

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 13th day of February 2024, beginning at 5:31 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: Mark Wickard, Carrie Harless, Angie Clinger; Absent: Will Deines

Staff members present: None

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, the designated method of notice given, as shown by proof of publication, as shown by attached affidavit of posting.

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.

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

The Mayor asked if there are any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. There were none.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 9, 2024.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Jack Berg to the Park Board with a term ending December 2026.
9. Approve the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Susan Myers to the Tree Board with a term ending January 2027.
10. Approve the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Milo Cardenas to the Tree Board with a term ending January 2027.
11. Approve the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Jaime Galvan to the Tree Board with a term ending January 2027.
12. Approve the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Lisa Weborg to the Keno Board with a term ending January 2028.
13. Approve the Mayor's Re-Appointment of Frank Catron to the Keno Board with a term ending January 2028.

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

III. CLAIMS

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

Claims: Aflac, Aflc, \$366.66; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$65.90; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$533.37; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$8,296.67; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$142.48; Ascap, Df, \$306.50; Bb Associates, Misc, \$3,500.00; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Msm, \$169.39; Nicole Berosek, Trng, \$177.00; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$2,886.98; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$7,139.33; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op, \$537.23; Bomgaars, Blfld / Op / Shop / Tf / Trk Rp, \$795.10; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$186.71; D Anthony Cannia, Tlpn, \$40.00; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.23; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$46.14; Courtney Cerny, Tlpn, \$40.00; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$107.56; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$8,316.59; Clear Image Media, Op, \$414.00; Collaborative Summer Library Program, Smr Rdg, \$110.17; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$996.28; Community Center, Tr, \$5,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Contractors Materials Inc, Tls, \$241.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$5,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Cap / Rm, \$983.24; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$221.00; E & S Auto Supply, Shop / Tf / Tls, \$308.14; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$50.00; Federal, Fed, \$4,899.91; Fica, \$10,370.20; Fire Fund, Tr, \$4,000.00; Flatwater Veterinary Services, Anml, \$15.50; General Treasury, Tr, \$29,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$3,444.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$1,083.09; Indoff Incorporated, Op, \$262.57; Info Usa Marketing Inc, Lres, \$950.00; J P Cooke Company, Lic Prmts, \$70.81; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$26.18; Kimball Midwest, Op, \$161.40; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm / Tls, \$481.44; Lee's Service Inc, Fl / Rm, \$291.39; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$6,000.00; Kyle E Lusetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Isaias E Mancias, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$168.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$2,425.34; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$34,333.00; Brian Moss, Pgrm, \$876.32; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn / Op, \$222,939.17; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Inv, \$6,305.37; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, Op, \$40.00; Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, St Shr, \$2,424.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$13,647.59; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$19.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$71.95; Nebraska Rural Water Ass'n, Trng, \$300.00; Nebraska State Treasurer, Anml, \$54.90; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$5.06; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; NMC, Nh, \$1,027.61; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$8.34; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, Frtlzr, \$14.60; Park Fund, Tr, \$7,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$9,092.92; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Rm, \$25.64; Police Fund, Tr, \$34,333.00; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Railroad Management Co Iii, LLC, Df, \$2,780.56; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$104.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$243.16; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm, \$30.98; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$251.35; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Pgrm, \$900.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op / Pgrm, \$57.40; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op, \$2,645.25; Sport & Fitness Inc, Rm, \$1,013.87; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Town & Country Advertising, Pp, \$79.00; Trading Post Enterprises Llc, Fl, \$1,175.63; USA Bluebook, Tf, \$113.42; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$21,194.89; Total Claims, \$481,468.48; Total Payroll, \$42,365.92

***Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Anml = Animal Fees; Bks = Books; Blfld = Ballfield; Cap = Capital Outlay; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fl = Fuel; Frtlzr = Fertilizer/Spraying; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lic Prmts = License & Permits; Lres = Library Resources; Mdc = Medicare; Misc = Miscellaneous; 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; Smr Rdg = Summer Reading; Shr = State Share; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trk Rp = Truck Repairs; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

15. None

V. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

16. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17. Council Member Wickard stated he has some reservations concerning Ordinance 1002, AN ORDINANCE CREATING FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS, about the zoning and mapping of the floodplain as there are too many variables. Ordinance 1002 on the third and final reading died for a lack of a motion.

18. Council Member Harless introduced Ordinance No. 1003, AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT PORTION OF J STREET WHICH LIES NORTH OF WEST 4TH STREET N THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA; 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 moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, Harless; Abstain: Wickard; 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. 1003 was then read by title including changing the day and thereafter. Council Member Clinger moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Harless. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1003 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Clinger; Abstain: Wickard; 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.

19. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1004 on 1st reading, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE §§ 94.06 WITH REGARD TO WEEDS, LITTER, AND STAGNANT WATER; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, Clinger; Nay: None. Ordinance 1004 is passed on 1st reading.

