear from another. He will pass along Ball's contact information to organize work needed to be done.

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Nancy Malinowski thanked the council for listening to what she had said at the last meeting and thanked Member Sam Stine for reaching out to the schools.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Rose visited the farmer's market which was a great experience with 50 plus vendors. They need to come up with a way to get a porta john down there for all the people attending every week. Ganum did explain to the council why it is taking longer to get them down there. Since Edgewater became United Federal Credit Union, there is a contract that needs to be signed that would waive the city's liability. They are currently in the process of getting that completed.
- Member Stacy Stine thought that the property that is being used for the farmer's market was given to the City. Ganum explained that the city did not except the property at the time as it needs improvements. The vendors are currently signing an indemnification agreement and liability form every week that they are there.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion** by Council Member Sam Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

---

Vince Rose, Mayor

---

Allyson Holm, City Clerk