

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 10th day of July 2026, beginning at 3:00 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: Dane Jeffords, 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 June 25, 2026 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 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. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 11, 2026.
7. Approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop held June 11, 2026.
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
9. Approve the resignation of Tim Haller from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department due to moving out of the district

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

III. CLAIMS

10. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the claim submitted by Jeff Nichols, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Wickard; Abstain: Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Council Member Nichols moved to approve the claim submitted by Wickard Heating & Plumbing, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath; Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Harless arrived at 3:04 p.m.

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

Claims: A & A Porta Potties, Op, \$600.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$395.22; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allan J Roach, Tlpn, \$40.00; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$828.84; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,950.78; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$115.16; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$151.78; Beveridge Well Drilling Inc, Cap, \$4,725.00; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$2,285.22; Bloedorn Lumber, Rm, \$63.80; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$5,321.68; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$946.94; Bomgaars, Blfld / Dwn Twn / Msm / Op / Pgrm / Rm / Tf / Tls, \$2,124.98; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, Coop Pr & Int, \$15,289.86; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$328.82; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$38.93; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$11,682.65; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$745.02; Community Center, Misc / Tr, \$20,040.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf / Op, \$24,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Op / Rm, \$2,102.16; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$141.00; Cummins Central Power LLC, Op, \$678.47; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; Darius Clyburn, Mtr Dep, \$73.13; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Dutton Lainson Company, Inv, \$668.24; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm / Shop, \$743.86; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Federal, Fed, \$4,184.25; Fica, Fica, \$10,380.78; Fire Fund, Tr, \$10,000.00; Fire Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$5,000.00; General Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$10,000.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$55,000.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Str Mat, \$1,615.92; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$9,358.24; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,856.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op / Ua, \$1,179.15; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Josue Miguel Cortez Figueroa, Mtr Dep, \$43.83; Kaiser Tire, Rm, \$20.00; Kathlene Baxter, Tlpn, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm, \$265.72; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Lawson Products Inc, Tls, \$47.44; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$595.65; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Op, \$525.84; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$2,427.72; Merchant Job Training & Safety Inc, Trng, \$550.00; Michael Todd Industrial Supply, Blfld, \$109.90; Morrill County Clerk, Df, \$100.00; Morrill County School District 63, Shl63, \$1,350.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$94,778.51; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Me, \$5,623.20; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$24,469.72; Nebraska Power Review Board, Df, \$296.23; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$453.84; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$496.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$126.87; Nebraska Rural Water Ass'n, Trng, \$300.00; Nebraska Total Office, Ofeq / Ofsup, \$161.76; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Inv, \$4,531.01; Nspire Today, Pp, \$65.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$121.28; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$1,200.00; Paige Hopkins, Op, \$1,000.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$18,000.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Pj Sand And Gravel LLC, Glf, \$840.60; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$7,306.83; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins, \$1,315.44; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Rm, \$778.63; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$17,000.00; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$500.00; Quadient Leasing Usa Inc, Op, \$392.85; Regional Care Inc Group II LLC, Hsa, \$56.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$177.88; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Pgrm / Ua, \$4,589.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Dntns / Msm / Pgrm, \$145.71; Spic-Span Cleaners, Chem / Rm, \$4,619.20; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Sunbelt Solomon Services LLC, Op, \$825.00; Sunrise Window Cleaners LLC, Op, \$39.00; Superior Sanitation Services Inc, Op, \$350.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$2,076.56; Uline Inc, Op, \$100.34; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$20,381.56; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, \$1,282.42; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$2,575.03; Total Claims, \$526,121.40; Total Salaries, \$66,643.09

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Blfld = Ballfield; Cap = Capital Outlay; Chem = Chemicals; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Coop Int = Tif Panhandle Coop Interest; Coop Pr = Tif Panhandle Coop Principle; Df = Dues & Fees; Dntns = Donations; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Mdcr = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Ofeq = Office Equipment; 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; Snkg = Sinking Fund; State = State; Str Mat = Street Material; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Ua = Uniform Allowance; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

13. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

15. Council Member Nichols introduced Resolution 2026-09, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EVENT CLOSING OF HIGHWAY 385 FOR HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport intends to create a parade route beginning at the intersection of 5th and Main Street to the intersection of 12th and Main Street for the Annual Homecoming Parade on September 18, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., and

WHEREAS, closure of roadways along the parade route is necessary to relieve the through traffic from the area in the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska on or near the parade route, and provide a safe event for participants and spectators, and;

WHEREAS, Main Street (US-385) roadway from 5th Street to 11th Street is part of the state highway system and is located within the official corporate limits or zoning jurisdiction of the City of Bridgeport, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, while making use of the state highway system for a special event shall have the legal duty to protect the highway property from any damage that may occur arising out of the special event and the state shall not have any such duty during the time the City of Bridgeport is in control of the property as specified in the notice provided pursuant to LB 589/N.R. S §39-1359, and;

WHEREAS, any existing statutory or common law duty of the state to protect the public from damage, injury, or death shall become the duty of the City of Bridgeport while making use of the state highway system for a special event and the state shall not have any such statutory or common law duty during the time the City of Bridgeport is in control of the property as specified in the notice provided pursuant to LB 589/N.R.S. §39-1359, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to LB 589/N.R.S. §39-1359, thirty (30) days advance written notice of the special event must be provided which specifies the date and time City of Bridgeport will assume control of the identified state highway property, as well as the date and time the City of Bridgeport will relinquish control of such state highway property to the State of Nebraska. In addition, the City of Bridgeport shall to provide beginning and ending locations for the highway closure including sufficient area for the placement of advance warning and/or detour signing, and include sufficient time for the City of Bridgeport to prepare and later clean the property prior to returning possession back to the State of Nebraska, and;

WHEREAS, LB 589/N.R.S. §39-1359 dictates that if a special event includes any portion of the State of Nebraska Highway System, the City of Bridgeport shall, if a claim is made against the State of Nebraska, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Nebraska from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fee, that may arise as a result of the special event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that said Parade Route and Road Closure referred to hereinabove is hereby adopted. That the governing body of the City of Bridgeport acknowledges and accepts all duties set out in 589/N.R.S. §39-1359, subsection (2) and accepts that the City of Bridgeport shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Nebraska from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise as a result of the event and such Parade Route and Road Closure is accepted by the City of Bridgeport and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the Municipality.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. None

VIII. REPORTS

17. Departments:

Public Works: Dane Jeffords reported the electrical work at the fairgrounds is complete on the City's side, with the transformers installed and operational. The next priority project will be the alley near Jackson's Garage, where aging copper secondary lines, outdated transformers, and deteriorating utility poles will be replaced.

Jeffords reported new doors have been ordered for the park restrooms. Staff plans to repaint the interiors, install new locks, repaint the floors, and add motion-activated light switches. The total estimated cost for these improvements is approximately \$3,300.00. The City awaits bids for electrical improvements at East Park, including the installation of additional electrical outlets on the north side of the shelter. Jeffords reported that all fire hydrants have been flow tested and repainted. The City received three bids for the repair of three deteriorated manholes and is estimated to cost approximately \$14,000, as the manholes are in poor condition and require replacement or significant rehabilitation. Dust control efforts continue to be effective by using calcium chloride combined with a surfactant in the water truck, which has produced favorable results. It was also discussed to prepare a list of surplus items to be sold at the upcoming Kraupie's Auction.

Pwcc: Kathy Baxter reported that the instructor for the dance class has secured an alternate venue since the gym will not be available due to the fall sports schedule and practices, and the meeting rooms were not suitable for the class. A Tai Chi class for seniors is currently being offered, and a spinning class will begin after Labor Day. She also reported that three employment applications have been received and interviews will be conducted soon. Maintenance updates included repairing two toilets and replacing several light fixtures. The landscaping around the facility has been cleaned up, and rock will be placed in areas where excessive water accumulation has caused rusting along the base of the building. Reported that two weight machines require replacement cables, with an estimated cost of \$500.00, in addition to routine maintenance on the fitness equipment. She also stated that the PWCC will begin stocking the pop machine internally rather than having Pepsi provide the service. Finally, she reported that staff are evaluating the replacement of the gym curtain divider, which is in need of replacement in the future and discussed the future of the golf simulator

Library: Council Member Nichols reported on the remodel and the grants they may be losing due to deadlines, and Council discussed a possible commitment letter to secure funding.

Fire Dept: No Report

Camp Clarke Villa: It was reported that the Housing Authority has appointed a new director and that the facility is currently at full occupancy.

Sheriff: Deputy Daniel Flores reported that the Fourth of July holiday went smoothly with no significant issues. He stated that Deputy Jason Perkins has been actively addressing nuisance properties and unregistered vehicles throughout the community. For the month of June, the Sheriff's Office responded to 163 calls for service and made 15 arrests. EMS reported 22 ALS rescue calls, with 17 occurring within the city limits, and completed 40 patient transports.

Golf Course: It was reported that the Panhandle Youth Tournament was successfully held with more than 50 participants. The upcoming ABC Tournament is scheduled to take place this coming weekend. The clubhouse is also obtaining bids for the replacement of its air conditioning unit

Safety Committee: Billie Mitchell reported that the Safety Committee's regular meeting is scheduled for July 21, during which the committee will conduct a semi-final review of the safety manual and inspection checklists. She stated that all inspections are expected to be completed and any necessary safety measures implemented prior to October 1.

Administration: Mayor Beyer addressed the issue of nuisance properties and stated that the city will begin issuing letters and assessing fines as appropriate. Mayor Beyer also discussed the possibility of locating a dog park on the property east of the Old Nursing Home Garage, which is currently owned by the City and being used for storage of park equipment. Council Member McGrath expressed concerns regarding the proposed location.

Mayor Beyer also announced that the Bridgeport Community Foundation meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

18. Emergency Items - None

19. Tony McGrath made a motion to accept Policy Manual update **4.7 Holidays a)** Temporary and Seasonal Employees who are not required to be on duty will not be paid holiday pay for official holidays. Employees required to work shall be compensated at one-and one-half times (1 and ½) the normal rate of compensation for hours worked and retro back to Memorial Day and July Fourth 2026, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, Nichols, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:49 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath, Nichols; 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 Friday, July 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 J. Huck, City Clerk