

## 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 12th day of March 2026, beginning at 6:16 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: Tony McGrath, Mark Wickard, Carrie Harless; Excused Absence: Jeff Nichols

Staff members present were: Billie Mitchell, Dane Jeffords, Perry Nelson, Kyle Lussetto

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. The availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and by email notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter 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 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 February 12, 2026
7. Approve the minutes of Work Session 2 held February 12, 2026.
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
9. Approve Darean McDaniel as a probationary member of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

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

### III. CLAIMS

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

**Claims:** Aflac, Aflc, \$456.24; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$817.03; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$6,142.44; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$115.16; BB Associates, Misc, \$3,948.75; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Biblionix LLC, Auto, \$990.00; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$2,992.70; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$5,986.89; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$381.55; Bomgaars, Op / Rm / Shop / Tls, \$304.39; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, Cbble Pr / Int, \$9,983.98; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$628.74; Brenda Castano, Op, \$200.00; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$44.32; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$168.40; City Of Alliance, Rm, \$1,470.24; City Of Bridgeport, Elct, \$6,818.67; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Cnl, \$625.28; Community Center, Tr, \$20,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Dwn Twn / Op, \$1,446.95; Croell Redi-Mix, Op, \$350.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$117.00; Custom Made Fencing, Hrse, \$2,609.85; Dept Of Water, Energy & Environment, Op, \$40.00; Ronald L Doggett, Op / Tlpn, \$310.00; E & S Auto Supply, Rm / Shop, \$857.08; Eakes Office Solutions, Op, \$455.94; Electric Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$28,000.00; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Federal, Fed, \$3,067.61; Fica, \$7,265.52; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Frank Parts Company, Op, \$194.04; General Treasury, Tr, \$54,000.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Str Mat, \$2,259.36; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,856.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op / Ua, \$1,114.39; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm / Shop / Tls, \$630.84; Kone Chicago, Op, \$355.29; Ksid, Pp, \$100.00; Lawson Products Inc, Shop, \$79.36; League Of Ne Municipalities, Trng, \$33.00; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$332.32; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Mimi Linch, Msm, \$50.00; Kyle E Lusetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Me, \$495.13; Masa Global, Ins, \$140.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$1,699.16; Michael Todd Industrial Supply, Op, \$1,196.56; Morrill County Community Hospital, Op, \$127.00; Morrill County Court, Crt, \$8.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$13,519.38; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$400.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$512.00; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$53.48; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Nmc, Rm, \$253.66; Nspire Today, Pp, \$210.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$7.34; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Panhandle Concrete Products Inc, Rm, \$1,700.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$2,000.00; Platte Valley Bank - Scb, Coop Pr / Int, \$13,358.01; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$6,975.36; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Pool Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$5,000.00; Quadiant Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Quadiant Leasing Usa Inc, Op, \$392.85; Railroad Management Co III, LLC, Df, \$917.52; Rapid Fire Protection, Rm, \$2,345.00; Regional Care Inc Group II, Hsa, \$64.00; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; RVW Inc, Op, \$700.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$63.74; Sandhills Repair, Rm, \$323.98; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Sewer Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$2,700.00; Sirius XM Radio Inc, Op, \$577.76; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Shop, \$24.45; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Stuart C Irby Co, Inv / Op, \$832.43; Sunrise Cleaners, Op, \$39.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,205.32;

Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$19,004.38; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, \$702.00; Wpci, Op, \$35.00; Total Claims, \$345,099.66; Total Salaries, \$45,259.14

\*\*\*\**Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Auto = Automation; Bks = Books; Cbble Pr / Inr = Tif Cobblestone Principle / Interest; Cnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Coop Pr / Int = Tif Panhandle Coop Principle / Interest; Crt = Court Costs; Df = Dues & Fees; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hrse = Horseshoe; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Mdcr = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Msm = Museum; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; Snkg = Sinking Fund; State = State; Str Mat = Street Material; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Ua = Uniform Allowance; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis*

#### IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

11. None

#### V. PUBLIC HEARING

12. At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Beyer opened the public hearing to hear comments regarding a zoning change of property located at 1517 ½ S Street, City of Bridgeport NE or PT TAX LOT 9: S-T-R 1517 ½ S Street. It was discussed the property be subdivided prior to rezoning as well as fence and sidewalk compliance. City Attorney Rodak will prepare the subdivision ordinance to be on the next council agenda so the subdivision/rezoning process can proceed.

Seeing no other comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

#### VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

13. Ordinance 1035 to rezone the property located at 1517 ½ S Street was tabled to the next council meeting pending the subdivision of said property.

#### VII. REPORTS

14. Department Reports

- a. **Public Works:** Kyle Lusetto reported the public crews being busy due to high winds and is preparing to conduct a discharge at the lagoons. It was also discussed that the land application plan will need to be revisited to ensure it meets all state code requirements. The shop signage has arrived, along with a new door and exterior siding that still needs to be replaced.
- b. **Pwcc:** Council Member McGrath reported that the center hired Dustin Lee from Bayard a couple of weeks ago. They are also in the process of hiring Lindi DeBlois and Haley Noonan as pool managers, with hours to be split between them at an hourly rate. In February, the center welcomed 21 new clients and recorded 1,298 check-ins. The Hospital Fundraiser held its annual event at the facility, and a 4-H youth robotics program was hosted. There were also 18 bookings and meetings during the month. The Scottsbluff Wrestling Club used the facility and provided very positive feedback, indicating they would consider returning in the future.

- c. **Library** – They continue to offer a wide variety of programs, all of which are seeing strong attendance. To date, they have not received any responses to the bid estimates.
- d. **Fire Department** – No one present as members were on a fire call
- e. **Nursing Home**- The rent check was lower from last month, as it is based on the number of residents
- f. **Sheriff**: Cardenas was not present. Michelle Coolidge reported that she met with him this week to discuss properties requiring attention and will be sending letters as reminder notices.
- g. **Golf Course**: The golf course presented its profit and loss statement, which included funds received from the city listed as a separate line item. They also reported an increase in memberships and cart storage.
- h. **Administration**: Council Member Wickard reported that he will be attending the NMPP Energy Annual Conference, which includes the ACE and MEAN meetings. It was also discussed that, with the upcoming Main Street project, all intersections will include ADA-compliant inlets. Additionally, property owners will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks along Main Street.

### VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

- 15. Emergency Items
- 16. Council members received the 2024–2025 audit in electronic form on Monday, March 9, 2026. Ryan Chavez with Casey Peterson LTD was scheduled to hold a teleconference to address any questions regarding the audit. However, the city was unable to make contact by telephone, and the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- 17. The undisclosed recipient was not present to discuss the request for a letter of support for medical marijuana growing operations.
- 18. Council Member Harless made a motion on the adoption of Excessive Force Policy for CDBG Public Works Grant, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.
- 19. Council Member Wickard made a motion authorizing the Mayors signature of required CDBG Agreement Forms, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

20. At 6:56 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to go into executive session to protect personnel and discussion about the electrical department to include City Attorney Rodak, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

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Gail Beyer, Mayor

At 7:30 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to exit executive session with no action being taken, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; All Yeas; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Mark Wickard, Recording Secretary

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Gail Beyer, Mayor

**X. 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 7:31 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: All Yeas; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Mark Wickard, Recording Secretary

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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, March 12, 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