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 June 2026, 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, Jeff Nichols, Tony McGrath, Mark Wickard

Staff members present were: Dane Jeffords, Billie Mitchell, Melissa Butler, Kathy Baxter

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 11, 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. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 14, 2026.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
8. Approve the Mayor's appointment of Claudia Loomis and Wendy Wickard to the Library board with terms expiring June 2029.
9. Approve Ashton Van Anne as a probationary member to the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department

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

III. CLAIMS

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

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

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

Claims: 5 Star Custom Designs, Op, $150.00; Aflac, Aflc, $684.36; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, $117.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, $825.36; American Funds Service Company, Retire, $5,902.64; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, $172.74; Kay Anderson, Trng, $480.00; Erin Armstrong, Trng, $1,000.00; Bb Associates, Misc, $2,981.25; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Msm / Op, $353.74; Gail Beyer, Va, $29.97; Black Hills Energy, Ht, $992.90; Bloedorn Lumber, Rm, $190.70; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, $5,986.89; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, $719.82; Boarders Inn & Suites, Trng, $2,249.25; Bok Financial, Bnds Int, $2,062.50; Bomgaars, Inv / Op / Rm / Spry / Tls, $1,473.81; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, Cbble Int, $2,109.46; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, $61.00; Shane Brown, Dwn Twn, $2,500.00; Century Business Products Inc, Op, $36.47; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, $164.80; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, $8,705.15; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, $1,022.75; Community Center, Misc / Tr, $20,040.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Op / Tf / Tls, $1,867.48; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, $155.50; Fallon Deblois, Trng, $40.00; Nolan Deblois, Trng, $40.00; Lindie Debloise, Op, $231.47; Enviro Service Inc, Op / Wtr Aly, $765.00; Federal, Fed, $3,696.15; Fica, $9,198.90; Fire Fund, Tr, $5,000.00; Frankies Bar N Grill, Msm, $275.00; General Treasury, Tr, $55,000.00; Harco Athletic Reconditioning Inc, Op, $1,301.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, $5,763.25; Health Savings Account, Hsa, $1,856.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, $40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op / Ua, $1,276.74; Alaina Jeffords, Mtr Dep, $118.41; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, $40.00; Kaiser Tire, Op / Rm, $180.16; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm / Tls, $35.41; Kone Chicago, Op, $355.29; KSID, Pp, $260.00; Dustin Lee, Op / Trng, $251.41; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, $233.56; 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; M C Schaff & Associates Inc, Eng, $36,500.00; Matthew R Martinez, Op, $2,500.00; Masa Global, Ins, $140.00; Medicare, Mdcr, $2,151.36; Mid-American Research Chemical, Inv, $166.89; Billie Mitchell, Msm, $31.93; Morrill County Hospital Clinic/Post, Op, $570.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, $36,780.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, $96,386.45; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Inv, $44.20; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, $3,053.87; Nebraska Life Magazine, Msm, $52.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, $360.50; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, $85.10; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, $40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, $1,705.00; Haley A Noonan, Rm / Op, $326.32; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Rm, $76.50; Nspire Today, Pp, $395.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, $71.69; Optk Networks, Tlpn, $75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, $600.00; Park Fund, Tr, $24,000.00; Park Sinking Fund, Snkg, $5,000.00; Platte Valley Bank, Op, $350.00; Platte Valley Bank - Scb, Bmgr Int / Pr, $12,398.64; Platte Valley Bank - Scb, Coop Int / Pr, $13,358.01; Platte Valley Visa, Op, $6,223.95; Playround Boss LLC, Op, $21,766.00; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Rm, $91.32; Police Fund, Tr, $36,780.00; Pool Fund, Tr, $17,000.00; Prairie States Communications, Cap, $23,575.32; Pro Overhead Door, Tf, $52.00; Protex Central Inc, Op, $420.00; RDW Inc, Pstg, $20.00; Regional Care Inc Group II, Hsa, $56.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, $892.25; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, $750.00; Allan J Roach, Tlpn, $40.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, $1,000.00; Jenifer Berge Sauter, Dwn Twn, $3,350.00; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, $40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, $40.00; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Op / Pgrm, $4,376.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, $935.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Msm / Op / Tf / Trng, $268.32; Spic-Span Cleaners, Chem / Op / Rm, $1,610.00; Sprinkler Solutions LLC, Rm, $703.75; Street Fund, Tr, $5,000.00; Sunrise Window Cleaners LLC, Op, $39.00; Superior Sanitation Services Inc, Op, $350.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, $1,668.16; Us Postal Service, Pstg, $162.00; Jessica Velazquez, Trng, $130.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, $20,702.24; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, $872.25; Mark Wickard, Trng, $547.91; WPCI, Op, $560.00; Zwetzig Skate And Bounce, Op, $575.00; Total, $567,889.17; Salaries, $68,268.07

