

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in regular session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 12th day of October 2023, beginning at 7:12 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Prayer, Mayor Gail Beyer called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Carrie Harless, Angie Clinger, Will Deines; Absent: Mark Wickard

Staff members present were: Anthony Cannia, Paul Sides

Mayor Beyer presided, and City Clerk Huck recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Beyer announced, "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the open meetings act is posted at the back of the meeting room for the review of the public."

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on October 12th, 2023 the designated method of notice given, as shown by proof of publication, as shown by attached affidavit of posting as well as posting in three public places: USPS, City Office, Pwcc.

Notice was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and by email notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Beyer asked if there were any letters of public correspondence for the board. There were none.

Mayor Beyer asked if there were any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. Lorainn Mann stated the Bridgeport Holiday Craft & Vendor Show will be Saturday, November 4th from 9am to 3pm at PWCC. There are 77 vendors signed up and as well as having concessions with all proceeds going towards the Downtown Appearance Committee.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held September 14, 2023.
7. Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held September 30, 2023.
8. Approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held September 30, 2023.
9. Approve the resignation of Dean Rahmig from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
10. Approve the removal of Adam and Alicia Pittman from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
11. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

Council Member Deines moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Harless, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

III. CLAIMS

12. Mark Wickard was not present for Wickard Plumbing & Heating claim to vote separately.

13. Council Member Harless moved to approve the claims, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Deines, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims: A & A Porta Potties LLC, Hrse, \$40.00; ABDO Publishing, Bks, \$193.70; Aflac, \$240.30; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$530.41; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$3,637.60; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$131.50;

Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$483.02; BCBS Of NE, Hlth Ins, \$6,490.30; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op, \$812.12; Bomgaars, Op / Rm / Shop / Tls / Tf, \$670.12; Bridgeport Ethanol LLC, Ethanol Tif, \$168,602.64; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, Cbble Tif, \$11,142.25; Bridgeport News-Blade, Ofsup / Pp, \$441.16; BSN Sports LLC, Pgrm, \$576.44; D Anthony Cannia, Tlpn, \$40.00; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.23; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$37.56; Courtney Cerny, Tlpn, \$40.00; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$75.55; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$8,871.36; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$890.08; Community Center, Tr, \$21,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$1,304.30; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Cap / Op / Shop, \$8,943.95; Crossroads Coop Tech Service, Op, \$335.99; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$181.08; Cummins Central Power LLC, Rm / Tf, \$3,071.77; Eva Draper, Op, \$100.00; E & S Auto Supply, Trk Rp / Rm, \$148.56; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$50.00; Facilikey LLC, Op, \$3,250.00; Federal, Fed, \$2,894.53; Fica, , \$5,878.44; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,500.00; Flatwater Veterinary Services, Pstg, \$96.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$39,000.00; Great Plains Power LLC, Cap, \$80,488.75; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$1,765.39; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,874.00; Holiday Outdoor Decor, Rm, \$446.00; Doretta J Huck, Op / Tlpn, \$45.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$1,005.52; Iworq Systems Inc, Op, \$5,000.00; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Me / Op, \$8,035.42; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Fr Trk / Op / Rm / St Equip / Tls / Trk Rp / V Exp, \$678.21; Daniel L Krentz, Rm, \$6,400.00; Lee's Service Inc, Rm / Fl, \$360.37; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$10,800.00; Isaias E Mancias, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$1,374.78; Micromarketing LLC, Bks, \$71.99; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$34,337.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$84,827.26; Ne State Fire Marshal Agency, Lic Prmts / Rm, \$153.00; Nebraska Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$24,451.20; Nebraska Library Commission, Lres, \$500.00; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, Trng, \$232.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$180.29; Nebraska State Fire Marshal, Op, \$120.00; Nebraska Total Office, Op, \$14.29; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; NMC, Rm, \$1,477.67; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$9.56; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$500.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, Fl / Rm, \$2,211.86; Park Fund, Tr, \$14,750.00; Ryan Patterson, Op, \$700.00; Peaceful Prairie Nursery Inc, Tr Brd, \$203.72; Platte Valley Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Bank - Sch, Bnds Int, \$12,398.64; Platte Valley Visa, Cap / Op, \$8,568.48; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Rm / St Equip, \$945.21; Police Fund, Tr, \$34,337.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$1,000.00; Pumpkin People & Produce, Bks, \$14.09; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, Op, \$392.85; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$72.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$210.83; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm, \$236.72; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr / Lgl, \$3,500.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$302.94; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Sidney Sun-Telegraph Inc, Pp, \$158.40; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$850.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Msm / Op / Pgrm, \$62.83; Scottsbluff Publishing Co Inc, Pp, \$268.28; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Stuart C Irby Co, Op, \$2,202.00; Town & Country Advertising, Pp, \$79.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,153.17; USDA Rural Development, Bnds Int, \$103,298.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$16,885.10; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$2,852.65; Madison Widener, Mtr Dep, \$186.78; Total Claims, \$797,730.39; Total Salary, \$39,230.38

***Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bks = Books; Bnds Int = Bonds & Interest; Cap = Capital Outlay; Cbble Pr = Tif Cobblestone; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Elct = Electric Bills; Ethnl Pr = Tif Ethanol; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Fr Trk = Fire Truck Expense; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hrse = Horseshoe; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl = Legal; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lic Prmts = License & Permits; Lres = Library Resources; Mdc = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Nh = Nursing Home; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pgrm = Program Supplies; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement/City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; St Equip = Street Equipment Repairs; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Tr Brd = Tree Board; Trk Rp = Truck Repairs; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; V Exp = Vehicle Expense; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis;

