

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
August 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM
City Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on August 18, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI, 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Jan Trapani at 9:02 a.m. EST.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Trapani instructed the city clerk to take roll call.

Present: William Boyd, Vince Rose, Sam Stine, and Jan Trapani

Absent: John Bonkoske, Georgia Gipson, Pam Hahaj

Staff Present: City Manager Juan Ganum, City Clerk Sheila Reitz, Police Chief Dan Unruh, and Attorney Sara Senica via Zoom from Niles, Michigan

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Trapani.

4. Approval of the Agenda for August 18, 2023

Motion by Council Member Boyd and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

6. Action Items

A. Consideration of approving the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with Bridgman Public Schools.

Motion by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Boyd to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement as presented along with authorizing Police Chief Unruh to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Bridgman. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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

8. Council Comments-

Council Member Stine expressed his sincere support for and excitement for the opportunity to have the partnership between Bridgman Public Schools and the City of Bridgman.

Council Member Stine also stated that Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey and Berrien County Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli were contacted regarding the SRO agreement and they confirmed that the School Resource Officer (SRO) had the ability to service all three Bridgman Public Schools buildings.

City Manager Ganum stated that he had received support for the SRO agreement from those council members who were unable to attend the special meeting.

Council Member Boyd expressed his appreciation to Attorney Senica for her hard work drafting the SRO agreement.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. EST. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Jan Trapani, Mayor

Sheila Reitz, City Clerk