

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 February 2025, beginning at 5:31 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, Angie Clinger, Tony McGrath; Excused Absence: Jeff Nichols

Staff members present: 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, 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 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. Terri Green proposed implementing budget billing for electricity and possibly other utilities which could allow retirees on fixed incomes for easier budgeting throughout the year, especially with the upcoming rate hike. She mentioned a few nearby cities have a similar program by providing predictable monthly bills.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 9, 2025.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve the Mayors appointment of Tanner Peyton to probationary status on the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department
9. Approve the Mayors appointment of Tucker Straub to probationary status on the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department
10. Approve the re-appointment of Gary Oltmann to the Park Board with a term ending December 31, 2027.

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

III. CLAIMS

11. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Mark Wickard Claim; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Clinger moved to approve the claim, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, McGrath; Not Voting, Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard rejoined the Council.

12. Council Member Nichols was not present for his claim

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

Claims: A & A Porta Potties, Blfld, \$550.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$434.86; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$550.36; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,893.95; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$137.12; BB Associates, Misc, \$4,612.50; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$169.39; Jack Berg, Rm, \$350.00; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$4,630.76; Bloedorn Lumber, Op / Rm, \$2,738.56; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$6,490.30; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$346.38; Bomgaars, Inv / Op /Rm, \$621.67; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$185.75; Broadcast Music Inc, Of Bnds, \$428.87; BSN Sports LLC, Pgrm, \$172.94; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$42.73; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$40.48; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$108.48; City Of Bridgeport, Elct, \$6,934.05; City Of Bridgeport, Mtr Dep, \$2,577.64; City Petty Cash/Checking, Df, \$25.00; Clear Image Media, Op, \$358.35; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Cnl, \$756.86; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; CHJR Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$5,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op / Tls, \$5,566.64; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$127.50; Cummins Central Power LLC, Nh, \$1,046.55; Connie Dudden, Mtr Dep, \$147.36; E & S Auto Supply, Shop / Tls, \$30.46; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$90.00; Federal, Fed, \$3,365.29; Fica, \$7,724.02; Fire Fund, Tr, \$6,000.00; Fyr-Tek Inc, Op, \$822.00; Gardner Technologies LLC, Rm, \$95.56; Gworks, Op, \$707.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$2,088.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$620.22; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; Kraupies Real Estate & Auctioneers, Op, \$1,677.50; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$332.39; Legacy Cooperative, Rm, \$196.65; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Me / Op, \$1,067.64; Masa Global, Ins, \$168.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$1,806.46; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$190.74; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$35,670.50; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn / Op / Trng, \$224,170.10; Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, St Shr, \$2,261.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$12,971.54; Nebraska Museums Association, Msm, \$30.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$38.00; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$128.32; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Rm, \$153.08; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$4.49; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$300.00; Panhandle Clerk's Association, Df, \$40.00; Panhandle Regional Development Inc, Df, \$50.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$6,020.17; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins, \$17,862.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$35,670.50; Powerplan, Rm, \$895.41; Raka Equipment, Op, \$1,016.25; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$144.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$264.55; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Pgrm, \$1,523.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$935.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Pgrm, \$10.77; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op, \$1,498.00; Sport & Fitness Inc, Rm, \$1,174.92; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Stryker Sales Corporation, Me, \$76.76; John Thomas, Tlpn, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$837.49; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Op / Trsh, \$21,794.70; Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv / Tls, \$3,807.39; Whiting Signs LLC, Op, \$280.00; Mark Wickard, Trng, \$678.90; Total Claims, \$477,345.77; Total Salaries, \$46,608.97

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bks = Books; Blfld = Ballfield; Cnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hrse = Horseshoe; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Mdc = 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; Pgrm = Program Supplies; Pp = Printing & Publications; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; St Shr = State Share; State = State; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

14. None

V. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

15. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Council Member Clinger introduced Ordinance No. 1012 on final reading, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE 1003 AND REINSTATING AS A CITY STREET THAT PORTION OF J STREET NORTH OF 4th STREET AS IT WAS PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1003, AND 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 TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, McGrath; Abstain: Wickard. Motion passed on final reading.

17. Council Member Clinger introduced Ordinance No. 1013 on final reading, AN ORDINANCE VACATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF J STREET WHICH LIES NORTH OF WEST 4TH STREET N THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, 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 ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Clinger; Abstain: Wickard. Motion passed on final reading

18. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1014, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 153.052, AND ITS CORRESPONDING ORDINANCES, WITH REGARD TO PERMITTED USES IN THE A AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT; 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 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 Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Clinger, 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. 1014 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Clinger. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1014 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Clinger; 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 Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1015, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TOTAL POWER REQUIREMENTS POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA; TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON USE OF THE ELECTRICITY; TO PRESCRIBE 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 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 Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Clinger; 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. 1015 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Clinger. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1015 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Clinger; 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.

20. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1016, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 6, NICHOLAS 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 Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, McGrath, 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. 1016 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Clinger. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1016 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Clinger; 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.

21. Council Member Clinger introduced Resolution 2025-02, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Clinger; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. § 17-503.02.

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 authorizes the power any city of the second class or village to convey any personal property owned by it;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 sets forth that said power to convey personal property shall be exercised by resolution directing the sale and the manner and terms of the sale;

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, owns the following described personal property which it desires to sell:

2001 INTERNATIONAL 4000 SERIES 4700
CONVENTIONAL CAB, WHITE
SERIAL NO. 1HTSCABN51H336196

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, HEREBY RESOLVES, to sell to the highest responsible bidder the afore-described personal property subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The City hereby authorizes the sale of the above-described personal property via sealed bids to be accepted until 4:00 P.M. Friday, February 28, 2025. Bids must be received in the City office on or before said deadline. Bids received after said deadline shall not be considered.
2. Sealed bids may be delivered to the City office during normal business hours.
3. No Minimum Bid
4. Property shall be sold "as is" with no warranties, express or implied, of any kind.
5. Sealed bids will be opened at the Thursday March 13, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Bridgeport City Council.
6. The City reserves the right to reject all bids.
7. The terms of the sale shall be cash, cashier's check, or certified funds to be paid in full on or before 4:00 P.M. on Friday March 14, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following passage of this resolution directing sale of the above-described personal property, notice of said proposed sale and the terms thereof shall be posted in three (3) prominent places within the city for a period of not less than seven (7) days prior to the deadline to submit bids set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of the sale of the personal property described above shall be placed in the General Fund of the Municipality.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

22. Council Member Wickard introduced Resolution 2025-03, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. § 17-503.

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;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503 sets forth that said power to convey real property shall be exercised by resolution directing the sale at public auction or by sealed bid, and further directing the manner and terms thereof;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503(2) sets forth that after passage of this Resolution, notice of the proposed property sale shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503(3) following the third (3rd) publication as set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503(2), there shall be a thirty (30) day period whereby if a petition is filed with the governing body of the City within said thirty (30) day period, and meets the requirements set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503(3), then the property shall not then, nor within one year thereafter, be sold;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503(5), if this Resolution has been passed directing sale; published as required by law; and no petition is properly filed that meets the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503(3), then the property shall be sold under the terms and conditions as hereinafter set forth. Said sale shall be confirmed by the passage of an ordinance stating the name of the purchaser and the terms of the sale;

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport Broadwater, Nebraska, owns the following described real property:

1. Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block Fourteen (14), Original Town of Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska.
2. Lot One (1), Block Five (5), Original Town of Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, HEREBY RESOLVES, to sell to the highest responsible bidder, with the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids, the afore-described real property subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The City hereby authorizes the sale of the above-described surplus real property via online and/or live auction to be administered by Kraupie's Real Estate and Auctioneering, to take place at day/time to be determined following consultation with the listing company.
2. Buyer shall be responsible for ALL closing costs, including but not limited to, title insurance, doc stamp (if applicable), deed recording fees, attorney fees, taxes due and payable at the time of sale, any survey that may be needed to be completed to consummate the transaction, and/or any other cost associated with conveyance of the property.
3. The minimum bid shall be \$20,000.00 [Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block Fourteen (14), Original Town of Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska]
4. The minimum bid shall be \$10,000.00 [Lot One (1), Block Five (5), Original Town of Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska]
5. The City reserves the right to reject all bids.
6. The terms of the sale shall be cash, cashier's check, or certified funds to be paid in full on or before the day/time set forth in the bidding terms of the auction to be administered by Kraupie's Real Estate and Engineering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following passage of this resolution directing sale of the above-described real property, notice of the proposed sale shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the City;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503, the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska is hereby authorized to execute all documents that may be required to effectuate the transfer of all right, title and interest of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska in said real property, including authorization to execute any and all documents that may be required to facilitate the auction of the property to be performed by Kraupie's Real Estate and Auctioneering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of the sale of the real property described above shall be placed in the General Fund of the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

