

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2023, at 6:30 pm

City Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on October 2, 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, and Building Inspector Brad Mattner.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Trapani.

4. Approve/Amend the Agenda for October 2, 2023

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to amend the agenda to include Item 7M, Public Hearing for the Harbor Habitat Planned Unit Development and Item 7N, Hoekstra quote for the Fire Department roof. **Motion** by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda as amended. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

5. Adopt-A-Beach Clean Up at Weko Beach Presentation by Gene Schoon, Shoreline Resilience Committee Chairperson.

Mr. Schoon gave a brief presentation of the beach cleanup efforts at Weko Beach for the September Adopt-A-Beach Day. He reported that there were 49 attendees at the event. Mr. Schoon thanked the Boys and Girls Club and the Bridgman Public Schools Key Club for their help with the event cleanup.

6. Hearing of Citizens

- A resident inquired about the progress in getting a welcome to Bridgman sign at exit 16 and asked that the city council and the CGA mend their differences and work together for Bridgman.
- A resident thanked City Manager Ganum for working with the residents regarding the recent flooding issues experienced in several neighborhoods in the City of Bridgman. She stated that she has gathered enough signatures to present to the County Drain Commissioner for drain work to be done.
- A resident stated she would like to see some of the benches at Weko Beach re-stained for the next season. She also commended the Parks and Recreation Director for placing the benches in storage to prolong the life of the benches.

7. Action Items

A. Consideration of approving the minutes from the September 5, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member Boyd and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the September 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of approving of the bills in the amount of \$457,242.03.

Motion by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$457,242.03. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

- C -E. Consideration of approving the appointment of Hannah Anderson, James Lucas, and John Murphy to the Corridor Improvement Authority.**
Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Stine to appoint Hannah Anderson, James Lucas, and John Murphy to the Corridor Improvement Authority. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- F. Consideration of approving a Special Events Application submitted by the Bridgman High School Principal, Gerald Heath for the annual Homecoming Parade on October 6, 2023.**
Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the special events application submitted by Gerald Heath, Bridgman High School Principal, for the annual Homecoming Parade to be held on October 6, 2023. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- G. Consideration of approving a Special Events Application submitted by Daniele Crevier/Amy Zapal of St. Joe Today for the Makers Trail Festival on June 8, 2024.**
Motion by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the special events application submitted by Daniele Crevier/Amy Zapal of St. Joe Today for the Makers Trail Festival to be held on June 8, 2024. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- H. Consideration for approving to replace TCM Visa with UFCU Visa for the Department Heads and a cumulative credit limit of \$30,000 with the City Manager and Treasurer to determine the spending limits for each staff member.**
Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the replacement of the TCM Visa with UFCU Visa for the Department Heads and a cumulative credit limit of \$30,000 with the City Manager and Treasurer to determine the spending limits for each staff member. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- I. Consideration of approving a Special Events Application submitted by Hannah Anderson, City of Bridgman Corridor Improvement Authority, for a Music in the Courtyard event on October 15, 2023.**
Motion by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the special events application for Music in the Courtyard on October 15, 2023 submitted by Hannah Anderson, Bridgman Corridor Improvement Authority. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- J. Consideration of approving the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle and equipment in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the Police Department.**
Motion by Council Member Boyd and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle and equipment in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the Police Department. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- K. Consideration of approving quotes from Hoekstra Equipment in the amount of \$21,483 to install a bed mounted salt spreader, a snowplow, and fabricate and install chipper hood on the Department of Public Services' 2019 F350 one ton truck.**
Motion by Council Member Trapani and seconded by Council Member Stine to approve the quote from Hoekstra Equipment in the amount of \$21,438 to install a bed mounted salt spreader, a snowplow, and to fabricate and install a chipper hood on the Department of Public Services' 2019 F350 one ton truck. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**
- L. Consideration of approving Resolution 2023-16 Petition for Maintenance and Improvement of a Drain- Williams & Essig Drain #555.**
Motion by Council Member Stine and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adopt Resolution 2023-16 Petition for Maintenance and Improvement of the Williams & Essig Drain #555. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

M. Consideration of approving Ordinance 2023-216 Harbor Habitat for Humanity Planned Unit Development (PUD) and amending the Bridgman Zoning Map to reflect the PUD adoption.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023-216 Harbor Habitat for the Humanity Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to amend the Bridgman Zoning Map to reflect the PUD adoption.

N. Consideration of approving the quote from Hoekstra in the amount of \$97,224.00 to repair the Fire Department roof.

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to accept the quote as presented from Hoekstra to repair the Fire Department roof. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

8. Workshop Items and Reports

A. Police Chief's Monthly Report-

Police Chief Unruh informed Council Members that September's totals would be presented at the next board meeting due to the packet needing to be completed before the end of the month. He gave an update on the School Resource Officer and the newly hired officer.

B. Parks and Recreation Director's Report-

Parks and Recreation Director Ball gave an update on Toth Park. She also stated that the Weko Beach Campground is now closed.

C. Water Plant Operator's Report-

City Manager Ganum informed the Council Members that AJ Mottl would be preparing reports for Council Meetings.

D. Assessor's Monthly Report- No report was given.

E. City Attorney's Report- No report was given.

F. City Manager's Report-

City Manager Ganum initiated the discussion regarding a trash and recycling special assessment. He informed the Council Members that he would present recommendations to the Council at the next meeting.

9. Hearing of Citizens

- A resident thanked City Manager Ganum for all that he does and reminded everyone that Tanner Creek flows into Lake Michigan.

10. Council Comments

Council Member Bonkoske commented that he would like the City Council, including himself, to do better for the citizens of the City. He also commented that they could build a better Bridgman together.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Stine to adjourn at 8:00 pm. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**