

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on July 10, 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, Pam Hahaj, Vince Rose, Sam Stine, and Jan Trapani

Absent: Georgia Gipson

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Trapani.

**4. Approve/Amend the Agenda for July 10, 2023**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the agenda as amended, adding in item 6K consideration of scheduling a public hearing for the Habitat for Humanity project. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Hearing of Citizens**

- Gene Herrman, resident, spoke about the dog park and complimented the city on the handicap walkway on Weko Beach.
- Joan Hurray, resident, expressed her appreciation to the city and community for the courtyard project.
- A resident stated she would like to see some seating in the shade at the dog park.

**6. Action Items**

**A. Approval of the minutes from the June 15, 2023, special meeting.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the June 15, 2023, special meeting minutes as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Approval of the bills in the amount of \$154,609.93.**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$154,609.93. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Consideration of approving Traffic Control Order 01-2023 to mandate no parking on paved city streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 1 to March 31.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve Traffic Control Order 01-2023 as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**D. Consideration of approving Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023) City of Bridgman Budget Amendments.**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the City of Bridgman Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2023 as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

- E. **Consideration of adopting Resolution 2023-14 to direct the City Manager, with the assistance of City Staff, to prepare a report and other necessary information, including an estimate of costs, a proposed district, and other items that may be helpful to the City Council to be considered in creating a Special Assessment District in the City of Bridgman to pay for City-wide Trash and Recycling collection.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve Resolution 2023-14 as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

- F. **Consideration of adopting Resolution 2023-13 to establish the Bridgman Red Arrow Social District and update the Bridgman Social District Management and Maintenance Plan.**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve Resolution 2023-13 as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.**

- G. **Introduction of an ordinance to partially amend section 470-54(c), ‘Standards for Street and Roadway Design’, to allow for the submission of street design plans to the city engineer and fire chief for review and approval in any planned unit development.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-15 to partially amend section 470-54(C), ‘Standards for Street and Roadway Design’, to allow for the submission of street design plans to the city engineer and fire chief for review and approval in any planned unit development. **Voice vote, motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Boyd voting nay.**

- H. **Consideration of increasing the City’s water connection fee from \$700 to \$1800 and sanitary sewer connection fee from \$1630 to \$2200.**

**Motion** by Major Trapani and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the increase in the City’s water connection fee from \$700 to \$1800 and sanitary sewer connection fee from \$1630 to \$2200. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

- I. **Consideration of a Special Events Application submitted by Autumn Kendzior on behalf of Lane Automotive for the Motor State Challenge Cruise-in at Weko Beach on Thursday, July 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.**

**Motion** by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the Special Events Application submitted on behalf of Lane Automotive for the Motor State Challenge Cruise-in at Weko Beach on Thursday, July 20, 2023. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

- J. **Consideration of approving the City of Bridgman to cast its vote for six trustees, including the City Manager, Juan Ganum, to serve on the Michigan Municipal League Worker’s Compensation Fund for four-year terms.**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve Juan Ganum to serve on the Michigan Municipal League Worker’s Compensation Fund Board for a four-year term. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

- K. **Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on August 14, 2023, in conjunction with the regular schedule City Council Meeting for the Habitat for Humanity Project located on Vineyard Street.**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the scheduling of a public hearing on August 14, 2023, for the Habitat for Humanity Project. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

## 7. Workshop Items and Reports

### A. Police Chief's Monthly Report-

Chief Unruh informed the Council Members that the Bridgman 5K/10K race went smoothly. He also reported that Kids Day held on July 9, 2023, received positive feedback.

### B. Park Director's Report-

Park's Director's Ball stated that she had nothing to add to her written report at this time.

### C. Assessor's Monthly Report- No report was given.

### D. Attorney's Report-

Attorney Senica stated that the Council should expect to see future ordinance amendments as the general law ordinances are reviewed.

## H. City Manager's Report-

City Manager Ganum gave several personnel updates. He also stated that a service agreement is being drawn up between Bridgman Public Schools and the City of Bridgman for a Resource Officer for the school district. Ganum informed the Council that the utility billing clerk, Lori Davis, has transitioned to part-time as she prepares for retirement in early 2024.

City Manager Ganum also thanked the many reserve officers for their volunteer hours that they have worked serving the City of Bridgman.

Project updates were given regarding the ongoing construction of Lake Street, and the courtyard nearing completion.

The Council was reminded that they would need to make a final decision regarding the process of Early Voting for the City soon.

## 8. Hearing of Citizens

- Gene Herrman, resident, spoke about the proposed social district and Willard Avenue.

## 9. Council Comments

- Council Member Boyd inquired about the drainage issues at the corner of Lake Street and Gast Road.
- Council Member Rose stated that the beach looks great. He also inquired if the weeds on the sidewalk could be cleared.
- Mayor Trapani reminded the Council Members that the City Manager's evaluation would be taking place soon.

## 10. Adjournment

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

**Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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Jan Trapani, Mayor

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Sheila Reitz, City Clerk