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

14. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Council Member Deines introduced Ordinance No. 997, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 93.40 WITH REGARD TO ELIMINATING AN AGE RESTRICTION; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT;

REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, Harless, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance No. 997 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Deines moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Clinger. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 997 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Deines, Clinger, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the ordinance and the City Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

17. Celine Hall was present to discuss a no-parking in front of her recently purchased property at 1021 Main Street in hopes of putting a drive through on the south side of her building for her coffee shop. Because of the vehicles exiting onto Main Street (Hwy 385) she had to apply for a permit through NDOT with a traffic analysis. NDOT replied stating she would have to remove the right turn only sign and parking would not be allowed in front of her building.

Council Member Clinger introduced Ordinance No. 998, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 75.00 PARKING SCHEDULES WITH REGARD TO PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FOR AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance No. 998 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Clinger moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Deines. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 998 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Deines, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the ordinance and the City Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

18. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2023-09, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ONE-AND-SIX YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, DUE AND LEGAL NOTICE STATING THE TIME, PLACE AND PURPOSE OF A HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ONE-YEAR AND SIX-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLANS UNDER THE HIGHWAY AND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, HAS BEEN GIVEN BY PUBLICATION IN THE BRIDGEPORT NEWS-BLADE, A LEGAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER, AND

WHEREAS, THIS SAME LEGAL NOTICE WAS POSTED IN THREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE AREA, AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED SUCH PLANS AS PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TOOK ACTION, AND DO FIND THAT THE SAME SHOULD BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA:

Section 1: That the City of Bridgeport adopts and accepts the One-Year Plan and the Six-Year Road Improvement Program Plan as submitted, and the same hereby approved and adopted

Section 2: Repeal of Previous Resolutions. Any other resolution or code section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this resolution and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3: Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Section 4: Severability. If any portion or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the same are severable.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

(ATTEST)

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

19. Emergency Items – None

20. Patrick Hartman with Flannel Brothers discussed his Liquid Brine De-Icer product. His product is sodium chloride with 4 % corrosion inhibitors, effective down to -6 degrees, safer for concrete than Calcium or Magnesium based solutions and has all naturally occurring ingredients. He applies the product prior to every storm using a weed sprayer and sells the product by a gallon jug, 55-gallon barrel or 250-gallon IBC tote. He mentioned some area businesses in the panhandle that use it includes the Morrill County Community Hospital.

21. Cannia gave an update on the “L” Street sewer project and stated there are elevation issues from 5th Street north to the main by Cenex and it was decided to wait on any decision until Bryan Schluterbusch was present to discuss what the engineer and contractors had come up with regarding the change order.

22. Mayor Beyer stated there have been some complaints regarding visibility obstructions at the intersections. The council discussed amending the nuisance ordinance with restriction heights or banning anything that is in the city right-a-way. After much discussion it was decided to amend the ordinance with restriction heights of 8 inches encompassing 25 feet from all corners to be presented at the next council meeting.

23. The current quiet zone ordinance lists three specific places, (nursing home, school, hospital) within 300 feet to be declared as quiet zones and after much discussion it was presented to amend the ordinance and to include the entire town after 10:00 p.m. and will be presented at the next council meeting.

24. Anthony Cannia stated the current speakers on Main Street will need to be rewired and repaired at around 6K and presented an option for new wireless speakers with a range of 150 feet from 8th to 11th street for parades and holiday events estimated at a cost of 21K. This system is 6 to 8 weeks out and will not work for this holiday season but will look into more options to be ready for Camp Clarke Days 2024 if the council decides to go in this direction.

25. The Mayor stated the Rural Workforce Development Grant is a grant that will provide funds for developers or contractors to draw from to rehab vacant or abandoned homes as well as undeveloped lots for new homes. Bridgeport should qualify and there are some interested developers. The grant is 5 million with a 25% matching fund requirement of 1.25 million. There are 14-16 undeveloped lots with a couple dozen vacant or abandoned lots as well to create more housing. Council Member Harless made a motion to approve the mayor to sign a letter of intent for the Rural Workforce Development Grant, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

26. Andy Leisy and Paul Sides will cut down 8-10 dead trees at the golf course this winter when the ground is frozen, saving the golf course about 10K.

VIII. REPORTS

27. Department Reports:

Public Works: Cannia is finishing up on the inventory in all departments and should have all the data entry in the Iworqs program; started trimming branches in the alleyways; getting quotes for the next conversion; and talked about electric and water meter upgrades.

Paul is working in alleys; looking into getting some cold patch before winter; Andy will be mowing the right-a-ways one final time; and everything has been winterized in the parks except for the pool.

Pwcc: Council Member Clinger gave the report in the absence of Mancias stating he is still painting the pool; the 24/7 equipment has been installed and on the back door as the front door would have to completely be replaced for the equipment to work; and has not been launched to the public yet; Dane is looking into updating the central air system.

Sheriff: Cardenas stated he is short two deputies and possibly another one next month as it is very hard to get anyone in law enforcement and campers are off the street.

Administration: Mayor Beyer stated a meeting is scheduled with NDOT on November 7th to talk about main street, recreation road and the bypass.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor Beyer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Harless made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, October 12, 2023, had and done by the Mayor and City Council; that all of the subjects included in the proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk

