CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA
BUDGET HEARING

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in budget public hearing meeting at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 10th day of September 2026, beginning at 5:00 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: Mark Wickard, Jeff Nichols, Tony McGrath; Absent: Carrie Harless

Staff members present were: Melissa Butler, 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 on September 3, 2026, the 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.
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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. At 5:04 p.m. Mayor Beyer opened the public hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

All those in attendance desiring to speak regarding the proposed budget were given an opportunity to address the governing body and were given a reasonable amount of time to do so.

City Attorney Rodak reported that the overall City budget is being reduced by approximately $500,000. With one month remaining in the 2025–26 budget cycle, the city is currently estimating that expenditures will be at least $2 million under budget for the fiscal year. The cash reserve is expected to remain similar to last year, and Rodak stated that the City is in good financial condition, which is also reflected in the audit.

Rodak also reported that the City's valuation decreased slightly. As a result, the City is requesting approximately $45 less in property tax dollars than last year. However, the City's levy is approximately one cent higher due to the valuation limitation.

7. Seeing no other comments, Mayor Beyer closed the budget public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

8. Council Member Nichols introduced Ordinance No. 1038, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM THE FUNDS AND REVENUES OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SUCH CITY AND FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR CERTAIN OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OBJECT AND PURPOSE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF MORRILL COUNTY,

NEBRASKA, 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, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Nichols, McGrath; 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. 1038 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Nichols moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member McGrath. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1038 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Wickard; 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.

9. Council Member Wickard introduced Resolution 2026-12, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Nichols; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2026-2027 BUDGET YEAR

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Bridgeport that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at $417,070.70

2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Gail M. Beyer
GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Doretta Huck
DORETTA HUCK
CITY CLERK

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member McGrath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta Huck
Doretta Huck, City Clerk

Gail M. Beyer
Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, September 10, 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.

Doretta Huck, City Clerk