

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, NE met in regular session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, NE, on the 9th day of April 2026, beginning at 6:00 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: Jeff Nichols, Carrie Harless, Mark Wickard, Tony McGrath

Staff members present were: Christi Collins; Dane Jeffords, Billie Mitchell, Fay Scarrow

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. Received a thank you card from the family of Michelle Coolidge

The Mayor asked if there were 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 March 12, 2026
7. Approve the minutes of Work Session 3 held March 12, 2026
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
9. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Jessica McKay to the Housing Authority with a term expiring December 2030
10. Approve Linle Teppert, Cassidy Mitchell, James Hogsett, Ryan Mohrman and Savannah Jackson as Probationary Members of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

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

III. CLAIMS

Claims: Action Communications Inc, Me, \$100.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$456.24; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$813.81; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,326.63; American Legal Publishing Corp, Df, \$519.73; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$115.16; BB Associates, Misc, \$2,812.50; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$2,286.00; Bloedorn Lumber, Rm, \$424.15; BCBS of NE, Hlth Ins, \$5,986.89; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op / Tls, \$426.30; Bomgaars, Inv / Op / Rm / Tf / Tls, \$607.64; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$426.05; Budge-It Drain Service, Rm, \$450.00; Casey Peterson Ltd, Audit, \$31,877.90; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$44.70; Thomas Chase, Mtr Dep, \$55.54; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$167.00; Chjr Golf Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$10,000.00; City Of Bridgeport, Elct, \$6,800.96; City Of Bridgeport, Mtr Dep, \$2,823.34; CNA Surety Direct Bill, Of Bnds, \$100.00; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$610.27; Community Center, Tr,

\$10,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Contractors Materials Inc, Shop, \$92.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Rm, \$663.32; Croell Redi-Mix, Rm, \$2,956.75; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$141.00; Cummins Central Power LLC, Rm, \$2,813.08; Dan's Landscape And Tree Service, Tr Brd, \$3,000.00; Docu-Shred, Op, \$35.00; Ruben Dominguez, Rm, \$4,312.50; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm, \$42.95; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Federal, Fed, \$2,911.91; Fica, \$6,967.64; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Fire Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$5,000.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$54,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,624.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op / Ua, \$1,025.76; Info Usa Marketing Inc, Lres, \$400.00; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$66.94; Johnathan Kahl, Mtr Dep, \$200.00; Kaiser Tire, Rm, \$751.50; Ryan Keller, Df, \$100.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm, \$6.99; Lee's Service Inc, Fl / Tf, \$959.79; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$140.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$1,629.56; Mid-American Research Chemical, Op, \$303.63; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Morrill County Treasurer, Df, \$169.54; Motorola Solutions Inc, Op, \$15,000.00; Alek Muhr, Mtr Dep, \$121.12; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$107,052.69; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Rm, \$260.80; Nebraska Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$13,286.90; Nebraska Mosquito & Vector Control, Spry, \$135.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$474.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$163.16; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Rm, \$1,100.50; Nebraska State Treasurer, Anml, \$59.68; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$7.82; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$157.32; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Tf, \$1,200.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$2,000.00; Platte Valley Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$5,607.42; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$3,000.00; Regional Care Inc Group Ii, Hsa, \$64.00; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$74.46; Santander Bank N.A., Me, \$36,528.19; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op, \$207.41; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op, \$3,699.00; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Stuart C Irby Co, Inv, \$1,210.03; Sunbelt Solomon Services LLC, Rm, \$6,800.00; Sunrise Cleaners, Op, \$39.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,335.03; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$19,372.99; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv / Ua, \$330.20; Mark Wickard, Trng, \$847.64; Total Claims, \$516,519.19; Total Salaries, \$46,015.13

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Anml = Animal Fees; Audit = Auditing; Bks = Books; Cnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lres = Library Resources; Mdcr = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Nh = Nursing Home; Of Bnds = Officers Bonds; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; Snkg = Sinking Fund; Spry = Spraying; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Tr Brd = Tree Board; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Ua = Uniform Allowance; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

11. Council Member Harless moved to approve the claim submitted by Jeff Nichols, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Abstain: Nichols Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Council Member Nichols moved to approve the claim submitted by Mark Wickard, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Harless, McGrath; Abstain: Wickard Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the remainder of the claims except Croel Redimix pending due to the need for additional information, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless, Nichols Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

14. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1035, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING THE SUBDIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 1 OF STEER REPLAT, A PARCEL LOCATED WITHIN THE ZONING JURISDICTION OF 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 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, Nichols, 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. 1035 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Harless. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1035 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard, Nichols; 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. Council Member Nichols introduced Ordinance No. 1036 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF LAND LOCATED AT PART OF TAX LOT 9 IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 6th P.M., MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; 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: Nichols, Wickard, McGrath, Harless; 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. 1035 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Nichols moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Wickard. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1036 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath, Nichols; 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

18. Department Reports:

- a. **Public Works:** Dane addressed the council regarding the purchase of a new belt clip reader from Municipal Supply at a cost of \$5,280.00, noting that the current handheld unit dates back to 2009 and its screen is no longer functional; There are two tornado sirens currently not working, with replacement costs of approximately \$9,000.00 each and two new dedicated poles for the sirens, estimated at around \$800.00 each; Dane reported dust control will be handled in-house using the City's water truck along with a product being tested through Spic and Span Cleaners, with an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000 compared to the previous annual cost of \$45,000–\$50,000; Weed spraying will continue to be contracted out as in the past with Renkoski Spraying; Power will be needed for the new exhibit hall at the fairgrounds and will develop a cost estimate for the Fair Board with installation and related costs; Provided an update on the PWCC roof where Fisher Roofing completed a temporary repair; however, this is not considered a long-term solution as the fascia board beneath the tin is significantly deteriorated, and received a bid from Morton Buildings of approximately \$7,000; The east park sprinkler system, Zones 9 and 10 along the south end near the sidewalk have been severely damaged by tree roots. Council directed staff to obtain an estimate and proceed with repairs if the cost is \$5,000 or less.

- b. **Pwcc:** Christy reported 1,349 member check-ins, 16 meetings held, and 4 parties hosted; Lions Club Basketball Tournament was held; 1st Annual Ducks Unlimited Wild Game Feed with a donation back to the center; Would like to expand the membership packet, review all waivers and to include all facility rules and expectations and distribute it to all members for re-signature; Contacted companies regarding replacement of the meeting rooms and gym partition with one company out of Colorado that will do both, but has not received a bid from them yet and indicated that ideally the gym divider should be replaced first and the meeting room partitions could be addressed at a later time; Received \$1,286.00 from the gym equipment sold through Kraupies Auction; There will be 7 returning lifeguards and 2 new hires for the upcoming season with a soft opening of the pool on May 26.
- c. **Library:** The library continues have good attendance as well as providing many activities
- d. **Fire Dept:** Casey with the Fire Department reported on joint training conducted with Bayard, Dalton, Minatare, and Mitchell for a fire training exercise north of Angora with 38 personnel in attendance; A couple of volunteers will be attending State Fire School in May; Regarding the Morrill Fire, Casey reported approximately 416 man-hours were accumulated on the incident and is working with Ron Leal to get reimbursement back from NEMA; There were multiple donations received in response to the incident, totaling approximately \$30,000 and over \$10,000.00 from the PWCC fundraiser and indicated they will review actual needs before allocating the funds to ensure the money is spent appropriately and responsibly.
- e. **Nursing Home:** Received rent payment of \$5,244.34 and the sale should be final by the end of the month with the ordinance confirming the sale on the May agenda.
- f. **Sheriff:** Cardenas was not present and submitted the report for the month of March, which included 25 ambulance calls, 32 transfers and 113 total calls.
- g. **Golf Course:** Council Member Nichols reported on the golf course, noting ongoing sprinkler system issues that continue to require attention. He also mentioned exploring options for installing higher-quality restroom facilities on the course; however, the estimated cost may exceed the current budget, so they are also considering temporary portable restroom solutions as an alternative. Additionally, Easter operations went well, with all golf carts fully rented out during the holiday period.
- d. **Administration:** It was discussed proceeding with repairs to the backstop at the Little League field, with costs to be shared equally among three entities: one-third covered by the school, one-third by the City, and one-third by the Community Center Foundation.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

19. Ryan Chavez with Casey Peterson LTD presented the 2024 – 2025 audit via teleconference and reported nothing stood out compared to prior years, with no major issues identified and clean records on both modified cash and accrual basis. He also praised the office staff was very helpful and provided all necessary information during the on-site portion of the audit, and overall the process went smoothly this year.

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

20. Emergency Items - None

21. Celine Hall was present to discuss hosting a free, family-friendly park band night three times this summer on Saturdays in June, July, and August from 5:00–8:00 p.m. She is requesting that R Street between 10th and 11th be shut down from 4:30–8:30 p.m. for food trucks. She also noted she spoke with Dane as there will be a need for additional electrical outlet access for both the bands and food trucks. While it is not a requirement for the event, she mentioned it would be a nice option if alcohol were allowed, but it is not a determining factor in whether the events move forward. Council Member McGrath made a motion to approve the band nights as presented, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

22. Mayor Beyer reported that the jetties at Veteran’s Park need repaired and noted there is \$52,412.57 available in the ACE Funds, which are designated for recreational improvements. She spoke with BN, who agreed to donate concrete ties. The proposed plan is to place the ties at the base and then build up rock to help stabilize the structure. The estimated cost for the project is not expected to exceed \$8,000.00. Council Member Wickard made a motion to authorize the Ace

Funds to repair the jetties at the Veteran's Park, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

23. Discussion regarding offering an in-lieu of cash benefit for health insurance in the amount of \$600.00 per month for those employees who decline coverage as they are on their spouse's plan. This is a taxable benefit and will be revisited at the renewal period in August when rates are set. Council Member Wickard made a motion to add the policy change to offer a cash in-lieu for health insurance in the amount of \$600.00, per month seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Nichols, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

24. Council discussed the upcoming Spectrum / Charter agreement which expires in June to negotiate increasing the Pole Use Fees which most communities now charge \$10.00 per pole for those companies to attach their lines on the city's utility poles.

25. Michelle Coolidge announced she will transition off her Interim City Administrator contract effective May 31 and will go back to her consultant-based contract for specific projects and stated she will finish up current projects. Mayor Beyer stated a part-time third person was advertised and received four applications.

26. Council approval for the hiring Lindie DeBlois and Hayley Noonan for pool management positions for the upcoming season with a structured shared schedule splitting a total of 40 hours per week at \$17.00 per hour. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the pool management positions as presented, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

27. Council Member authorized the Mayor's signature to the Playground Boss quote in the amount of 21,766.00 for new equipment at East Park with the funds to be taken out of ACE, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

28. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the Construction Management Agreement with Panhandle Area Development District not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the Sewer Replacement Project, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

29. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with MC Shaff for the Sewer Replacement Project, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Harless, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Harless, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, April 9, 2026, 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