

## 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 January 2026, beginning at 6:00 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, Jeff Nichols, Tony McGrath, Mark Wickard

Staff members present: Christy Collins

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 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 10, 2025.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

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

### III. CLAIMS

8. Council Member Nichols stated he had a conflict with Jeff Nichols Claim; Council Member Nichols then excused himself. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the claim, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, McGrath, Wickard; Not Voting, Excused: Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Nichols rejoined the Council.

9. Council Member Harless moved to approve the claims as presented except for the \$5,000.00 budget payment to the Golf Course. A detailed report has been requested to clarify the source of these funds, specifically whether they originate from savings, city funds, memberships, or cart storage fees. Upon receipt of this information the payment will be issued next month, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless; Nay: Nichols, McGrath; Mayor Beyer provided the tie-breaking vote of Aye.

**Claims:** Aflac, Aflc, \$434.86; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$794.49; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$6,473.91; American Test Center Inc, Rm, \$1,590.00; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$137.12; Ascap, Lic Prmts, \$324.00;

BB Associates, Misc, \$4,252.50; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Msm, \$102.85; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$2,768.27; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$6,652.10; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$430.74; Bomgaars, Dwn Twn, Op, Rm, Shop, Tls, \$1,042.52; Bridgeport Ministerial Association, Misc, \$1,692.00; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$197.85; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$60.35; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$141.50; City Of Bridgeport, Elct, Mtr Dep, \$6,602.81; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$652.50; Community Center, Tr, \$10,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv, Rm, Tls, \$864.99; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$146.50; Custom Made Fencing, Op, \$9,076.78; Ronald L Doggett, Tlpn, \$40.00; E & S Auto Supply, Op, Rm, \$37.98; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Federal, Fed, \$3,585.74; Fica, \$7,451.72; Fire Fund, Tr, \$6,000.00; Fluent Ims, Me, \$1,000.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$55,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,944.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$1,120.90; Independent Plmg & Htg Inc, Rm, \$216.68; J P Cooke Company, Op, \$93.95; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$98.72; Kaiser Tire, Op, Rm, \$951.80; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op, Rm, Shop, \$165.75; Kone Chicago, Op, \$325.95; Lawson Products Inc, Shop, \$81.15; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$287.92; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; M C Schaff & Associates Inc, Eng, \$42,500.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Rm, \$547.50; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$1,742.78; Mid-American Research Chemical, Op, Shop, \$1,461.43; Morrill County School District 63, Shl63, \$50.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Motorola Solutions Inc, Op, \$15,000.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$99,867.96; Nebraska Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx, State, \$13,510.25; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$970.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$77.26; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$22.18; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Inv, \$77.85; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$6.52; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$300.00; Panhandle Collections Inc, Bd, \$21.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Platte Valley Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$6,946.15; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Quadient Leasing Usa Inc, Op, \$392.85; Regional Care Inc Group Ii, Hsa, \$96.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$230.55; 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, Pgrm, \$518.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Dwn Twn, Op, \$507.56; Spic-Span Cleaners, Str Mat, \$1,677.20; State Fire Marshal Training Div, Trng, \$50.00; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Sunrise Cleaners, Op, \$39.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$855.77; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$21,775.74; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, \$162.00; Total Claims, \$469,704.72; Total Salaries, \$32,793.24

\*\*\*\*Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bd = Bad Debts; Bks = Books; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Eng = Engineers; Fed = Federal; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lic Prmts = License & Permits; Mdc = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Nh = Nursing Home; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pgrm = Program Supplies; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shl63 = School District 63; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; State = State; Str Mat = Street Material; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

#### IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

10. None

#### V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. None.

#### VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1032 on second reading increasing Mayor's salary to \$5,400.00 per year and Council Members to \$4,200.00 / year for terms beginning after the 2026 election, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AMOUNT OF SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Wickard, McGrath, Harless; Nay: None. Ordinance 1032 passed on second reading.

