

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in special session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 19th day of August 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: Nichols

Council Member Nichols arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Staff members present were: Michelle Coolidge, Dane Jeffords

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 posted on August 14, 2025, at the three designated places: USPS, City Office and Prairie Winds Community Center, and city website, www.bridgeportne.gov

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. REGULAR AGENDA

6. Emergency Items – There were none.

7. County Commissioner Jeff Metz and resident Hallie Sawyer both urged the city to sustain 911 ambulance service after a hospital board decision to end EMS by October 2025. A draft agreement by the city proposed the hospital to be in effect until July 1, 2026, with \$75,000.00 to be paid on or before October 1, 2025 and monthly payments of \$7,500.00 thereafter with the final payment on or before August 1, 2026, for a total of \$150,000.00 and to allow up to two individuals to be on the EMS Oversight Committee that is currently in place at the hospital.

After much discussion regarding the financials of the 911 service as well as transparency. Council Member Mark Wickard made a motion to amend the agreement and to pay \$40,000.00 from the Rescue Sinking Fund and \$500.00 per call for 911 services, which would not exceed \$150,000.00 to the hospital by the end of the contract. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Council Member McGrath made a motion to approve the agreement as presented and amended the agreement to be in effect until July 1, 2026, to the new date of October 1, 2026 and to include a 9-month provision of cancellation, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Nichols; Nay: Wickard, Harless; Tying Vote: Aye: Mayor Beyer

III. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:27 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J Huck, CMC
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 Tuesday, August 19, 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.

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk