

## 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 October 2025, beginning at 5:30 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, Carrie Harless, Tony McGrath; Absent: Jeff Nichols

Staff members present were: Melissa Butler, Ron Dogget, Paul Sides, Billie Mitchell

Mayor Beyer presided, and Deputy Clerk Scarrow 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 October 2, 2025, 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Beyer asked if there were any letters of public correspondence for the board. There were none.

Mayor Beyer 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 September 11, 2025.
7. Approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held September 11, 2025.
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

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

### III. CLAIMS

9. Jeff Nichols absent / No conflict of Nichols Claim

10. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Wickard Heating & Plumbing Claim; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Harless moved to approve the claim as presented, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Harless; Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

**Claims:** Aflac, Aflc, \$434.86; Alarm Security Technicians, Op / Msm, \$1,482.27; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$676.81; Allstate Insurance Company, Ins, \$14,484.00; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,961.80; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$137.12; Bb

Associates, Misc, \$4,455.00; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$794.53; Bloedorn Lumber, Rm, \$95.04; BCBS Of NE, Hlth Ins, \$13,304.20; Bomgaars, Op / Rm / Shop / Tf, \$161.83; Border States Industries Inc, Tf, \$90.09; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$584.47; Jordan Cabalit, Mtr Dep, \$139.76; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$52.60; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$138.70; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$9,377.21; Gloria Clark, Mtr Dep, \$144.25; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$662.45; Community Center, Tr, \$25,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$1,574.08; Contractors Materials Inc, Op / Tls, \$193.80; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Tf / Tls, \$1,174.94; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$146.50; Cummins Central Power LLC, Rm, \$3,042.09; Dan's Landscape And Tree Service, Tr Brd, \$12,500.00; Ronald L Doggett, Mge / Tlpn, \$1,040.00; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm, \$631.19; Eakes Office Solutions, Op, \$455.94; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Fastenal Company, Op, \$32.92; Federal, Fed, \$3,603.94; Fica, \$7,793.88; Fire Fund, Tr, \$6,000.00; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, , \$2,500.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$1,864.79; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$2,088.00; Honeywagon Express LLC, Rm, \$150.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$884.87; Iworq Systems Inc, Op, \$9,000.00; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$70.98; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm / Tls, \$416.46; Kone Chicago, Op, \$325.95; Ksid, Pp, \$100.00; Lawson Products Inc, Dwn Twn / Shop, \$236.44; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$415.35; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$10,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; M C Schaff & Associates Inc, Eng, \$21,000.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$168.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$1,822.82; Michael Todd Industrial Supply, Op, \$1,311.87; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$18.17; Morrill County Court, Op, \$34.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty / Op Keno, \$43,244.20; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$107,095.83; Nebraska Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Nebraska Department Of Agriculture, , \$180.25; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$16,081.51; Nebraska Library Commission, Lres, \$500.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$882.75; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$158.70; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Nmc, Rm, \$717.08; Nursing Home, Nh, \$17,242.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$31.47; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$900.00; Panhandle Collections Inc, Bd, \$31.50; Park Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Peaceful Prairie Nursery Inc, Tr Brd, \$6,045.84; Pj Sand And Gravel LLC, Str Mat, \$694.00; Platte Valley Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Bank - Scb, Bmgr Pr, \$12,398.64; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$8,334.34; Plummer Insurance Inc, Of Bnds, \$350.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,775.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$7,000.00; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$64.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$263.45; 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, Pgrom, \$490.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op / Pgrom / Shop / Tf, \$109.14; Sprinkler Solutions LLC, Misc, \$204.98; Star Herald, Op, \$303.79; Stonegate Seamless Roofing LLC, Rm, \$30,412.34; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Sunrise Cleaners, Op, \$39.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$842.09; Us Postal Service, Op, \$162.00; USDA Rural Development, Bnds Int, \$103,298.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$20,902.96; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv / Tls, \$10,346.40; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Nh, \$1,079.97; Total Claims, \$638,617.52; Salaries, \$51,700.48

\*\*\*\*Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bd = Bad Debts; Bks = Books; Bmgr Pr = Tif Bomgaars Principle; Bnds Int = Bonds & Interest; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Eng = Engineers; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lres = Library Resources; Mdcr = Medicare; Mge = Mileage; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Nh = Nursing Home; Of Bnds = Officers Bonds; Op = Operating Expense; Pgrom = Program Supplies; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; State = State; Str Mat = Street Material; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Tr Brd = Tree Board; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

#### IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

12. None

#### V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. At 5:33 p.m., Mayor Beyer opened the public hearing on the One & Six-Year Road Street

##### Improvement Program Plan

The city will perform normal maintenance and complete the following projects for the 2026 calendar year.

One Year Plan: Dust Control 40K; Gravel Surfacing 30K; Normal Maintenance 100K; Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs 50K

Six Year Plan: Asphalt overlay for the following: 10<sup>th</sup> Street from L to N, 100K; O Street from Hwy 385 to 5<sup>th</sup>, 350K; P Street from Hwy 385 to 5<sup>th</sup>, 300K; 7th Street from Main to Q, 120K; S Street from 15th to 9<sup>th</sup>, 250K.

Rebuild the concrete intersection at 4th & H Streets, 120K; Chip seal various locations, 60K; Storm Drainage improvements, 30K

Seeing no other comments, Mayor Beyer closed the one and six public hearing at 5:40p.m.

14. Council Member Harless made a motion to approve the One & Six Road Street Improvement Program as presented; seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

## VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

15. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2025-18, and moved that resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath; Harless, Nay: None. Resolution passed.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ONE-AND-SIX YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

At the regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, held at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street on October 9, 2025, a hearing was held on the One (1) and Six (6) Year Street Improvement Program at 5:30 P.M., as advertised. Following a discussion by the Council and citizens present, a motion was made to adopt the One (1) and Six (6) Year Street Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2026. Roll call vote brought:” Yeas, 3; “Nays”, 0. Motion carried.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, do hereby certify that the above is a true and certified copy of action passed on October 9, 2025, and I officially affix my signature and the seal of said City on this 9th day of October, 2025.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.**

(ATTEST)

**GAIL BEYER**  
**MAYOR**

**DORETTA J HUCK**  
**CITY CLERK**

At 5:42 p.m. Council Member McGrath made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel/salaries and to prevent the needless injury to an individual, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: yeas ; Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 6:43 p.m. Council Member Wickard made a motion to exit executive session and no action was taken, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2025-19 and moved that resolution be adopted with a 3% increase, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SETTING THE SALARIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2025-2026 BUDGET YEAR.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, that all full-time and part-time non-seasonal employees' salaries shall be set with an annual increase of 3% beginning the payroll cycle to include October 1, 2025, and to exclude seasonal employees and employees in their 6-month probationary period. Additional increases will be considered based on acquired certifications that are applicable to the employee's position with the City.

<i><u>POSITION</u></i>	<i><u>PRESENT</u></i>	<i><u>ADOPTION</u></i>
Electric Foreman	\$56.00/hour	Probationary Hired 7/21/2025
Electric Assistant	\$37.00/hour	\$38.11/hour
W/W Assistant	\$22.50/hour	\$23.18/hour
Maintenance Foreman	\$33.25/hour	\$34.25/hour
W/W Foreman	\$30.68/hour	\$31.60/hour
Street Foreman	\$24.09/hour	\$24.81/hour
Park Foreman	\$24.09/hour	\$24.81/hour
City Clerk/Treasurer	\$31.62/hour	\$32.57/hour
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	\$19.49/hour	\$20.08/hour
PWCC Director	\$23.35/hour	\$24.05/hour
PWCC Assistant	\$16.24/hour	\$16.73/hour
Librarian	\$20.76/hour	\$21.38/hour
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<i><u>PART TIME / MUSEUM</u></i>		
Museum Director	\$18.00/hour	\$18.54/hour
Part Time 1	\$15.75/hour	\$16.22/hour
Part Time 2	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 3	\$15.75/hour	\$16.22/hour
<i><u>PART TIME / LIBRARY</u></i>		
Part Time 1	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 2	\$15.23/hour	\$15.69/hour
<i><u>PART TIME / PWCC</u></i>		
Part Time 1	\$15.20/hour	\$15.66/hour
Part Time 2	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 3	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 4	Probationary Hired 8/1/2025	
Part Time 5	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 6	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 7	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 8	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour
Part Time 9	\$15.23/hour	\$15.69/hour
Part Time 10	\$13.50/hour	\$13.91/hour

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(ATTEST)

***GAIL BEYER***  
***MAYOR***

***DORETTA J HUCK***  
***CITY CLERK/TREASURER***

17. Ordinance 1028 updates Bridgeport's existing Housing Authority rules clarifying that the mayor—subject to City Council approval—appoints Housing Authority commissioners (rather than the Council appointing directly). Removing fixed meeting dates from the ordinance so that meetings occur according to the Authority's own bylaws (with public notice under the Open Meetings Act). Requiring the Housing Authority to file, at minimum on a quarterly basis, activity reports and the annual audit with the city and ensuring meeting minutes are submitted digitally to the city.

Council Member McGrath introduced Ordinance No. 1028, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT ORDINANCE §§32.05 WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY; 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 Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless; 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. 1028 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member McGrath moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Harless. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1028 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath 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 Deputy Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

18. This is adding a sidewalk requirement to City Code Section 94-66 so that any property improvement raising its assessed value by \$20,000 or more would trigger installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Council Member Harless introduced Ordinance No. 1029, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE §§ 94.66 WITH REGARD TO INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALK, CURB, AND GUTTER; 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 Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, 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. 1029 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Harless. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1029 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Harless 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 Deputy Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

19. Michelle Coolidge presented the Bridgeport Fire & Rescue Volunteer Service Award Program Plan tabled from last month's meeting stating Volunteers become eligible via a point-based system tied to training and call participation. Her recommendation is to pay each qualifying firefighter \$599.00 in December, plus an initial \$300.00 retirement-fund contribution, with the option to increase toward \$1,000.00 later. Funding will be budgeted for the next fiscal cycle, since awards aren't paid until a year after participation begins. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the plan as presented, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

## **VIII. REPORTS**

20. Department Reports:

**Public Works:** Because of laundering hazardous substances in personal appliances, Ron Doggett presented a quote for uniforms from Ideal Linen in the amount \$360.00/month for the Public Works Dept. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the quote as presented, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None.

Ron Doggett presented a proposal for spray foam insulation for the city shop building from Stonegate Seamless Roofing in the amount of \$4,030.82. Council Member Harless made a motion to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None.

Doggett also stated there is a surplus of equipment, Ford Pickup, Dodge Van, Generator and Mower to name a few and will dispose of them via public auction or scrapyard if there

is no bidder. He also noted he will be looking into getting quotes for a replacement sander, a wire trailer and backhoe tires. He also discussed taking trees down in the right-of-way.

**Pwcc:** Council Member Tony McGrath gave report; A new dance class was launched with 32 participants, and additional sessions are planned for December and March. Flyers were withheld to keep enrollment manageable, though the gym or extra times may be used if numbers grow.

- Efforts are underway to reintroduce tumbling clinics; start a glow volleyball, a walking club, and a sports sampler for ages 2-4, plus recruiting more instructors. A 5 AM class was discontinued due to zero attendance.
- Facility upgrades include installing LED ceiling fans in the upstairs weight room.
- No sales tax is being collected (pending direction), and a new card reader is being procured—card fees will rise from 0.8% to 3%, with customers notified in advance.
- Lions Club funds purchased new lobby chairs and a coffee maker; Wendy Lummel's donation balance will fund pool equipment and a commemorative plaque.

**Library:** A twice-monthly after-school "tween" programs has started; a student-planned after-hours Halloween karaoke party; An adult flower-arranging class was held; many October activities are listed in the school newsletter and visit five preschools/daycares weekly. All construction bids are due October 10th

**Fire Dept:** Mayor Beyer reported the Fire Department will be taking nominations for officers which will be voted on next month. An honorary member has been informed he cannot operate any equipment because of not being covered under the city or rural insurance.

**Nursing Home:** Mayor Beyer stated there has been a new administrator hired and hopeful for a turnaround soon; There are 48 beds total with only 22 occupied; and Michelle Coolidge is still working with the IRS question stemming from a 2018 payroll transfer from Skyview to Senex Foundation of Nebraska.

**Camp Clarke Villa:** Carrie Harless reported that there were discussions on upcoming meeting times and dates; current and future room availability; resolving HUD paperwork discrepancies, adjusting rents, and enforcing a NO indoor-smoking rule. There have been ongoing property improvements with the planting of many trees.

**Sheriff:** The free dump will be open on Saturday with cameras in place; Jason will be working days for the next three months to monitor yards. "Coffee with the kids"; a tree giveaway and a bike safety event was held with all good attendance. There were 147 calls and 9 arrests in the city.

**Golf Course:** No manager has been hired

**Administration:** Michelle Coolidge stated Bridgeport was awarded 30K over three years through NIFA's C4H housing cohort for technical assistance support to develop a housing plan; A CDBG sewer replacement grant has been submitted with a November announcement; A water-tower fencing grant was declined as well as fencing around the 3 wells; the generator grant application under FEMA/NEMA review; will be in Omaha the week of October 13-17 and will attend the Omaha Land Bank meeting regarding the barriers of getting them in Western Nebraska; also will be looking into seasonal hiring procedures as well as time off. Preliminary information on potential zoning changes to make to clarify for cannabis dispensaries if it moves forward and where located and would like to have education on what city ordinances say as well as updating them.

## VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

21. Emergency Items – None

22. Del Kraupie and DJ Hoxworth addressed the council on an invoice Morrill County Farm & Ranch received from the city for electrical work after the sale of some ground to Morrill County Fair. A former city employee verbally promised the city would take care of certain items and recommended burying lines, adding new transformers and meters. No written estimate or agreement was ever provided. Council Members note that standard procedure calls for a formal cost estimate up front (as with a recent three-phase project), and they agree the lack of documented approval caused confusion and will direct staff to adopt clear written policies and forms for any future utility upgrades. Council Member McGrath made a motion to forgive the entire bill, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

23. Monument Prevention Coalition representative Yvonne Lease gave a presentation to prevent underage alcohol, marijuana and vaping use. They reported declining teen alcohol use but rising vaping and marijuana. The coalition is a program that involves law enforcement, have after school programs and offer TIPS training. They meet three times a year in January, April and September on the third Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and encourage anyone to come to their meetings and help them figure out what is needed for the youth of Bridgeport.

24. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the mayor's signature to the amended Municipality Agreement No. XL2515 State Project, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

25. Sheriff Cardenas stated Ordinance 90.25 "running at large" confirmed it already covers chickens as "lawful fowl" requiring physical restraint (leash, cage, pen etc.) to keep them from roaming and agreed no new rule is needed, residents may keep up to six chickens and existing penalties can be used if chickens wander.

26. Billie Mitchell was present and discussed her wage report she had prepared back in 2022 and after some discussion Council Member McGrath made a motion to increase Museum Director Billie Mitchell by an additional \$2.00 per hour from Resolution 2025-19, making her at \$20.54/hour, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

27. Nebraska State Holidays for 2026 were discussed and will clarify the City's Holidays with Council by email for their knowledge

28. An Open Board session will be scheduled and published in the paper with the main agenda being a two-hour facilitated workshop led by Star Lehl and Jeff Tracy to clarify Mayor, Council and Staff roles, improve communication and address recent audit concerns with neighboring towns.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the Mayor Beyer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

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Fay Scarrow, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

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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, October 9, 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.

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Fay Scarrow, Deputy Clerk

