

## **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 11th day of August 2022, beginning at 7:04 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor Charlie Browne called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Angie Clinger, Dean Rahmig, Will Deines, Mark Wickard

Staff members present were: Anthony Cannia, Dane Jeffords, Perry Nelson, Bryan Schluterbush, Dave Smith, Charlee Wallesen, Melissa Butler, Billie Mitchell

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

Mayor Browne 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 July 14, 2022.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve Steven Menke and Alicia Winters-Pittman as probationary members of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Dept.

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

### **III. CLAIMS**

9. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Wickard Plumbing & Heating; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Rahmig moved to approve the claim from Wickard Plumbing & Heating, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Clinger, Deines; Not Voting, Excused: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard rejoined the Council.

10. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the remainder of claims, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Rahmig, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

**Light & Power:** Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$164.47; American Funds Service Company, Retirement Emp / City, \$506.90; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$32.94; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$17.51; Blackboard, Op, \$651.30; BCBS of NE, Health Ins, \$2,261.70; D Anthony Cannia, Telephone, \$40.00; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Rm, \$860.00; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$450.65; City Of Bridgeport, Customer Meter Deposits, \$695.29; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$213.87; Community Center, Transfer, \$15,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inventory / Op, \$1,151.86; Federal, Emp / City, \$596.02; Fica, Emp / City, \$927.02; General Treasury, Transfers Out, \$30,000.00; Health Savings Account, Emp / City, \$208.00; Lawson Products Inc, Shop Supplies, \$140.94; Medicare, Emp / City, \$216.78; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mean, \$95,854.85; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$419.28; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$83.68; Panhandle Collections Inc, Bad Debts, \$15.01; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$12.23; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$40.75; John Rodgers, Deposit Refund, \$104.71; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$381.76; Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv / Op, \$606.25; Total Light & Power, \$151,661.77; Salaries, \$8,423.08

**Water:** Aflac, Emp, \$197.10; Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$35.55; American Funds Service Company, Retirement Emp / City, \$1,101.15; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$32.94; Blackboard, Op, \$651.30; BCBS of NE, Health Ins, \$1,362.37; Bomgaars, Rm / Op, \$31.38; Courtney Cerny, Telephone, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$3,338.76; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$81.66; Enviro Service Inc, Water Analysis, \$50.00; Federal, Emp / City, \$474.08; Fica, Emp / City, \$894.38; Hawkins Inc, Treatment Facility, \$1,885.64; Health Savings Account, Emp / City, \$208.00; Doretta J Huck, Telephone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, TF / Rm, \$13.55; Medicare, Emp / City, \$209.16; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Op, \$695.22; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$352.36; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$83.68; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Water Analysis, \$19.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$10.32; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Water Analysis, \$462.66; Platte Valley Visa, Op / TF, \$77.62; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$434.55; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$39.50; Sonnys Super Foods, TF, \$30.24; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$197.68; Total Water, \$13,057.85; Salaries, \$7,538.18

**Sewer:** Aflac, Emp, \$42.84; American Funds Service Company, Retirement Emp / City, \$350.16; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$24.51; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$37.95; Blackboard, Operating Expense, \$651.30; BCBS of NE, Health Insurance, \$997.18; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Electric Bills, \$71.82; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$502.27; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$40.83; Federal, Emp / City, \$246.86; Fica, Emp / City, \$377.62; General Treasury, Transfer, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, Emp / City, \$208.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm, \$6.99; Lee's Service Inc, Fuel, \$128.63; Medicare, Emp / City, \$88.30; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$149.90; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$83.67; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$18.50; Bryan Schluterbusch, Telephone, \$40.00; USA Blue Book, Tools, \$68.54; Total Sewer, \$11,143.87; Salaries, \$3,298.02

**General:** Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$17.51; Blackboard, Op, \$651.30; Bomgaars, Op, \$19.98; Community Center, Transfer, \$21,000.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Golf Course, \$6,000.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$32.00; E & S Inc, Vehicle Expense, \$16.62; Fire Fund, Transfer, \$60,000.00; Jon's Body Shop, Insurance, \$10,309.83; Library Fund, Transfer, \$10,800.00; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$20.90; Nebraska Total Office, Rm / Ofc Supplies, \$72.93; Panhandle Area Development, DF, \$1,279.52; Park Fund, Transfer, \$20,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$37.17; Police Fund, Transfer, \$29,805.00; Pool Fund, Transfer, \$12,000.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$43.24; Rodak Law Office, Legal Retainer, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, Janitorial, \$350.00; Street Fund, Transfer, \$4,000.00; Total General, \$177,456.00

