

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 8th day of December 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor Charlie Browne called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Angie Clinger, Mark Wickard, Dean Rahmig, Will Deines

Staff members present were: Anthony Cannia, Dane Jeffords

Mayor Browne presided, and City Clerk Huck recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Browne 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 November 10, 2022.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

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

III. CLAIMS

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

Light & Power: Allo Communications LLC, \$174.01; American Funds Service Company, \$545.52; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; Beveridge Well Drilling Inc, \$10,065.00; Black Hills Energy, \$74.32; BCBS of NE, \$1,472.12; Bomgaars, \$196.88; Border States Industries Inc, \$150.10; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$440.00; D Anthony Cannia, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$3,842.01; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$142.58; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$509.93; Dutton Lainson Company, \$90.00; E & S Inc, \$72.25; Federal, \$729.24; Fica, \$1,117.62; General Treasury, \$30,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Dane M Jeffords, \$40.00; Lawson Products Inc, \$40.16; Medicare, \$261.38; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$9,178.97; Panhandle Collections Inc, \$311.47; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,512.24; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$431.43; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$36.36; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$446.70; Wesco Distribution Inc, \$360.00; Total Light & Power, \$62,734.25; Salaries, \$6,704.34

Water: Aflac, \$131.40; Allo Communications LLC, \$35.44; American Funds Service Company, \$1,169.17; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; BCBS of NE, \$1,542.65; Bok Financial, \$108,065.00; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$440.00; Courtney Cerny, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,721.83; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$54.44; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$145.25; Enviro Service Inc, \$50.00; Federal, \$549.12; Fica, \$951.44; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Doretta J Huck, \$40.00; Medicare, \$222.52; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$363.06; One Call Concepts Inc, \$13.60; Platte Valley Visa, \$662.53; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$42.35; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$39.50; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$5.10; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$118.87; USA Blue Book, \$954.78; Total Water, \$117,596.01; Salaries, \$5,478.60

Sewer: Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, \$423.68; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, \$49.69; BCBS of NE, \$1,156.84; Bomgaars, \$11.38; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$220.00; Chimney Rock Public Power District, \$74.92; City Of Bridgeport, \$292.61; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$145.25; Enviro Service Inc, \$80.00; Federal, \$322.25; Fica, \$460.48; General Treasury, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Lawson Products Inc, \$40.16; Medicare, \$107.70; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$142.35; Platte Valley Visa, \$662.53; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$18.50; Bryan Schluterbusch, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$105.45; Total Sewer, \$11,641.91; Salaries, \$2,673.87

General: American Legal Publishing Corp, \$399.00; Black Hills Energy, \$74.31; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$483.08; Community Center, \$21,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$2,281.02; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$32.00; Fisher Roofing & Restoration Co Inc, \$19,059.00; Greenheart, \$36.00; Costa Lapaseotes, \$722.79; Library Fund, \$11,000.00; Nebraska Total Office, \$18.65; Park Fund, \$8,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$269.20; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$200.00; Police Fund, \$33,333.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$21.09; Rodak Law Office, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, \$280.00; Street Fund, \$5,000.00; Uline Inc, \$1,647.00; Total General, \$104,856.14

Police: Flatwater Veterinary Services, \$48.00; Morrill County Sheriff, \$33,333.00; Total Police, \$33,381.00

Street: Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, \$1,083.49; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; Barco Municipal Products Inc, \$2,360.00; Black Hills Energy, \$760.76; BCBS of NE, \$2,925.29; Bok Financial, \$25,156.25; Bomgaars, \$287.97; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$440.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,422.96; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$135.76; Double A Feeds Inc, \$135.00; E & S Inc, \$40.94; Federal, \$942.51; Fica, \$1,111.38; Health Savings Account, \$514.00; John Deere Financial, \$3.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$114.46; Lee's Service Inc, \$271.94; Medicare, \$259.90; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$409.34; Perry E Nelson, \$40.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, \$99.24; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,325.06; Powerplan, \$99.24; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$1.14; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$43.50; Sandberg Implement Inc, \$111.46; David Smith, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$627.34; Total Street, \$40,880.23; Salaries, \$6,421.85

Pwcc: Allo Communications LLC, \$233.54; American Funds Service Company, \$453.54; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$16.34; Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$137.98; Black Hills Energy, \$830.57; BCBS of NE, \$1,998.98; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$11,480.00; Bomgaars, \$183.19; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$980.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$93.25; BSN Sports LLC, \$1,454.86; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,143.28; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$103.44; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$77.00; Federal, \$597.93; Fica, \$1,633.38; Health Savings Account, \$312.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, \$697.79; KMOR, \$80.00; KNEB Fm - 94.1 The Brand, \$105.60; KSID, \$40.00; Isaias E Mancias, \$40.00; Medicare, \$382.06; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$521.91; Nebraska Printworks LLC, \$20.90; Platte Valley Visa, \$504.38; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$3.99; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$32.34; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$10.99; Sonny's Super Foods, \$15.48; Total Pwcc, \$24,200.72; Salaries, \$10,827.51

Park: Michael Soundsleeper, \$32.95; American Funds Service Company, \$320.00; Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$85.00; BCBS of NE, \$855.78; Bomgaars, \$129.99; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$210.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$299.31; Federal, \$99.56; Fica, \$390.36; Health Savings Account, \$104.00; Andrew S Leisy, \$40.00; Medicare, \$91.30; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$46.05;

Nebraska Public Power District, \$409.04; Platte Valley Visa, \$662.53; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$18.40; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$8.99; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$53.60; Total Park, \$3,864.86; Salaries, \$1,299.17

Pool: Allo Communications LLC, \$26.85; Black Hills Energy, \$35.05; City Of Bridgeport, \$55.82; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$5.59; Total Pool, \$123.31

Library: Allo Communications LLC, \$74.30; American Funds Service Company, \$251.60; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$10.98; Black Hills Energy, \$237.83; BCBS of NE, \$771.62; Bomgaars, \$15.18; Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$370.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$67.68; Cengage Learning Inc, \$41.98; Center Point Large Print, \$95.88; City Of Bridgeport, \$195.53; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$26.50; Federal, \$212.66; Fica, \$569.56; Medicare, \$133.18; Micromarketing LLC, \$252.97; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$121.84; Optk Networks, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,208.47; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$16.84; Billie Jo Smith, \$400.00; Scottsbluff Publishing Co Inc, \$254.80; Total Library, \$5,431.62; Salaries, \$3,844.90

Landfill: Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$54.20; General Treasury, \$2,000.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, \$16,975.74; Total Landfill, \$19,029.94

Fire: Bridgeport Business Bucks, \$700.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$856.98; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$226.64; Federal, \$72.70; Fica, \$85.84; High Plains Scuba, \$1,798.65; Medicare, \$20.08; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$65.44; Platte Valley Visa, \$18.09; Total Fire, \$3,844.42; Salaries, \$501.20

Keno: 20/20 Technologies LLC, \$12,850.00; Bridgeport Teammates, \$1,050.00; Total Keno, \$13,900.00

Community Dev Agency: Platte Valley Bank - Scb, \$13,358.01

9. Mayor Browne extended a personal thank you to many individuals in no particular order; John Pankowski and Kirk Varah in supervising the addition to the rural fire hall and moving everyone under one roof; Mitch Freidman from Senex Foundation paying back most of the sinking funds the nursing home borrowed prior to Senex taking over; Charlee Wallesen Faessler and Andrew Plummer for always discussing any number of topics and always willing to help; Mike Olson and Dave Schaff with MC Schaff & Associates with the many questions concerning sewer and/or engineering projects; Pwcc Staff; Public Works department as they are extremely versatile in keeping the lights on and the water running; City Office, Dori and Courtney, "Dori is clearly the hub of the wheel and keeps things rolling in the right direction and has spent countless hours answering questions and particularly up front"; City Attorney Travis Rodak who has spent many hours with him personally as well as other Council Members and does a budget that is very clear and precise; Sheriff Cardenas with the law enforcement has been excellent and the contract we have with the county is one of the smartest things the city has ever done, both financially and the personal safety of the community; Finally, the council itself, as they have accomplished a great deal the past four years and feels the next four years the progress will continue.

Presentation of Plaques to outgoing Mayor Browne and Council Member Dean Rahmig.

Council Member Mark Wickard thanked Dean Rahmig for serving on the Council and for the many projects he was involved in which included the storage building at the community center as well as the addition to the rural fire hall, and always had good questions concerning the budget.

Council Member Wickard also thanked Charlie Browne for the extra time and concerns he had with the city and always implementing plans to keep the infrastructure in good shape and keeping the budget down and stated only 2% of real estate taxes go to the city as the rest of the monies come from the electrical system.

In closing on behalf of the Council he thanked both Council Member Dean Rahmig and Mayor Charlie Browne for their service to the community.

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

10. City Attorney Rodak announced the names of the individuals qualified to be seated as Mayor and members of the City Council and administered the pledging of the oath of office for the following elected officials:

City Council Members: Angela Clinger; Mark Wickard
Mayor: Gail Beyer

- a. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the acknowledgment that the appropriate bonds are in place and approve said bond resolution 2022-17, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Deines, Clinger; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, SETTING FORTH ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 11-103 through 11-118 sets forth the requirements for official bonds for elected officers;

WHEREAS, Bridgeport City Code § 31.50 sets forth that bonds shall be approved by the City Council, and endorsed in writing thereon by the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer pursuant to said approval of the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council has moved and seconded, and approved via roll call vote, an acknowledgement that appropriate bonds are in place, and has voted to approve said bonds, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein the same as if full set forth;

NOW THEREFORE, as City Council has acknowledged and approved the Official Bonds attached hereto, the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer hereby endorse in writing below pursuant to approval of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

11. Newly elected Mayor and Council Members are seated.

12. Council Member Deines made a motion to nominate Council Member Mark Wickard as Council President, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Deines, Wickard; Motion carried.

13. Mayor Beyer entertained a motion to accept the following Mayor appointments and stated there is a change on Item I on the agenda :

- a. City Clerk/Treasurer – *Doretta Huck*
- b. City Attorney – *Travis Rodak*
- c. City Physician – *Doug Hadden*
- d. City Fire Chief – *Bruce Mitchell*
- e. Assistant Fire Chief – *Casey Sides*
- f. City Engineer – *M.C. Schaff & Associates*
- g. City Street Foreman – *David Smith*
- h. City Electrical Foreman – *Anthony Cannia*
- i. City Zoning Inspector – *Dane Jeffords*

Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the Mayor's Appointments except for Item d – Fire Chief, because of Mr. Mitchell's past issues with being Fire Chief and felt he is not qualified, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None; Motion carried.

14. Mayor Browne entertained a motion to accept the following Council assignments:

- j. Law Enforcement / City Finances / City Administrator – *Gail Beyer*
- k. Electric, Water & Wastewater Departments – *Angie Clinger*
- l. Fire Department / Insurance – *Mark Wickard*
- m. Golf Course, Park, PWCC – *Angie Clinger*
- n. Street Department / Buildings & Real Estate – *Will Deines*

Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Council assignment as written, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. None

VI. ORDINANCES

16. None

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

17. Emergency Items – None.

18. Action regarding the deletion of Charlie Browne and Dean Rahmig from all Bank Signature Cards and Certificates of Deposit and have the following listed: Mayor Gail M. Beyer, Council Member Mark A. Wickard and City Clerk Doretta J. Huck. Council Member Clinger made a motion to accept the signature cards as presented, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

19. Mayor Beyer declared a Council Vacancy and a “Notice of Vacancy” will be published as well as it being posted in three designated public places; Pwcc, USPS and City office with a special meeting to be held on December 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to present a name to Council for voting.

20. Mayor Beyer moved to start the advertisement for a City Administrator. Council Member Wickard discussed the wage and Mayor Beyer stated on the advertisement it will state to be determined as well as depending on experience on setting the wage. She also commented she has talked with City Attorney Rodak concerning the budget and it was stated there is money in the budget for a City Administrator as well as the city no longer a Public Works Director. Council Member Clinger made the motion to start the advertising for a City Administrator, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

21. Mayor Beyer stated there are some board vacancies and tabled to next regular meeting.

At 7:21 p.m., Council Member Mark Wickard was excused from meeting.

VIII. REPORTS

22. Department Reports:

a. Public Works: Council Member Clinger stated there are no big projects to discuss at this time.

b. Pwcc: Director Mancias was not present, but Council Member Clinger stated there are no big projects at this time as they want to wait until after the holiday season to begin any.

c. Sheriff: Cardenas they are still short one person and one is in the academy and hoping to be here to start in January. Everything else is going well and if there is anything that comes up let the department know.

d. Administration - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Deines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Deines, Clinger; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, December 8, 2022, 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