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bmgr Pr / Int = Tif Bomgaars Principle / Interest; Bnds Int = Bonds & Interest; Cap = Capital Outlay; Cbble Int = Tif Cobblestone Interest; Chem = Chemicals; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Coop Pr / Int = Tif Panhandle Coop Principle / Interest; Dntns = Donations; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Eng = Engineers; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Mdcr = Medicare; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Op = Operating Expense; Pgrm = Program Supplies; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Snkg = Sinking Fund; Spry = Spraying; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Ua = Uniform Allowance; Va = Veterans Park Old Swim Hole; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis*

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

13. Mayor Beyer stated that the council appointments would be tabled until the next regular meeting to allow additional review and adjustments following the departure of the City Administrator. Council

Member Harless inquired whether the council should continue using the committee appointments approved in December 2025 or revert to the previous appointments, noting that the current appointments had not been formally approved by the council. Council Member Nichols made a motion to table the appointment assignments to next month, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Wickard, Harless; Nay: McGrath; Motion carried to table.

14. In the absence of the City Administrator, the Mayor stated that the hiring process ultimately falls under the authority of the Mayor, who has the power to hire and terminate employees. However, department heads may also make hiring and termination decisions within their respective departments if they choose to do so. The Mayor indicated that the matter would be reviewed further.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. At 5:39 p.m. Mayor Beyer opened the public hearing to obtain public comment prior to considering the application submitted by Split Decisions LLC for a Class C – 173093 Liquor License located at 211 E 11th Street, Bridgeport NE 69336. Kyle Austin, owner of Split Decisions LLC, introduced himself as a resident of Gering, Nebraska. He stated that his primary objective is to develop the bowling alley into a community asset that serves and benefits the entire community.

Seeing no other comments from the public, Mayor Beyer closed the public hearing at 5:41 pm.

- Council Member Harless made a motion to approve the liquor license application submitted by Split Decisions LLC for a Class C – 1736093, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Council Member Wickard introduced Resolution 2026-04, moving that resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Harless, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None; Resolution passed.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, APPROVING CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. § 76-2,112.

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC are the owners of the following described real estate:

See Exhibit A

WHEREAS, Wetlands America Trust, Inc. is desirous of obtaining a conservation easement from Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC on the real property legally described hereinabove and Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC is desirous of conveying a conservation easement to Wetlands America Trust, Inc. on the real estate legally described hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, Wetlands American Trust, Inc. and Ducks Unlimited Lands, LLC have submitted a request to the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska for the approval of a conservation easement on the real estate legally described hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §76-2,112 on May 11, 2026, the City of Bridgeport Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the easement at their regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport City Council, on May 14, 2026, conducted a public meeting on the granting of this easement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the grant of the designated conservation easement on the real estate legally described hereinabove and more particularly set forth in the Conservation Easement, together with conditions of the easement and other matters as more particularly described and set forth in the Conservation Easement with this Board by reference thereto incorporates into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, should be, and hereby is, approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that proponent or proponents of the easement are authorized to file a copy of the Resolution against described properties and/or attach a copy of this Resolution to any deed, easement, and/or other document associated with it, should they so desire.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK / TREASURER

Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROTECTED PROPERTY

All those portions of Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, in Section 19, Township 20 North, Range 50 West of the 6th P.M., Morrill County, Nebraska, lying South of the right of way of the Union Pacific Railroad Company as now constructed and operated through said lots; EXCEPT a Mutual Quitclaim Deed recorded August 24, 2001 in Book "67", Page 375-376 of the Deeds records of Morrill County, Nebraska; AND FURTHER EXCEPTING that portion of land as described by a Warranty Deed in favor of the Union Pacific Railroad Company recorded April 7, 1995 of the Deeds records of Morrill County, Nebraska.
AND
All that portion of Government Lot 1, in Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 50 West of the 6th P.M., Morrill County, Nebraska, lying South of the right of way of the Union Pacific Railroad Company as now constructed and operated through said Lot, and West of the right of way of the Burlington Northern Railroad Company, formerly the Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Railroad Company; AND FURTHER EXCEPTING that portion of land as described by a Warranty Deed in favor of the Union Pacific Railroad Company recorded April 7, 1995 of the Deeds records of Morrill County, Nebraska.
AND
A strip of land 50.0 feet wide situated in the N½ of Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 51 West of the 6th P.M., Morrill County, Nebraska, said strip extending Southeasterly from the North line to the East line of said Section 24, and lying between lines parallel with and 100.00 feet and 150.00 feet distant Southwesterly, measured at right angles and/or radially, from the center line of the main track of the Union Pacific Railroad Company as now constructed and operated; AND FURTHER EXCEPTING that portion of land as described by a Warranty Deed in favor of the Union Pacific Railroad Company recorded April 7, 1995 of the Deeds records of Morrill County, Nebraska.

