

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 9th day of January 2024, beginning at 7:00 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, Angie Clinger, Will Deines, Mark Wickard

Staff members present: None

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 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 December 14, 2023.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

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

III. CLAIMS

8. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Wickard Plumbing & Heating; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Harless moved to approve the claim from Wickard Plumbing & Heating, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, Harless, Deines; Not Voting, Excused: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard rejoined the Council.

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

Claims: Aflac, \$360.45; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$534.14; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$2,116.85; American Legal Publishing Corp, Df, \$399.00; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$197.25; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$1,973.82; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$7,139.33; Bomgaars, Op / Rm / Shop / Tls, \$697.38;

Bridgeport News-Blade, Ofsup / Pp, \$81.19; D Anthony Cannia, Tlpn, \$40.00; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.23; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$35.72; Courtney Cerny, Tlpn, \$40.00; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Cnt Svc / Elct, \$448.02; City Of Bridgeport, Elct, \$6,688.44; City Petty Cash/Checking, Df, \$62.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$1,260.24; Community Center, Tr, \$27,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Phil V Corman, Op, \$1,008.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$5,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Cap / Rm, \$1,083.36; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$63.00; Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Tf, \$6,898.03; Electric Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$28,000.00; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$50.00; Federal, \$1,740.38; Fica, \$3,351.38; General Treasury, Tr, \$63,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,148.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$1,024.74; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$92.56; Kimball Midwest, Shop, \$460.75; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Trk Rp, \$115.41; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$395.97; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$10,500.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Rm, \$1,420.93; Isaias E Mancias, Tlpn, \$40.00; Marketing Consultants, Op, \$804.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$168.00; Medicare, \$783.84; Mid-American Research Chemical, Shop, \$615.00; Morrill County School District 63, Shl63, \$50.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$34,333.00; Morrill County Treasurer, Df, \$117.22; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Trng, \$232.00; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Inv, \$640.03; Nebraska Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$13,283.06; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$301.01; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$970.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$68.14; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Rm, \$1,279.28; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$9.56; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$750.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$8,750.00; Platte Valley Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$7,316.66; Police Fund, Tr, \$34,333.00; Power Manager, Df, \$7,625.19; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, Op, \$392.85; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$72.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$455.66; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm, \$75.90; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Sewer Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$2,700.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$935.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op, \$63.96; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$640.92; USA Bluebook, Tf, \$212.95; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$17,793.72; Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv, \$5,600.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$353.58; Total Claims, \$346,635.33; Salaries, \$73,592.98

***Amtrs = Ameritas; Bks = Books; Cap = Capital Outlay; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fl = Fuel; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Msm = Museum; Nh = Nursing Home; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shl63 = School District 63; Shop = Shop Supplies; Snkg = Sinking Fund; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trk Rp = Truck Repairs; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

10. None

V. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

11. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Council Member Wickard will contact the Planning Commission to review the ordinance before the final reading.

Council Member Clinger introduced Ordinance No. 1002 on 2nd Reading, AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNING BODY CREATING FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATINS THEREOF, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, Deines, Clinger; Nay: None. Ordinance No. 1002 is passed on 2nd Reading.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

13. Emergency Items – None.

14. Michelle Coolidge discussed the continued work on RWHF, Landbank, Grant Identification, and eligibility for CDBG funding. Council Member Wickard made a motion to extend the hourly contract between BB Associates and the city, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Harless, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Michelle gave an update on the possible Morrill County Landbank and stated Bayard must give 90 days' notice to pull from their current landbank to join the Morrill County Landbank with Broadwater and Bridgeport and it was discussed to draw up a contract to review with all the interested parties to be ready in 90 days.

16. Library Board Member Janelle Galvan approached the Council concerning the process and or plan of the Librarian's salaries. The council stated they will be working on performance reviews to be completed by the Council meeting in February. Going forward the Library Board stated they also will be attending the budget meetings.

17. Mayor Beyer approached Council at the request of the Public Works dept to have an option of a single membership to the Golf Course or Pwcc. Currently the city employees receive a single membership to Pwcc as part of their benefit package and Council Member Harless stated both entities operate differently as Pwcc receives their entire operating budget from the city and the golf course relies on their memberships to pay wages, repairs, and operations. If the Council decides to give an option, the city will have to amend the budget to compensate the golf course for its memberships. The council took no action and left the benefit package for a single membership to Pwcc and could possibly revisit at budget time.

VIII. REPORTS

18. Department Reports:

Public Works: Council Member Clinger stated a water survey was done and will have the reports at the next meeting.

PWCC: Council Member Clinger stated the batting cage is up and fees have been established. There was discussion on the amount they would like to charge, and the council decided since the batting cage was donated to not charge at this time. Clinger also discussed the golf simulator and had some concerns with the alcohol policy. After some discussion it was stated that an adult over the age of 21 must sign the contract before any alcohol can be brought into the room and the center makes sure that all alcohol is gone when they are done renting the simulator room.

Fire Dept: Fire Dept Chief Casey Sides stated the department received a \$10K grant from BNSF and continually applying for more grants if available. Looking at different ways to do their reporting to the state and still working on recruiting and is still a work in progress on cross-training with the different equipment.

Sheriff: Cardenas stated he has one individual at the academy and should be done in April 2024 and still short two deputies. Working on the corner ordinance draft for February meeting. Would like to have one certified individual dedicated to the city ordinances and any school issues.

Administration: None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. At 6:40 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a possible property purchase to include the City Attorney, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless Clinger Deines Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk / Treasurer

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

At 7:03 p.m. Council Member Clinger moved to exit executive session with no action taken while in executive session, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Harless, Clinger Wickard; Nay; None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

20. There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Clinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Harless, Clinger Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mark Wickard, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Tuesday, January 9, 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, City Clerk