20. City Clerk Huck stated this resolution is updating the health savings match to correspond with the city's new health insurance plan. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2024-01, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Harless; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, SETTING FORTH THE CITY MATCH FOR CITY CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport currently offers matching contributions to employee health savings accounts.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport desires to set forth the terms of said matching contributions;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

1. The City of Bridgeport shall match employee contributions to an HSA account up to \$1,500.00 to correspond with the renewal period of the City's health insurance plan.
2. Future adjustments to HSA account matches by the City of Bridgeport may be authorized by an affirmative vote of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

ATTEST:

***GAIL BEYER, MAYOR
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT***

***DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK / TREASURER***

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

21. Emergency Items – None.

22. Mayor Beyer stated she received an Arbor Day proclamation from the Tree Board. Council Member Harless made a motion to approve the mayors' signature to the proclamation, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None.

23. Mayor Beyer organized a competition for a Junior Mayor for grades 6th through 12th. They were to submit a one-page project or idea they would like to see in Bridgeport. Julia Basa was awarded the Junior Mayor for submitting her proposal entitled S.T.E.A.M.. Shopkeeping - Technology- Emergency Services-Agriculture - Mechanics a work project for children ages 9-15 of Bridgeport to go through the interview/hiring process to work for a business in town while learning a good work ethic, money management and may lead to a successful future. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the Mayors' appointment of Julia Basa as Junior Mayor with a term ending September 1, 2024, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

24. Council Member Clinger discussed Dan Krentz's bid to repair the gym walls at Pwcc. Krentz had suggested going with the cheaper proposal where the 4 x 8 white FRP sheets would be glued directly onto the existing drywall. Council Member Harless made a motion to accept proposal 2 in the amount of \$20,698.54 as presented, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

25. Fire Chief Casey Sides was present to discuss hosting a mud volleyball tournament and beer garden during Camp Clarke Days on Saturday, June 1st from 1 pm to 8 pm to bring more awareness and recruitment to the fire department. They are still in the planning stages and talking with Los Tres Gallos to hold the SDL. Once everything is finalized, he will come back to the council to present.

26. Mayor Beyer has discussed updating city ordinances and would like to start on the nuisance ordinance. There was discussion to change the wording to get rid of any gray area and then to start enforcing the ordinance. Council Member Wickard tabled it to the March meeting to review the nuisance ordinance on a first reading to allow revisions to be made.

27. Council Member Harless stated they meant with both Andy and Paul and made a motion to remove Paul Sides as FEMA Director as well as his compensation and appoint Andy Leisy as FEMA Director and to receive a \$1.00 compensation effective February 4th, 2024, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

28. Keno Board Members Lisa Weborg and Brad Huck were present to discuss their recommendations to the council. Lisa discussed each organization and the Keno Boards reasoning for the amounts; Bridgeport Baseball, updated sound system, \$4,000.00; Morrill County Sheriff, stop stick kits and two mobile fingerprint units, \$8,000.00; Downtown Appearance Committee, banner pole brackets and other projects, \$6,500.00; CHJR Golf Course, remodel driving range, \$11,000.00, (visit with the Golf Course Foundation to ask for a possible match from their funds). After much discussion concerning possible changes to the amounts the Keno Board recommended a motion was made by Council Member Wickard to accept the Bridgeport Baseball request in the amount of \$4,000.00 and to table the remaining requests to the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

29. Mayor Beyer stated that the overtime policy in the employee manual has been discussed with all employees and is only expected in emergency situations, as well as being justified would be acceptable.

30. Council Member Clinger made the motion to accept the raises of all the employees that have had an evaluation done to this point and those that haven't will receive an evaluation before the March 12, 2024, council meeting to be revisited at that time, seconded by Council Member

Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Clinger; Absent: Deines; Nay: None.

VIII. REPORTS

31. Department Reports:

Public Works: Mayor Beyer reported 4th Street will not have dust control applied this year; Directed the public works departments to review their budget and purchase any items before July and August; Parks dept will be working on the west park installing the new playground equipment, renovating the horseshoe pit, and possibly close the street between the tennis courts and west park for a dog park; Anthony submitted a grant for an electrical infrastructure upgrade and Iworks is up and running; Public works attended a water backflow training class held at Pwcc

PWCC: Council Member Clinger stated a dress code will be implemented for the day-to-day work as well as special events; Received a resignation letter from Pwcc Director Isaias Mancias with his final day being March 15; Concerns regarding the swimming pool needing painted and a possible crack needing repaired.

Library: Library Board Member Janelle Galvan stated the library report is attached to the agenda and stated all funds will be secured before any remodel will be done on the old fire hall bay.

Fire Dept: Fire Dept Chief Casey Sides stated they continue to apply for grants, and they implemented a different training regime between having multiple training officers as well as bringing in outside help as they will continue to have their regular scheduled Wednesday night training and will add one Saturday a month. The Easter egg hunt will be moved to the school.

Sheriff: Deputy Daniel Flores stated the sheriff department is still shorthanded and has one officer in training and if there are any questions to contact the Sheriff Cardenas.

Administration: Council Member Wickard stated after visiting with MEAN they are looking at a 5 - 7% increase in our wholesale electrical rates, so unfortunately the city will have to look into increasing their rates to keep up with the wholesale increase. City Clerk Huck stated the East Park had new LED lights installed on the existing light poles through the center of the park.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

20. There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Clinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 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 / Treasurer