13. Ordinance 1033 amends the city zoning code to regulate medical cannabis establishments permitting them in Agriculture, Commercial Business District, Highway Commercial or Industrial through a conditional use permit, while barring them near residential, churches and schools.

Council Member Nichols introduced Ordinance No. 1033 on second reading, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE CHAPTER 153: ZONING CODE TO CREATE STANDARDS REGARDING MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll Call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath, Nichols; Nay: None. Ordinance 1033 passed on second reading.

14. Ordinance 1034 is amending Ordinance 1025 to reflect the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) both dated 3/17/2026

Council Member Nichols introduced Ordinance No. 1034 on first reading, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1025, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT, SECTIONS 2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS, 2.1 LANDS TO WHICH ORDINANCE APPLIES AND SECTION 3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS, PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll Call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, McGrath, Nichols, Wickard; Nay: None. Ordinance 1034 passed on first reading.

## VII. REPORTS

15. Department Reports:

**Public Works:** Doggett reported that they are conducting an inventory of pole attachments by companies utilizing City poles for their lines and are reviewing a potential increase in attachment rental fees to those companies

**PWCC:** WyoBraska BB Leagues; Coed VB league schedule will be determined based on whether a sufficient number of teams register; December had nine meetings; Special events included: Hospital and John Deere Christmas Parties and Rodeo Fundraiser; The Spring craft show will be held in conjunction with Camp Clarke Days; A resolution will be presented at the next meeting to authorize the sale of old exercise equipment through Kraupie Online Auction Service; YMCA puts out their class training dates in February, so will run an ad for lifeguards along with those classes; Will start charging Fees on Credit Cards.

**Library:** Received a 25,000.00 grant

**Fire Dept:** The department is excited about the new incentive program offered by the city and the addition of new members

**Nursing Home:** January Rent payment was \$6,297.20 and last census was 26 residents.

**Camp Clarke Villa:** There are three openings at the facility

**Sheriff:** There were 19 rescue calls, with 14 occurring within the city limits, and a total of 38 patient transfers. The department responded to 136 calls including 5 arrests.

**Golf Course:** The golf course has a Christmas Party scheduled and has arranged interviews for the manger position.

**Administration:** A profit share check was received from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska in the amount of \$8,898.30 and the golf course has secured the SDL for the Hospital Sweetheart Dinner, scheduled for February 14, to be held at PWCC.

## VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

16. Emergency Items – None.

17. Council Member Harless made a motion to enter into an agreement with Telecom West LLC for \$200.00 a month for one year and Telecom will maintain the existing free internet services provided to the city, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

18. Keno Board Member Lisa Weborg was present to discuss the Board's recommendation to council for disbursing funds for the 2025-2026 budget year and must be used by September 1, 2026. Bridgeport Bombers Baseball, uniforms/equipment, \$3614.46; Bridgeport Youth Football, equipment/jerseys \$5,000.00; Camp Clarke Days Committee (Chamber of Commerce), \$10,000.00; CHJR, repair shed w/matching funds from golf foundation, \$5,000.00; Junior High

VB, uniforms/equipment \$1,300.00; MCSO, bullet proof shields, \$10,000.00. Council Member Harless made a motion to accept the recommendation presented without the matching 5K stipulation put on the golf course and to use as repairs to shed, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Harless, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

19. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the mayors' signature to the Professional Services Agreement for the CDBG sewer grant, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

20. A review of the holiday schedule approved in June for the updated employee handbook, Council Member Wickard moved to adopt the state-posted holidays, with the mayor's discretion regarding any additional days designated by the Governor. The motion was seconded by Harless. The roll call vote resulted in a tie, with Harless and Wickard voting Aye, and Nichols and McGrath voting Nay. Mayor Beyer provided the tie-breaking vote of Aye.

21. Working on the Employee Handbook for update soon.

22. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the in-house Street Forman position to Andy Leisy, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

23. 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 7:12 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Doretta J. Huck, City 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, January 8, 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