

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 14th day of August 2025, beginning at 5:30 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, Mark Wickard, Tony McGrath; Absent: Jeff Nichols

Staff members present were: Melissa Butler, Ron Doggett, Dane Jeffords, Billie Mitchell

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 August 14, 2025 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 minutes held July 10, 2025.
7. Approve the minutes of the budget workshop meeting held July 10, 2025.
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
9. Approve Tim Kampsnider as a probationary member of the Bridgeport Fire Department.
10. Approve Coote Mulloy as a probationary member of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

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

III. CLAIMS

11. Council Member Jeff Nichols was not present no conflict with Jeff Nichols claim

12. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Mark Wickard & Wickard Heating & Plumbing; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Harless moved to approve the claim as presented, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Harless; Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Claims: A & A Porta Potties, Blfld / Hrse, \$415.00; AC Electric Motor Service, Rm, \$82.50; Aflac, Aflc, \$434.86; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm / Rm, \$191.89; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$693.04; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$6,365.20; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$126.14; Kay Anderson, Trng, \$280.00; Bb Associates, Misc, \$4,016.25; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Msm / Op, \$245.28; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$1,206.40; Bloedorn Lumber, Rm, \$102.74; BCBS of NE, Hlth Ins, \$5,841.27; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$491.96; Bomgaars, Inv / Op / Rm / Shop, \$776.54; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, Cbble Pr, \$7,874.52; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$508.07; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$32.88; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$152.13; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$11,139.48; Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Spry, \$190.55; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$622.48; Community Center, Tr, \$21,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$98.00; Contractors Materials Inc, Tls, \$12.30; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$10,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Op / Rm, \$1,243.05; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$127.50; Danko Emergency Equipment Co, Tls, \$0.39; Ronald L Doggett, Tlpn, \$40.00; Dutton Lainson Company, Inv, \$658.50; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm / Tls, \$5,924.56; Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Tf, \$3,670.45; Electric Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$28,000.00; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Federal, Fed, \$4,558.11; Fica, \$10,530.92; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Fyr-Tek Inc, Rm, \$488.43; General Treasury, Tr, \$55,000.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$4,360.63; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,972.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$620.22; Dane M Jeffords, Rm / Tlpn, \$212.80; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$66.60; Johnson Service Co, Rm, \$3,340.80; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm, \$169.91; Daniel L Krentz, Rm, \$5,523.00; Lawson Products Inc, Shop, \$303.71; League Of Ne Municipalities, Df, \$6,341.00; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$607.88; Legacy Cooperative, Fl, \$246.44; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$21,000.00; Library Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$10,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$2,462.86; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$183.18; Morrill County Community Hospital, Op, \$76.00; Morrill County Fair Board, Op, \$10,000.00; Morrill County School District 63, Op, \$10,000.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty / Op, \$35,689.90; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$95,981.54; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Trng, \$3,856.83; Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, St Shr, \$2,331.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$15,114.07; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$368.82; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Tf, \$19.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$176.01; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Rm, \$20.31; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$24.13; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$150.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$1,200.00; Panhandle Area Development, Df / Op, \$3,186.12; Panhandle Collections Inc, Bd, \$10.50; Park Fund, Tr, \$8,000.00; Park Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$5,000.00; Pj Sand And Gravel LLC, Op, \$293.40; Platte River Dust Control LLC, Str Mat, \$7,209.12; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$5,437.52; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins, \$18,651.00; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Rm, \$68.57; Police Fund, Tr, \$35,670.50; Pool Fund, Tr, \$7,000.00; Pool Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$5,000.00; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$1,000.00; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$64.00; Renkoski Property Development, Op, \$3,515.00; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$264.40; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Pgrm, \$80.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Coffey Smith, Msm, \$56.62; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op / Pgrm / Tf, \$124.73; Sons Of American Legion, Op, \$10,000.00; Sport & Fitness Inc, Me / Op / Rm, \$13,174.56; Star Herald, Magz, \$312.00; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Sunrise Cleaners, Op, \$78.00; Town & Country Advertising, Pp, \$79.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,323.21; Uline Inc, Op, \$863.04; United States Treasury, Ins, \$32.20; USA Bluebook, Op, \$1,469.54; Utilities Section, Df, \$1,077.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$21,173.72; Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv, \$581.33; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$483.35; Mark Wickard, Op, \$90.56; WPCI, Op, \$420.00; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$412.69; Total Claims, \$582,540.69; Total Salaries, \$63,204.40

***Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bd = Bad Debts; Bks = Books; Blfld = Ballfield; Cbble Pr = Tif Cobblestone Principle; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fl = Fuel; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hrse = Horseshoe; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Magz = Magazines; Mdcr = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pgrm = Program Supplies; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Snkg = Sinking Fund; Spry = Spraying; St Shr = State Share; State = State; Str Mat = Street Material; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

14. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2025-13, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING, THE SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE TO NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS 2025.

