

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 13th day of November 2025, beginning at 5:32 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: Jeff Nichols, Carrie Harless, Tony McGrath, Mark Wickard

Staff members present were: Ron Doggett, Christi 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 October 9, 2025.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

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

III. CLAIMS

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

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

Claims: A & A Porta Potties, Hrse, \$80.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$652.29; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$691.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$891.45; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$9,257.74; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$205.68; BB Associates, Misc, \$4,556.25; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$151.78; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$716.81; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$551.47; Bomgaars, Op / Rm / Shop / Tr Brd, \$1,068.77; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$95.03; Broadcast Music Inc, Lic Prmts, \$399.00; Burgerwerx, Misc, \$2,015.00; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$76.93; Chimney Rock Public

Power District, Elct, \$139.80; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$6,796.91; City Of Gering, Str Mat, \$1,251.60; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$1,053.63; Community Center, Tr, \$15,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$5,000.00; Cranmore Fire Protection, Rm, \$1,015.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Op / Rm, \$520.06; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$137.00; Dan's Landscape And Tree Service, Tr Brd, \$800.00; Dept Of Water, Energy & Environment, Df, \$115.00; Ronald L Doggett, Tlpn, \$40.00; Dutton Lainson Company, Inv, \$842.99; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm / Shop, \$973.50; Ebsco Information Services, Magz, \$621.39; Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Tf, \$7,357.13; Enviro Service Inc, Op / Wtr Aly, \$140.00; Environmental Compliance Solutions LLC, Df, \$1,175.00; Federal, Fed, \$5,768.93; Ferguson Signs Inc, Rm, \$309.00; Fica, \$12,019.14; Fire Fund, Tr, \$6,000.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$55,000.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Str Mat, \$2,052.92; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$3,132.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$629.57; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$261.70; Kaiser Tire, Rm, \$42.50; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm / Tls, \$401.69; KSID, Pp, \$100.00; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$394.61; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$10,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$168.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$2,810.88; Mid-American Research Chemical, Op / Str Mat, \$1,432.20; Morrill County Community Hospital, Op, \$76.00; Morrill County School District 63, Shl63, \$600.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$185,998.20; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Inv, \$5,942.59; Ne Dept Of Revenue Charitable Gaming, St Shr, \$2,182.00; Ne State Fire Marshal Agency, Df, \$72.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$12,775.49; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$368.82; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$733.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$76.27; Nebraska Rural Water Ass'n, Trng, \$1,025.00; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip Inc, Rm, \$1,145.50; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$29.99; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$13.47; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$600.00; Candace Panas, Misc, \$522.23; Park Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$5,652.99; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins, \$16,463.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Pro Overhead Door, Rm, \$263.75; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Railroad Management Co Iii, LLC, Op, \$917.41; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$64.00; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$161.42; Sandhills Repair, Rm, \$359.97; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Amber Schultz, Dwn Twn, \$110.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$935.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Dwn Twn / Op / Pgrm, \$169.28; Star Herald, Pp, \$35.99; Stonegate Seamless Roofing LLC, Rm, \$2,620.03; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Sunbelt Solomon Services LLC, Inv / Rm, \$3,215.00; Sunrise Cleaners, Op, \$39.00; Town & Country Advertising, Pp, \$79.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$907.41; Transwest Ford LLC, Rm, \$289.65; USA Bluebook, Op / Tf, \$1,542.25; Lucy Vanburen, Dwn Twn, \$81.44; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$20,105.46; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, \$182.50; WPCI, Op, \$270.00; Total Claims, \$523,578.39; Salaries, \$74,018.05

*** *Aflc* = Aflac; *Amtrs* = Ameritas; *Bks* = Books; *Clnl* = Colonial; *Cnt Svc* = Contract Services; *Cnty* = County Contract; *Df* = Dues & Fees; *Dwn Twn* = Downtown Appearance; *Elct* = Electric Bills; *Fed* = Federal; *Fl* = Fuel; *Glf* = Golf Course; *Hrse* = Horseshoe; *Hsa* = Health Savings; *Ht* = Heat; *Ins* = Insurance; *Inv* = Inventory; *Lgl Rtnr* = Legal Retainer; *Lic Prmts* = License & Permits; *Magz* = Magazines; *Mdcr* = Medicare; *Misc* = Miscellaneous; *Mn* = Mean; *Msm* = Museum; *Mtr Dep* = Meter Deposit; *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; *St Shr* = State Share; *State* = State; *Str Mat* = Street Material; *Tf* = Treatment Facility; *Tlpn* = Telephone; *Tls* = Tools; *Tr* = Transfer Out; *Tr Brd* = Tree Board; *Trng* = Training; *Trsh* = Trash; *Wtr Aly* = Water Analysis;

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

10. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. At 5:34 p.m. Mayor Beyer opened the public hearing to hear any comments on rezoning of property located at 302 E 5th Street and 310 E 5th Street.

The Planning Commission member Celine Hall recommended council to adopt Ordinance No. 1030, as no public feedback was received after the required notices were posted, and the proposed change is confined to the specified properties with no expected impact on neighboring parcels.

Seeing no other comments from the public, Mayor Beyer closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1030, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF LAND LOCATED AT LOT 1, BLOCK 2, AND LOT 2, W 30' Lot 3, BLOCK 2, SCOGGIN'S ADDITION OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; 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: McGrath, Wickard, Nichols; Abstain: 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. 1030 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member McGrath. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1030 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Nichols; Abstain: 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 City Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

13. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1031, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING THE SUBDIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 6th P.M., MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, A PARCEL LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; 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 Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; 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. 1031 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Nichols. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1031 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath, Nichols; 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.

14. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2025-20, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: ; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2025.

WHEREAS: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302 and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

WHEREAS: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment (s) of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

WHEREAS: The NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, ie., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), and type of

appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

WHEREAS: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the Mayor of Bridgeport is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent completed form(s).

ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025 AT BRIDGEPORT NEBRASKA.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. REPORTS

15. Department Reports:

Public Works: Council approved replacing the rust-aging sander with a stainless steel, 2.2 cu yd slide-in model in the amount of \$10,178.00 which includes freight. NDOT stated the Main Street resurfacing and viaduct projects will be delayed about a year.

PWCC: The new 2–4-year-old sports sampler is off with 34 kids enrolled; Winter programs have started; Participating in the Sugar Plum Stroll, which requires donating 100–200 cookies for community judging; Working on updating the facility manual and will circulate a draft soon for Council to review; Upcoming gun shows scheduled for January & September 2026, with rental fees of \$1,000.00–\$1,500.00.

Library: Melissa reported that the library's newsletter updates and outreach programs are doing very well; The library saw high visit numbers last month and has several events lined up, including a canoeing and an after-hours teen laser-tag funded by teen activity funds. They recently held a successful teen karaoke night and are planning an adult karaoke event.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Casey Sides stated five members will be attending the extrication class in Chadron and Michelle Coolidge will be attending the next fire department meeting to discuss the incentive program scheduled to start in January 2026.

Nursing Home: Ongoing monitoring

Camp Clarke Villa: There are currently two openings available in the villa.

Sheriff: Cardenas stated there were 146 calls and made five arrests in city limits. They've cleared most campers, boats, and other vehicles from the streets ahead of winter snow removal, with only a few still to move. Arranging for city residents to contact Sheriff's office to open the gates behind the city shop on Saturdays to dispose of trash.

Golf Course: Golf course board seeking a club house manager and purchasing a green cover.

Administration. Mark Wickard stated he and Ron Doggett will be in Kearney at the MEANS meeting. Last week they met with Hemingford city officials and discussed their nursing home as well as ours as they are managed by the same company. They're reviewing contracts and exploring ways to boost occupancy and operational performance—both to increase rental revenue.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

16. Emergency Items - None

17. Nicole Kubik and Matt Edwards were present to introduce themselves and discuss the changes in rates and charges from MEAN, WAPA, transmission providers, and sub-transmission providers will have on the city. They are our wholesale power providers and review how changes in transmission and energy charges affect the city's electric bills. The city's lowest-cost supply comes from its annual WAPA (federal) allocation and has supplied the city under a long-term wholesale power contract for over 40 years, meeting quarterly to set policies, rates, and staffing

They have included Electrical Distribution Service (EDS), which now covers mutual-aid coordination and maintenance without an extra fee.

18. This year's Holiday Craft Fair proceeds netted \$1,692.00 with 40 vendors and would like to use the proceeds to buy Bridgeport Bucks, food & gas vouchers for Bridgeport Food Pantry. Council Member Wickard made a motion to use the proceeds for the Food Pantry, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, Nichols, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

19. Discussion regarding creating a policy for future medical marijuana dispensaries so the city isn't caught unprepared once state rules are finalized. Council adopted language from a nearby community's ordinance to review to set basic controls. The goal is to be proactive yet flexible: as courts won't allow a total ban on legal business, but they do permit reasonable location restrictions. They're awaiting a state Supreme Court/attorney-general decision that will clarify licensing and operational requirements; once that's settled, the ordinance can be tightened or expanded.

20. Mayor and Council propose an increase in the annual stipends they receive and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting by ordinance and will only apply to those elected in the next election cycle.

21. City Clerk Dori Huck addressed the Council to award and distribute the annual Bridgeport Business Bucks for city employees based on their annual hours worked. Council approved the chart as presented.

22. The council discussed the proposed interlocal agreement for providing EMS services, under which any monthly operating loss would be split equally among the city, county, and hospital based solely on 911 call volume. Council Member Nichols made a motion to approve the mayors' signature on the interlocal agreement as presented, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Harless, Nichols, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

23. Discussions regarding planning an additional ½-cent local sales tax measure for next May's ballot and debating how to split it. One option is to devote the full 0.5% to economic development under LB 840. The other is to split it into two 0.25% portions—one for business incentives/housing grants and one for public infrastructure (sewer, electrical, EMS, a new pool, etc.). There was a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons and noted the need to define allowable uses in ballot language. City Administrator Coolidge will update the draft ordinance and cost projections for council review in December, at which point the council must formally decide how to label and allocate the tax before it goes to voters.

24. Mayor and Council discussed when to start Keno Applications on a scheduled basis and proposed the applications go out August 1 each year with the deadline October 1, the Keno board will review them in October (or early November) with the funds to be aligned with the budget year which ends September 30.

25. Sheriff Cardenas reported that its in-car "WatchGuard" cameras are no longer serviceable because the manufacturer has discontinued parts. The department requested \$15,000 from the city to begin purchasing new Acorn cameras while negotiating a five-year county contract that could cover the balance. Council member Wickard made a motion to fund the full \$15,000 by drawing on the Rescue Sinking Fund, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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 7:02 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Harless, Nichols, McGrath; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

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, November 13, 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 / Treasurer