

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA
Budget Workshop 2

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met for a Budget Workshop 2 at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 10th day of July 2026, beginning at 3:55 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, Jeff Nichols, Carrie Harless, Tony McGrath

Staff members present were: 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 June 25, 2026 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. REGULAR AGENDA

6. Emergency Items – None

7. Mayor Beyer stated that the City is planning to reduce the budget by 5%. She also reported that Dan Krentz has declined the offer working as the City's Building Code/Zoning Inspector. Mr. Krentz is stepping away from concrete work and maybe selling some of his concrete-related equipment.

- Discussion was held regarding the City's street maintenance and equipment needs. Dane reported that the Street Department plans to try using a cold patch for roadway repairs. He also noted that the City's dump trucks are in poor condition and emphasized the need to acquire one reliable dump truck. Additional discussion focused on the motor grader, which has approximately 10,000 hours of use and is nearing the end of its service life. Leasing equipment was also considered, as the Bobcat is used daily and continues to accumulate significant operating hours. Dane will prepare and present a prioritized list of equipment needs for the Council's review and future planning.
- Billie Mitchell reported that the Museum is not requesting a budget increase and plans to apply again for the Passport Program and will adjust the Museum's operating budget accordingly while remaining within the current payroll allocation. She also discussed the ongoing concerns with the Museum roof. Discussion was held regarding extending the Museum's split rail fence from its current location to the caboose. The extension is intended to discourage motorists from driving through the Museum parking lot to access residences on Bell Road rather than using the public road located north of the Museum. The Council agreed to extend the split rail fence as discussed.

- Council Member Tony McGrath stated that Dustin Lee's six-month probationary period will end in August. He requested that an item be placed on the August agenda to discuss a possible wage increase following the successful completion of the probationary period.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless, Nichols; Nay: None. Budget Workshop 2 Adjourned.

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 Friday , July 10, 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 / Treasurer