23. Council Member McGrath introduced Resolution 2025-04, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

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 Electric Lineman, Dane Jeffords 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 Electric Lineman, Dane Jeffords 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 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

24. Emergency Items – None

25. Lori Faessler was present regarding Fresh Express vending services to be in the lobby at Prairie Winds Community Center and stated the idea is to attract people to healthy meals while potentially increasing foot traffic. The proposal includes a \$50.00 per month space fee which will cover cellular data/electricity used as well as the price of membership. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the Fresh Express Proposal for vending services at Pwcc with a 30-day cancellation notice and a 6-month probation period, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

26. Council Member McGrath made a motion to approve the Mayor's Signature on the Arbor Day Proclamation to be proclaimed on April 26, 2025, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

27. Planning Commission Board Member Jaime Galvan presented standards for tiny home development. The Commission evaluated the potential for tiny home use in Bridgeport. Given the community's need for more housing options, tiny homes could provide a viable alternative. Key considerations include that tiny homes must be built on a permanent foundation, zoned on their own lot, and comply with Appendix Q of the International Code Council (ICC). The PC Board is asking the Council to develop actual standards and guidelines. Council Member Clinger made a motion to move forward into developing standards and necessary guidelines, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

28. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the 2025 season rates for the Dee Berg Memorial Pool as presented, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

29. Council Member Wickard reported on his attendance at Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska MEANS annual budget meeting two weeks ago. MEANS (wholesale electrical supplier) has not raised its operating expense budget since 2017. While their report indicated stable wholesale power purchase rates, they experienced a 9% increase in operating expenditures due to hiring additional staff and rising contract fees. Since 2017, the city's sales and profits have remained steady despite

increasing operational costs over the past eight years. Other expenses such as equipment, materials and billing have also risen significantly. Wickard conducted a comparative analysis of electrical rates in neighboring cities which includes Sidney, Mitchell, Alliance, Kimball, Bayard, Chimney Rock, and Wheatbelt. Currently, Bridgeport ranks third lowest in terms of rates charged. He suggests stabilizing fixed costs by increasing the base meter charge fee and keeping the percentage of rate increases lower. His recommendation is to draft a new ordinance for next month's meeting regarding these adjustments with implementation possibly starting in May after three readings for public input.

VIII. REPORTS

30. Department Reports:

Public Works: Continuing to work in the new shop and have a few items left in the old shop. Council Member Clinger mentioned the public works report concerning an open case of a fire hydrant leak needing repaired.

PWCC: Still researching a door to be installed between the kitchen area and gym based on recommendations from a local resident who will assist with funding the improvement; Lifeguards are starting to get their certifications.

Library: Report attached; and they had a cupcake decorating competition themed around books.

Fire Dept: A pancake feed event is being planned sometime in May; training is improving and ordered the radios from the grant they received.

Sheriff: Cardenas stated January was busy with 127 calls and 13 arrests; they are fully staffed; and one of their pickups was totaled and will be replacing it; everything else is going well.

Administration: City Administrator Coolidge stated she will have some items on the March agenda for approval. Mark Wickard stated the City received \$8,356.00 in Ace Funds and will put on the March Agenda to possibly disburse some funds. Council Member Clinger stated she will not be at the April, May, June and possibly July council meetings due to out-of-town family commitments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

24. 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 6:39 p.m., seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, February 13, 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, City Clerk