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Bridgeport is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

17. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2025-14, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Harless, Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA TO APPOINT REPRESENTATION FOR THE CITY TO COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS DEALING WITH THE CITY'S ENERGY UTILITY.

WHEREAS, it is the desire that the City of Bridgeport remain involved with our wholesale supplier of electricity to ensure our voice is heard, and

WHEREAS, the City will be represented with our best interests discussed and debated with representation,

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, State of Nebraska, is a party to the Electrical Resources Pooling Agreement and, pursuant to the terms of such Agreement, it is the responsibility of the City of Bridgeport to designate a representative and alternate representative to the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Management Committee provided for under the terms of said Agreement.

Section 1: DIRECTOR to MEAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The City of Bridgeport, State of Nebraska, I duly appointed Council President, Mark Wickard to serve as Director* to represent the City of Bridgeport on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The appointment will run until a successor is appointed with all of the powers and duties incident to such office. This certificate is issued in compliance with the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act contained in the Nebraska Revised Statutes §18-2401 et seq.

****Upon the adoption of an ordinance or passage of a resolution as provided in this section, the mayor, in the case of a city, the chairperson of the board of trustees, in the case of a village, or the chairperson of the governing body, of each of the proposed participating municipalities, with the approval of the respective governing body, shall appoint a director.***

Section 2: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR to MEAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The City of Bridgeport, State of Nebraska, I duly appointed Public Works Director Ron Doggett to serve as Alternate Director** to represent the City of Bridgeport on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The appointment will run until a successor is appointed

with all of the powers and duties incident to such office. This certificate is issued in compliance with the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act contained in the Nebraska Revised Statutes §18-2401 et seq.

*** Upon the adoption of an ordinance or passage of a resolution as provided in this section, the mayor, in the case of a city, the chairperson of the board of trustees, in the case of a village, or the chairperson of the governing body, of each of the proposed participating municipalities, with the approval of the respective governing body, shall appoint a director.*

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, State of Nebraska, is a party to the Interlocal Agreement creating the Public Alliance for Community Energy and, pursuant to the terms of said Agreement, it is the responsibility of the City to designate a representative of the City of Bridgeport to the Public Alliance for Community Energy Board of Directors provided for under the terms of said Agreement.

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

Section 3: APPOINTMENT TO ACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of Council President, Mark Wickard, as the City's representative to said Board of Directors.
2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of Public Works Ron Doggett as the City's alternate representative to said Board of Directors.

Section 4: 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.

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503 authorizes the power any city of the second class or village to convey any real property owned by it, other than real property used in the operation of public utilities;

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

18. The presented ordinance updated the FEMA floodplain to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program and keep FEMA disaster funding eligibility. The new map shrinks the mapped floodplain from the previous floodplain ordinance.

Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1025, AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNING BODY CREATING FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS THEREOF; 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 Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath; 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. 1025 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member McGrath. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1025 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath; 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. This ordinance specifically prohibits parking on the northside of 7th street from Q Street spanning east and is intended to follow that same fence line along the entire football field.

Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1026, 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 FORM, 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: McGrath, Harless, 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. 1026 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member McGrath. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1026 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath; 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.

VII. REPORTS

20. Departments:

Public Works: Received bids on the shop roof and the cold storage roof which council was aware the roofs needed to be repaired when the building was purchased to house the public works department as well as moving the east fence at the shop to the property line. It was also discussed extending the fence at the west park basketball court to the horseshoe pit. Council Member Harless made a motion to accept the bid from Stonegate Seamless for roof repairs; Main Shop \$75,110.20; Cold Storage \$11, 782.20, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Harless made a motion to accept the bid from Custom Made Fencing, Shop \$23,318.33; Horseshoe \$5,983.05, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Pwcc: New smoke detectors are in place, a dance instructor will start in January, and youth sports options are under discussion. Tech upgrades include a big screen and successful Zoom use, though the gym's sound system needs replacing. Maintenance work includes painting, and bidding for two AC units. There have been new equipment updates, and we will be auctioning the old equipment.

Library: Librarian Melissa Butler reported the library hosted a half-day software training for 25 librarians, celebrated the completion of a two-year teen Dungeons & Dragons campaign and unveiled a new karaoke machine for patron use

Fire Dept: A fire broke out on K Street between 4th and 5th Streets. Poorly parked vehicles, including a pickup with a trailer, and trash cans on the sidewalk severely hindered potential emergency access. Housing Authority Board member Carrie Harless will be addressing both parking and trash-placement issues to prevent future complications.

