

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 August 2024, 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: Mark Wickard, Will Deines, Carrie Harless; Absent: Angie Clinger

Staff members present were: Dane Jeffords, Paul Sides, Billie Mitchell, Andy Leisy, Bryan Schluterbusch, Christy Collins.

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 1, 2024 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. Celine Hall with Simple Co. was presented the map layout of the "2024 Coffee Run" which is a 5K; 2-mile walk/run and will have the Sheriff's Posse there to help with runners crossing the Main Highway and also stated there will be no closed streets; Presently she has 35 adults and 15 kids signed up.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop minutes held July 8, 2024.
7. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 8, 2024.
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
9. Approve Jason Lott as a probationary member to the Bridgeport Fire Department.
10. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Christopher Plummer to the Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2026.
11. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Todd Harless to the Planning Commission & Board of Adjustments with a term expiring December 31, 2026.
12. Approve Kyle Lussetto \$1.00 increase for obtaining his Grade 4 Water Operator license effective July 29, 2024.

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

III. CLAIMS

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

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

Claims: Active Internet Technologies LLC, Op, \$3,661.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$406.80; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$555.66; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$6,973.09; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$137.12; Barco Municipal Products Inc, Op, \$1,351.70; BB Associates, Misc, \$2,990.25; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Msm / Op, \$169.39; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$1,800.06; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$5,841.27; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op, \$986.17; Bomgaars, Blfld / Dwn Twn / Msm / Op / Rm / Tf / Va, \$391.45; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$380.71; D Anthony Cannia, Tlpn, \$40.00; Adriana Castano, Cnt Svc, \$1,350.00; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$36.97; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$94.16; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$10,703.01; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$819.17; Community Center, Tr, \$6,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Contractors Materials Inc, Op, \$536.40; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$15,000.00; Cozad Signs LLC, Va, \$420.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Msm, \$165.37; Croell Redi-Mix, Rm, \$1,709.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$151.50; Dutton Lainson Company, Inv, \$3,366.86; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm, \$69.42; Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Tf, \$1,744.14; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$50.00; Fastenal Company, Op, \$66.75; Federal, Fed, \$5,684.43; Fica, \$13,425.7; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,400.00; Fluent Ims, Me, \$550.00; Fyr-Tek Inc, Rm, \$462.19; Gardner Technologies LLC, Op / Rm, \$359.74; General Treasury, Tr, \$63,000.00; Gmco Corporation, Chem, \$43,332.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$1,812.46; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$2,880.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$1,145.26; Indoff Incorporated, Op, \$48.20; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$3.55; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm, \$311.29; Daniel L Krentz, Rm, \$1,659.90; League Of Ne Municipalities, Df, \$5,372.00; Lee's Service Inc, Fl / Rm, \$2,195.50; Legacy Cooperative, Fl, \$113.66; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; M C Schaff & Associates Inc, Eng, \$11,536.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Me, \$247,065.22; Masa Global, Ins, \$266.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$3,139.90; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$221.35; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$34,333.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$90,383.86; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, Trng, \$195.00; Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, St Shr, \$2,006.00; Ne State Fire Marshal Agency, Nh, \$144.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$23,230.08; Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association, Df, \$100.00; Nebraska Power Review Board, Df, \$244.53; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$306.01; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$19.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$163.63; Nebraska Rural Water Ass'n, Trng, \$200.00; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Inv / Rm, \$1,056.60; Nursing Home, Nh, \$23,000.00; Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Frtlzr / Op, \$1,279.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$44.38; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$1,650.00; Panhandle Area Development, Df, \$1,279.52; Panhandle Collections Inc, Bd, \$94.95; Park Fund, Tr, \$18,750.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$12,050.34; Police Fund, Tr, \$34,333.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$12,000.00; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$64.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$209.91; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$187.96; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Op, \$144.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Coffey Smith, Msm, \$36.80; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Msm / Op / Pgrm/ Tf, \$209.93; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op / Spry, \$4,645.00; Sport & Fitness Inc, Rm, \$986.62; Scottsbluff Publishing Co Inc, Lres, \$189.80; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$2,629.03; Utilities Section, Df, \$1,040.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$19,022.45; Wesco Distribution Inc, Tls, \$450.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$517.50; Baily Zorn, Mtr Dep, \$12.24; Total Claims, \$778,426.84; Total Salaries, \$56,849.69

***Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bd = Bad Debts; Bks = Books; Blfld = Ballfield; Chem = Chemicals; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Eng = Engineers; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; 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; Lres = Library Resources; Mdc = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; 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; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; Spry = Spraying; St Shr = State Share; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Va = Veterans Park Old Swim Hole; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis;

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

15. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17. This is the second reading on making the property owners responsible for any unpaid utility bills left by their tenants.

Council Member Wickard moved to approve ordinance 1008 on 2nd reading, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE §§ 50.08 WITH REGARD TO DELINQUENT UTILITY CUSTOMERS; 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, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None; Ordinance passed on 2nd reading.

18. Currently the speed limit on recreation road is 35 mph and now that the road has been repaired the city contacted Nebraska Game and Parks and they allowed the city to lower the speed limit to 30 mph.

Council Member Harless introduced Ordinance No. 1009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 74, SCHEDULE III. SPEED LIMITS WITH REGARD TO CHANGES IN SPEED LIMITS 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 Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, 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. 1009 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Deines moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Wickard. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1009 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Deines, Wickard, 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.

19. Council Member Deines introduced Resolution 2024-05, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

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 2024.

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 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 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

20. Michelle Coolidge addressed the council about the updated revisions that were made to the city building permit which added documentation of ordinances, a checklist, and a sign that will need to be posted. There was also discussion on the dollar amount when curb & gutter would need to be installed depending on the type of project.

21. After some discussion about the legalities regarding a request to waive the electric and water meter base rates at American Legion Hall, 701 L Street. No action was taken.

22. Michelle Coolidge discussed the blight cost with Panhandle Area Development (PADD) which revised their cost to be about \$2,000.00 with a 90-day completion. The city is applying for an infrastructure grant for redevelopment projects which could be up to 4 million with a 25% match. The city approved the revised cost from PADD.

VIII. REPORTS

23. Departments:

Public Works: None

Pwcc: Director Christy Collins said the pool will stay open evenings and weekends beginning Sept 1; will drain the pool fully to examine the bottom to see whether will need resurfaced; Would like input on charging admission for the 2024-2025 season and will put a package together with some rates for the next meeting. Also discussed adding some security cameras and updating the technology for the meeting rooms

Library: Library Board Member Janelle Galvan stated the attendance is down a little because of summer; after school programs will start back up in September; applied for a \$30,000 grant and waiting to hear if awarded.

Fire Dept: Continues to push members to attend training; their awards day was on the 5th Wednesday in July and the Bridgeport Community Foundation donated prime rib and cheesy potatoes from the raffle.

Golf Course: Council Member Harless stated they started their driving range project and hired Dan Krentz to do some concrete work, and the pump house building is completed.

Sheriff: Everything is going well; and still looking for employees.

Administration: Michelle Coolidge stated the floodplain open house will be August 29, 2024, from 4:00 -6:00 p.m at PWCC; will be setting up a training session for new Planning Commission Members and working to schedule community input meetings that will also help update the comprehensive plan as well as help with grants.

Final Budget Workshop date will be Sept 11 at 5:00 p.m., and Regular Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m.

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

24. Emergency Items - None

25. Council Member Wickard made a motion to close the dormant rescue account in the amount of \$6,782.95 and transfer the monies to the fire sinking fund, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

26. Sheriff Cardenas addressed the council regarding updating his handheld and mobile radios at a cost of \$180,000. He stated he has been applying for grants and asked if the city would consider helping with the cost. His current radios have problems with dead zones throughout the

county and do not interface with the state patrol and other law enforcement agencies without relaying back to the dispatcher which is a safety concern to his deputies and the citizens.

Council Member Harless approved \$60,000 from the rescue sinking fund contingent upon receiving other funding, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

27. Council Member Harless made a motion to approve the IT service contract from Retchless Technologies LLC in the amount of \$750.00 monthly, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. At 6:40 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to enter in executive session to include City Attorney/Michelle Coolidge/Mayor/Council to discuss the possible hiring of a journeyman lineman, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Doretta J Huck, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Gail Beyer, Mayor

At 7:10 Council Member Harless made a motion to exit executive session with no action taken, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 7:12 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Executive Session Recording
Secretary & Adjournment,
Mark Wickard, Council President

Gail Beyer, Mayor

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