**Police:** Morrill County Sheriff, County Contract, \$29,805.00

**Street:** Aflac, Emp, \$120.51; American Funds Service Company, Retirement Emp / City, \$1,021.05; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$32.94; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$35.02; Blackboard, Op, \$651.30; BCBS of NE, Health Insurance, \$2,554.71; Bomgaars, Supplies / Chemicals, \$252.37; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$2,865.26; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$203.64; E & S Inc, Truck Repairs, \$24.93; Federal, Emp / City, \$829.40;

Fica, Emp / City, \$1,043.24; Health Savings Account, Emp / City, \$514.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Repairs / Tools , \$306.73; Daniel L Krentz, Rm, \$750.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Repairs, \$86.50; Medicare, Emp / City, \$244.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$550.73; Perry E Nelson, Telephone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Visa, Repairs, \$105.69; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$1.06; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$43.50; Sandberg Implement Inc, Repairs, \$589.32; David Smith, Telephone, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$631.53; Total Street, \$13,553.43; Salaries, \$9,025.33

**Pwcc:** A & A Porta Potties LLC, Op, \$350.00; Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$229.75; American Funds Service Company, Retirement Emp / City, \$555.02; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$40.98; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$197.46; BCBS of NE, Health Insurance, \$1,255.97; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op, \$401.50; Bomgaars, Op, \$300.81; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$4,330.46; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$195.99; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op, \$4,485.94; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$77.00; Eagle Communications Inc, Pp, \$562.50; Federal, Emp / City, \$548.24; Fica, Emp / City, \$1,573.90; Health Savings Account, Emp / City, \$416.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$753.24; KNEB Fm - 94.1 The Brand, Pp, \$150.00; KSID, Op, \$40.00; Medicare, Emp / City, \$368.04; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$425.19; Platte Valley Visa, DF / Supplies / Op, \$5,072.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$6.68; Radio Accounting Service, Op, \$385.00; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$33.25; Riverside Lumber LLC, Op, \$71.90; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Supplies, \$119.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op, \$71.96; Charlee M Wallesen, Telephone, \$40.00; Total Pwcc, \$23,122.78; Salaries, \$16,686.52

**Park:** A & A Porta Potties LLC, Horseshoe / Ballfield, \$190.00; Michael Soundsleeper, Museum, \$32.95; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$16.47; BCBS of NE, Health Insurance, \$666.21; Bomgaars, Rm , \$38.98; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$4,221.02; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$40.83; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Museum, \$1,302.30; Federal, Emp / City, \$110.23; Fica, Emp / City, \$823.00; Health Savings Account, Emp / City, \$208.00; Dane M Jeffords, Telephone, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm , \$60.94; Medicare, Emp / City, \$192.46; Billie Mitchell, Museum, \$100.42; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$169.52; Nebraska Public Power District, Museum, \$238.38; Platte Valley Visa, Rm / Op, \$169.28; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$0.53; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$32.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$17.36; Coffey Smith, Museum, \$43.32; Sonnys Super Foods, Museum, \$24.30; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$354.76; James W Vassos, Contract Services / Mileage, \$750.00; Total Park, \$9,843.26; Salaries, \$8,629.69

**Pool:** Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$36.93; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$786.95; Bomgaars, Op, \$61.91; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$2,937.69; Federal, Emp / City, \$68.22; Fica, Emp / City, \$1,140.64; Medicare, Emp / City, \$266.78; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$281.22; Sonnys Super Foods, Op, \$137.94; Spic-Span Cleaners, Rm, \$375.00; Total Pool, \$6,093.28; Salaries, \$12,610.25

**Library:** Abdo Publishing, Books, \$337.20; Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$72.22; American Funds Service Company, Retirement Emp / City, \$268.46; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$16.47; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$45.34; BCBS of NE, Health Insurance, \$683.32; Bomgaars, Op, \$9.99; Melissa Butler, Mileage, \$43.29; Cengage Learning Inc, Books, \$41.23; Center Point Large Print, Books, \$93.48; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$39.33; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$491.53; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$40.83; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$26.50; Demco Inc, Op / Resources, \$889.92; Federal, Emp / City, \$255.35; Fica, Emp / City, \$563.64; Indoff Incorporated, Supplies / Op, \$201.07; Library Sinking Fund, Sinking Fund, \$10,000.00; Medicare, Emp / City, \$131.80; Micromarketing LLC, Books, \$373.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$173.24; Optk Networks, Telephone, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, Training / Postage / Books, \$1,473.48; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$16.84; Billie Jo Smith, Contract Services, \$500.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$1,249.99; Total Library, \$18,112.52; Salaries, \$5,607.50

**Landfill:** General Treasury, Transfer, \$1,875.00; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Supplies, \$83.67; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trash, \$16,567.67; Total Landfill, \$18,526.34

**Fire:** City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$1,326.07; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$339.96; Federal, Emp / City, \$72.70; Fica, Emp / City, \$85.84; High Plains Scuba,

Diving Expense, \$1,000.00; Medicare, Emp / City, \$20.08; Morrill County Rural Fire District 1, Capital Outlay, \$55,089.04; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$98.16; Platte Valley Visa, DF / Op, \$1,239.00; Plummer Insurance Inc, Insurance, \$438.48; Prairie States Communications, Rm, \$262.49; Quadiant Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$1.71; Sandry Fire Supply LLC, Machinery & Equipment, \$316.58; Total Fire, \$60,290.11; Salaries, \$751.80

**Keno:** Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, State's Share, \$1,977.00

#### **IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

11. None

#### **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12. None

#### **VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

13. None

#### **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

14. Emergency Items – None

15. Mayor Browne discussed his findings regarding paving the NW area of town requested by Darrell Kraupie at the last meeting. Browne visited with PADD and Reed Construction and stated it would have to be engineered and surveyed at a cost in excess of \$1M and to complete the project at a cost in excess of \$5M with the total cost assessed to the city. It was discussed creating paving districts by the residents is the usual route for a paved street. Mayor Browne entertained a motion to start the project request with the total cost being assessed to the city. Seeing none; no action was taken.

16. As Chairman of the Planning Commission John Erickson contacted Mark Steer regarding a zoning change request to a piece of his property located on “S” Street and Hwy 385 and stated there is a meeting scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

17. Melissa Butler, Library Director introduced herself and discussed the firehall space next to the library for expansion. She presented a report of the total patrons that use the many activities at the library and would like to do more projects but does not have the space and has had several requests to have a teen room added. Council stated they would like to see a detailed plan before making any decisions.

18. Mayor Browne discussed the lack of storage for the Public Works Department to house many of the expensive equipment and Christmas decorations that are currently outside. He stated a storage building was built into this year’s budget but had to be taken out due to the expansion of the rural fire hall and the old firehall would be short term storage until a building could be budgeted for the PW Department.

19. Bob Benton discussed the sewer manhole on “L” Street and noticed the locates are put in place. The cleaning of the gutters on 4<sup>th</sup> and “L” street still need attention and stated Perry used the bobcat broom but did not work as the broom does not tilt. Council directed public works department to shovel the gutters.

Dust Control is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September and will have to grade all roads before dust control is applied.

20. Michelle Coolige with Twin City Development discussed their proposal to the city and discussed the three different tiers that are available. Currently the city in in tier 1 and will continue to stay in tier 1 for this coming budget year.

21. Rich Eymann with MEAN presented an Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) metering system to read electric and water meters and discussed the pros and cons. The system has the following capabilities: remote disconnect and reconnect, customer loading profile, saves on manpower, is cloud based, alerts for power outages, consistent billing cycles, detect and reduce energy theft while water meters will alert for leak detention. Requires upfront dollars for members and will contract with Itron and NMPP. Currently there are 12 communities that have committed to this project and stated the more communities involved the less the meters will cost. Perry Nelson reminded Council from the last meeting the city is going to have to start replacing the current water meters as they are nearing the end of their life span.

Council Member Deines made a motion to sign a letter of intent, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

22. Gail Beyer addressed Council requesting 50K of Keno funds to earmark for Phase One of the old swimming hole project to help with the following expenses: clean, rotenone, dredge out sludge, purchase picnic tables, install an ADA accessible composite dock, aerator, engineering/graphics and fencing. Mayor Browne stated to contact the Keno Board and set up a meeting to get their recommendation to present to council at the meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
23. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the resignation of Lawrence Heinrich effective August 31, 2022, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Deines, Rahmig, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.
24. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the resignation of Charlee Wallesen effective September 30, 2022, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Rahmig, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried. Mayor Browne stated to advertise for the Pwcc Director immediately.

### VIII. REPORTS

25. Department Reports:

**Sheriff:** Cardenas stated they are still short on help and everything else is going well.

**PWCC:** Wallesen stated has been slow; received donation money in memory of Jackie Laux and will use it towards the senior room; Youth camp will be next week; sand volleyball pit will be filled in; the cardio room will be getting new carpet.

**Public Works:** Perry Nelson stated the dust control has been ordered; presented lagoon estimate; generator at the nursing home is in and must be rewired correctly; Dan Krentz will be doing some repairs at the library; will get with Library concerning storage at the old fire hall; discussed costs with future infrastructure. Anthony Cannia stated MEAN will be increasing electrical rates by 5% and WAPA will be increasing transmission costs by 16-18%. Mayor Browne and Council Member Wickard gave Anthony Cannia his performance review and recommended him to be appointed as Electric Foreman and an increase in wage. Council Member Wickard made the motion, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Rahmig, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

**Administration:** Received the other half of the ARP funds; Next budget workshop will be August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be held September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

26. None

### X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Deines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

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Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Charlie Browne, Mayor

I, the undersigned City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, August 11, 2022, 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.

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Doretta J Huck, City Clerk