Nursing Home: Mayor Beyer stated this is a work in progress.

Camp Clarke Villa: The Housing Authority has contracted with Housing Partners of Western Nebraska through Anita Doggett on a year-to-year contract. Changed out an electric meter with a temporary power shut off with notices posted by Council Member Harless. Current residents aren't on the city's all call notification system because service is under the authority's name. Will contact Anita to find a resolution if residents want to be notified.

Sheriff: Cardenas stated there were 182 calls and 12 arrests for July 2025 and mentioned these are calls for city limits only. Department is one officer short; Ongoing concerns about overgrown yards; Jason Perkins will be assisting code enforcement. Billie Mitchell thanked the department for her recent well check and response time.

Golf Course: Golf Board Member Christopher Plummer requested an additional \$25,000.00 for the 25-26 budget. Roof repairs are needed on the cart storage sheds; future sprinkler system upgrades (phased in sections); Outhouse repairs; Two new board members were voted upon; as well as positive comments on the course condition. Council recommended a 1- and 5-year plan to help with the budget process.

Administration: Special City Council meeting is scheduled for August 19 at 5:30 pm to discuss ambulance service operations; Discussed future Volunteer Firefighters and Rescue Volunteers award program; Crosswalk painting has been completed; Working with JEO on a federal grid-resiliency grant for electrical infrastructure; will target sewer infrastructure grants with CDBG grants. Free Fall Dump Day is scheduled for October 4 from 8a-12p; exploring camera installation to monitor the roll-off bin. Council Member Wickard discussed an employee appreciation barbecue.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

21. Emergency Items - None

22. Hillside Bar & Grill Class C-122564 was approved of the liquor license for Emerson/Estrada wedding that will be held at PWCC on September 27, 2025

23. Michelle Coolidge addressed the draft regarding Firefighters and Rescue Volunteers Service Award Program which combines Gering and Morrill's volunteer fire department retirement plans into a single point-based system established by state statute. Volunteers earn points for attendance, responses, training, and officer service from January 1 to December 31. Those meeting a 50-point threshold become eligible for city contributions—capped at \$3,000—funded either directly or through a retirement account. Vesting occurs gradually over four to seven years, with benefit rules governing age, active status, and withdrawals. Administration is handled by a third-party provider, with a planned start in early 2026 under the 2026/27 budget cycle.

24. Trinitte Wells with the Volunteer Fire Department stated Fire Prevention Week begins on October 5th, and the department plans to reuse leftover promotional items for school children and Halloween events. This year's focus is on lithium-ion battery safety, with educational materials for both kids and adults. The total cost is \$2,003.50; the rural board will cover half, and the department is to fund the remaining \$1,000 from the fire department budget.

25. Merit increases for full-time employees were tabled to September meeting.

At 6:48 pm, Council Member Wickard made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel with no action taken to include Michelle Coolidge and Travis Rodak, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None.

At 6:51 p.m Council Member Harless exited executive session, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None.

26. Discussed possible time increase for seasonal pool lifeguards as well as increasing their pay on weekends and holidays. It was discussed to table to the September meeting.

27. Council Member Wickard made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the NDOT Project 26-1(177) temporary easement and improvement contract, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

28. Council Member Wickard made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the suspension of Mt. Elbert Pump-Storage for Pilot Period, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

29. Michelle Coolidge presented Council with a \$30,000.00 C4H Community Housing Grant from NIFA for technical assistance on housing initiatives, including land banks and predevelopment activities. It provides \$10,000.00 per year over the next three years with a 1:1 match and a non-refundable \$500.00 application fee.

30. Budget Workshop Discussions:

The BCBS Health Insurance Policy increased by 2.5 %, which city did very well on the self-funded insurance. Council Member Harless made a motion to renew the current BCBS policy, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Golf Course: Budget will stay the same as last year at \$50,000.00 but will increase their sinking fund from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00, and the city will continue to monitor the sinking fund.

Downtown Appearance: With the downtown revitalization project coming next year they will cut back their budget to 5K and earmark the other 15K to the Volunteer Awards Program.

Nursing Home: Will increase from 25K to 50K for building and maintenance repairs.

Electric: Lineman Ron Doggett would like to see the city be a little more aggressive on the electrical conversion and stated there are two voltages in town. Ron will put together more numbers for the sections of the town.

Fire Dept: Casey Sides discussed the budget for next year and would like to increase the equipment line item after some discussion Council stated the budget will stay the same. He also informed council the pumper truck will be 29 years old.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member McGrath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Doretta J Huck, CMC
City Clerk / Treasurer

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, August 14, 2025, 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, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer