

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2021
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on August 2, 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, Vince Rose, Stacy Stine, Sam Stine, Jan Trapani, Georgia Gipson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Pamela Hahaj

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Parks Director Ball, Fire Chief Buist, Building Official Mattner, Director of Public Services Kading and Treasurer Lambrix

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the agenda for August 2, 2021, as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Matthew Muccino, 9605 Dunewood – Wanted to let the City know that the some of the stairs on the north dune need repair.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation – Preliminary Design Concepts for Downtown Property – Ryan Kilpatrick & Marques King

Ryan Kilpatrick and Marques King of Housing Next presented council with a few conceptual drawings of potential developments that could use the property north of City Hall that is currently public parking. They suggested to Council when the City is deciding on how best to develop this property to keep in mind establishing edges to the area by placement of pedestrian areas as well as development of the Lake Street frontage. Kilpatrick reminded Council that this won't happen quickly but is a long-range plan for the area, but this can be a catalyst for future planning and discussions.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Sam Stine, seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2021, regular meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$189,765.39, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine for the first reading of Resolution 2021-12 to amend the City of Bridgman Zoning Map to reflect the accurate zoning district for 9470 Red Arrow Highway (parcel ID 56-0018-0037-04-8) **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bridgman Fire Department and Berrien Springs/Oronoko Township Fire Department for a Collaborative Agreement to receive a 2020 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and authorization of the City Manager to sign the MOU.

Council Member Stacy Stine questioned the exposure of the City with regards to section IV, subsection 2(A) where it states, “utilize local funds for pay for any additional cost/fees for equipment or services.” Chief Buist explained that once the equipment is obtained that the City would be responsible for maintenance or replacement if damaged. Chief Buist furthered explained that he will have additional information after a meeting on August 3, 2021.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:

City Attorney’s Report (verbal)

Attorney Senica stated that she has nothing additional to report on HB 4722 regarding short-term rentals.

City Manager’s Report

Ganum added a few items in addition to his written report:

- Distributed an invitation to an event from the mayor of St. Joseph on August 28 at the Heritage Museum.
- Distributed a letter from Building Official Mattner regarding his investigation and findings on a complaint of short-term rentals from a citizen at a previous council meeting.
- Informed the Council that August 30 will be the Fifth Monday Meeting with Lake Township hosting and to keep that date open on their calendars. He will confirm with Supervisor Gast on an agenda.
- Stated that the deadline for the upcoming Community Buzz is August 6 and to contact him if the Council had ideas for articles.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Kathy Ramso, 9814 Quail Run – speaking as a member of the CGA and wanted to let the Council know that the CGA has formed a small group to discuss a 10-year goal plan. The group recently met with Andrew vanMaur of Andrews University, who echoed the need for midrange housing options in Bridgman and to consider building a train station/platform as well. Asked if the City is looking at other properties for development. Ganum stated that the consultant was hired to concentrate on the City property north of City Hall only at this time.
- Robert Liskey – Believes that Council discussed at a past meeting to have Housing Next look at other properties in the City for development. Council Member Bonkoske agreed with Liskey that there was discussion on looking at other properties. Liskey stated his concern for the loss of parking with the new proposed development.
- Bill Boyd – Explained the history of the old train station and stated there was a contract that Bridgman would always have a station. Later it was found that the City’s name was misspelled and made the contract invalid which allowed the station to be closed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

No Council Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Debra Lambrix, Treasurer