17. Ordinance 1037 is confirming the sale of Skyview Nursing Home to Senex of Nebraska.

Council Member Harless introduced Ordinance No. 1037 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, CONFIRMING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 5A AND 5B, HERITAGE SUBDIVISION OF THE REPLAT OF LOT 2 AND PART OF LOT 1, HOSPITAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 1, HOSPITAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA; 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 Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Wickard, 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. 1037 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Nichols. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1037 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Nichols, 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

18. Departments:

Public Works: All sirens have been installed and are currently in service. Work is ongoing to bring underground power to the fairgrounds. Andy has been actively working on alley maintenance. A different dust control product will be tested, as the previous application did not perform as expected. Temporary seasonal staff have completed approximately 80% of hydrant flushing and flow testing, which will allow hydrants to be color-coded according to their gallons-per-minute capacity. Crews will next begin jetting storm drains, followed by installation of new park equipment.

Pwcc: Director Kathy Baxter has been updating and cleaning up the 24/7 after-hours access system to ensure all users are current on payments and in good standing. Camp Clarke events included 30 craft vendors, 7 food and beverage vendors, and 7 participants in the Beef Cookoff. Youth programming continues to be strong, with approximately 75–80 participants enrolled in T-Ball. A dance group from Sidney has expressed interest in starting a program and renting space for $150 per month. Director Baxter will follow up with them and identify available time slots that will not conflict with existing basketball and volleyball programs. Morrill County Hospital requested consideration of a corporate discount for employees, including out-of-town staff who already hold memberships elsewhere. Council discussion noted that current center fees are already considered low and affordable. Security system contacts have been updated to ensure proper notification procedures. Staffing needs are being addressed at the front desk due to upcoming schedule changes related to student employees balancing college and high school extracurricular activities. Baxter provided an update on the pool boiler system and noted several items that require attention and maintenance. Council Member Wickard reported that he has replaced the pilot burners also informed the Council that he would like to explore the possibility of purchasing the Bayard Pool's filter and heater, as their pool is no longer in operation. He indicated these items may be available for approximately $5,000.

Library: Summer Reading Program has begun with approximately 25 participating children. The program is off to a good start overall. Attendance during the first week was slightly lower due to conflicts with summer school schedules.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Sides reported that a controlled burn resulted in a residential house fire. The department also responded to a couple of other minor fire incidents. One fire truck is expected to return to service after repairs related to damage sustained during the Morrill Fire. Repairs are currently underway on another fire truck, which remains out of service.

Camp Clarke Villa: The Housing Authority is in the process of hiring a new director, as Anita Doggett is leaving her position, so once a new director is in place, all contracts will need to be re-signed. All units are currently occupied, and operations continue to run smoothly.

Sheriff: During the month of May, the department responded to 143 calls and made 24 arrests. ALS reported a total of 19 rescue calls, including 13 within city limits and 6 in the county. In addition, ALS completed 42 patient transfers during the month. Camp Clarke Days was a successful event and went very well.

Golf Course: The golf course recently hosted a successful youth golf tournament with 17 participants and the generous support from our donors who helped make the event possible. Preparations are underway for the upcoming ABC Tournament. Currently there are121 Golf Course Members. The clubhouse continues to perform well with its extended operating hours and has been serving meals, resulting in positive community response.

Safety Committee: Billie Mitchell reported they have distributed the safety checklists to departments and will forward with developing the supporting policy and procedure documentation based on the finalized checklist.

Administration: City Clerk Huck will be attending Finance Conference June 17–19 to obtain required CE Treasury hours mandated by the state. The NDOT public meeting for the Main Street project will be held at 4:00 p.m on June 24 at Pwcc. Rachel Lang will distribute flyers to business owners to ensure proper notification and participation. Bridgeport Community Foundation meeting will be held July 15 to start fundraising projects.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

19. Emergency Items – None

20. Discussion was held regarding LB 357, which is focused exclusively on infrastructure funding, which has been identified as the community's primary concern. The measure includes a sunset provision and will expire in 10 years. If continued beyond that period, it would require returning to the ballot for voter approval. The City has identified several necessary infrastructure upgrades to its utility system and related structures. A key priority is improving electrical reliability behind the Community Center, including the goal of establishing dual feed to enhance system redundancy and service stability. Another planned project has been designed between 4th and 5th Streets along J Street, which is also included in the broader infrastructure improvement efforts.

- Council Member Nichols introduced Resolution 2026-08, moving that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: McGrath; Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, APPROVING LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX RATE PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. § 77-27, 142.

WHEREAS:

a. The City currently imposes a City Sales and Use Tax in the amount of 1.0% pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act, Sections 77-27,142, et seq. of the Nebraska Statutes (the "Existing City Sales and Use Tax");

b. The City is in need of additional revenue in order to provide for public infrastructure projects;

c. §77-27, 142 of the Nebraska Statutes allows the City Council to impose an additional one-half percent (1/2%) sales tax in addition to the Existing City Sales and Use Tax for the purpose of funding public infrastructure projects, following an election at which a majority of the qualified electors of the City approve such additional sales and use tax;

d. The additional sales and use tax may not be imposed unless the City is a party to an interlocal agreement pursuant to the lnterlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 13-801 to and including 13-1827, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the "lnterlocal Act"), with a political subdivision within the municipality or the county in which the City is located, which interlocal agreement shall create a separate administrative entity related to public projects; and

e. The City has entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Bridgeport Community Redevelopment Authority, a body corporate and politic (the "CRA"), for the purposes of forming the Bridgeport Community Infrastructure Cooperative, a separate administrative entity.

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska as follows:

4. At the November 3, 2026, general election, the following proposition in the form shown below shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection:

Shall the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) from the current rate of one percent (1.0%} to a total rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%} and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate only for public infrastructure projects including municipal roads, streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; wastewater collection facilities, including water mains and their appurtenances, water distribution facilities, including, but not limited to, mains and their appurtenances, and electric distribution infrastructure, including repairs and upgrades, upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, subject to the terms and conditions set out below?

0 Yes (For increasing the Sales and Use Tax)

0 No (Against increasing the Sales and Use Tax)

Terms and Conditions: The terms and conditions of the proposition are as follows:

a. No reductions or elimination of other taxes or fees is contemplated.

b. Revenues from the increased sales and use tax are to be used for the following public infrastructure projects as are allowed pursuant to §77-27,142 of the Nebraska Statutes: only for public infrastructure projects including municipal roads, streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; wastewater collection facilities, including water mains and their appurtenances, water distribution facilities, including, but not limited to, mains and their appurtenances, and electric distribution infrastructure, including repairs and upgrades .

c. The City and the Community Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bridgeport have entered into an interlocal agreement which created a separate administrative entity (the Bridgeport Community Infrastructure Cooperative) for purposes of the interlocal agreement related to public infrastructure projects. The interlocal agreement contains provisions, including benchmarks, relating to the long-term development of unified governance of public infrastructure projects with respect to the parties.

d. The increased sales and use tax shall terminate no more than ten years after the effective date of the increased sales and use tax or, if bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, which ever date is later, except that the portion of the rate greater than one and one-half percent imposed for the purpose of the interlocal agreement referred to above (rounded to the next higher one-quarter percent) shall not terminate.

2. Electors desiring to vote in favor of or against the proposition shall do so in the manner specified in the ballot form as provided by the Morrill County Clerk

3. The general election shall be conducted by the Morrill County Clerk by mail-in-ballot. Ballots can be returned by hand delivery to the office of the County Clerk/Election Commissioner, by return mail in the provided postage paid envelope, or to the drop box located at 606 L Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska.

4. The following notice required by law shall be published in the Bridgeport News-Blade, a legal newspaper of general election in the City not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days before the date of the election. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

City of Bridgeport, Nebraska

Notice of Election

Notice is given that at the general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual polling place in each precinct of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, the ballot will include for the electors of the City for their approval or rejection, the following proposition:

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) from the current rate of one percent (1.0%) to a total rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate only for public infrastructure projects including municipal roads, streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; wastewater collection facilities, including water mains and their appurtenances, water distribution facilities, including, but not limited to, mains and their appurtenances, and electric distribution infrastructure, including repairs and upgrades, upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, subject to the terms and conditions set out below? If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of such tax, then the City Council shall be empowered as provided by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-27,142 and shall forthwith proceed to impose a tax pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act. If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to such tax, then the City Council shall not impose such a tax.

0 Yes (For increasing the Sales and Use Tax)

0 No (Against increasing the Sales and Use Tax)

Terms and Conditions: The terms and conditions of the proposition are as follows:

a. No reductions or elimination of other taxes or fees is contemplated.

b. Revenues from the increased sales and use tax are to be used for the following public infrastructure projects as are allowed pursuant to §77-27,142 of the Nebraska Statutes: only for public infrastructure projects including municipal roads, streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; wastewater collection facilities, including water mains and their appurtenances, water distribution facilities, including, but not limited to, mains and their appurtenances, and electric distribution infrastructure, including repairs and upgrades.

c. The City and the Community Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bridgeport have entered into an interlocal agreement which created a separate administrative entity (the Bridgeport Community Infrastructure Cooperative) for purposes of the interlocal agreement, related to public infrastructure projects. The interlocal agreement contains provisions, including benchmarks, relating to the long-term development of unified governance of public infrastructure projects with respect to the parties.

d. The increased sales and use tax shall terminate no more than ten years after the effective date of the increased sales and use tax or, if bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, which ever date is later, except that the portion of the rate greater than one percent imposed for the purpose of the interlocal agreement referred to above (rounded to the next higher one-quarter percent) shall not terminate.

The general election shall be conducted by the Morrill County Clerk by mail-in-ballot. Ballots can be returned by hand delivery to the office of the County Clerk/Election Commissioner, by return mail in the provided postage paid envelope, or to the drop box located at 606 L Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska. Ballot must be in possession of the County Clerk's office by 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time November 3, 2026. Copies of the proposition may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk at City Office, 809 Main St, Bridgeport, Nebraska 69336.

Dated: ________________, 2026 /s/ Doretta Huck, City Clerk

5. The City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of the Resolution to be delivered to the Morrill County Clerk no later than July 2, 2026.

6. This Resolution shall take effect after having been voted upon favorably by at least 70% of the Council Members.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of June 2026

ASSET:P

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Doretta Huck, City Clerk Gail Beyer, Mayor

21. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the sealed bid by Joni Weibert in the amount of $1,004.00 for the 2002 Dodge Caravan Grand SE, Ext Sport Van. Motion died for a lack of second.

Mayor Beyer reintroduced the sale of the 2002 Dodge Caravan to be placed on Kraupies Auctioneering Services. Council Member Harless made the motion, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Nichols, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

22. Mayor Beyer placed this item on the agenda due to surrounding communities either banning fireworks or reducing the number of days they may be discharged. Fire Chief Sides stated that whether people purchase fireworks in Bridgeport or in surrounding communities, they are still likely to discharge them. He noted that allowing fireworks within the city keeps their use in a more controlled environment, whereas discharging them in rural areas is more difficult to monitor and contain. Based on the Fire Chief's recommendation, Mayor Beyer stated that the City would not be making any changes to the current fireworks ordinance.

23. Mayor Beyer discussed the opportunity to purchase a used 190-foot by 4-foot black chain link fence with two gates for a potential community dog park. Council Member Harless asked where the proposed dog park would be located and noted that if a public street were to be closed for the project, the proposal would need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Council members discussed the need for further consideration regarding whether to establish a dog park and, if so, where it should be located. It was also noted that the fence could be used for other City purposes if a dog park is not pursued. Council Member Wickard made a motion to purchase the fence, recognizing that it could be used for other City projects if necessary, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: Harless. Motion carried.

24. Council Member Nichols addressed the Council regarding the use of $14,000 in ACE funds to reimburse the golf course for the purchase of a 2006 Toro Groundmaster 4700D mower (Stock #C153762) from 21st Century. The mower was purchased by the Golf Board in April due to the time-sensitive nature of the opportunity. Council members discussed whether the purchase of a

mower qualified as a community improvement eligible for ACE funding and whether the expense should instead be paid from golf course budget funds. Council Member Nichols made a motion to approve the use of $14,000 in ACE funds to reimburse the golf course for the mower purchase, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll Call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath; Nay: Wickard, Harless. With the vote tied, Mayor Beyer cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the motion.

25. Mayor Beyer stated that the request for a bulk membership rate for PWCC was discussed during the PWCC reports and was denied.

26. The Council discussed increasing the pole attachment fee for Charter and Allo to $10.00 per pole, with an annual 2% increase thereafter. Council Member Harless made a motion to approve the fee increase as presented, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Nichols, McGrath, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

27. The regular scheduled council meeting to be held on July 9th at 5:30 pm has been changed to July 10th at 3:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 p.m., Council Member Nichols made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Harless, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Doretta J Huck, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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Gail Beyer, Mayor

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

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Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk