

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 September 2026, 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: Carrie Harless, Jeff Nichols, Mark Wickard, Tony McGrath

Staff members present were: Kathy Baxter, Melissa Butler, 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 September 3, 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. Billie Mitchell thanked the Council and the City for a successful year at the museum. The museum is officially closed for the season but remains available for appointments. Contact information is available on the museum's Facebook page for those wishing to schedule a visit.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 13, 2026.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
8. Approve the removal of Savannah Jackson, Cassidy Mitchell and Cole Schaffer from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department due to missed meetings.

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

III. CLAIMS

9. Council Member Nichols stated that 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 Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Wickard, McGrath; Abstain: Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Claims: Aflac, Aflc, \$395.22; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$826.49; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,957.21; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$104.18; Atlas Ecoservices LLC, Df Op, \$3,210.00; Kathlene Baxter, Tlpn, \$40.00; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$679.54; Bloedorn Lumber, Op / Rm, \$331.99; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$99.87; Bomgaars, Me / Op / Rm, \$725.89; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$221.18; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$90.00; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$85.93; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$12,589.14; CNA Surety Direct Bill, Of Bnds, \$350.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$817.54; Community Center, Tr, \$25,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$1,609.05; Contractors Materials Inc, Tls, \$258.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Rm / Shop, \$1,059.03; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$141.00; E & S Auto Supply, Rm, \$269.19; Eakes Office Solutions, Op, \$1,311.97; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Federal, Fed, \$4,162.20; Fica, \$9,206.86; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Fyr-Tek Inc, Rm, \$532.73; General Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$10,000.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$109,000.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Str Mat, \$2,496.86; Grand Slam Solutions LLC, Lgl, \$3,000.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$4,738.25; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$2,088.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Inc, Op, \$990.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op / Ua, \$1,312.87; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$103.36; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm / Tls, \$159.26; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$74.42; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$23,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Me / Ua, \$1,077.67; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$2,153.34; Mid-American Research Chemical, Op, \$600.00; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$198.56; Ashley & Lauren Moore, Mtr Dep, \$2.80; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn / Trng, \$137,709.28; Ne State Fire Marshal Agency, Df, \$72.00; Nebraska Dept Of Agriculture, Anml, \$176.75; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Df / Sls Tx / State, \$16,228.25; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$16.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$251.57; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$4.29; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$77.86; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$1,200.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$40,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$5,598.48; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$20,000.00; Quadient Leasing Usa Inc, Op, \$392.85; RDW Inc, Wtr Aly, \$20.00; Regional Care Inc Group II LLC, Hsa, \$72.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$227.75; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Allan J Roach, Tlpn, \$40.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Op, \$345.26; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Msm / Ofsup / Op / Tf, \$175.28; Spic-Span Cleaners, Spry, \$3,440.00; Sport & Fitness Inc, Rm, \$1,817.86; Street Fund, Tr, \$6,286.10; Sunrise Window Cleaners LLC, Op, \$39.00; Superior Sanitation Services Inc, Rm, \$285.00; Salvador Torres, Prgm Ref, \$200.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,853.53; Trusted Community Development Inc, Df, \$8,476.00; Uline Inc, Shop, \$1,440.76; Us Postal Service, Pstg, \$172.00; USA Bluebook, Op / Ua, \$624.08; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$19,901.26; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, \$692.42; Mark Wickard, Trng, \$586.51; Total Claims, \$582,932.58; Total Salaries, \$63,398.39

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Anml = Animal Fees; Bks = Books; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fl = Fuel; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl = Legal; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Mdc = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Of Bnds = Officers Bonds; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Prgm Ref = Program Refunds; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; Spry = Spraying; State = State; Str Mat = Street Material; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Ua = Uniform Allowance; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

12. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. At 5:33 pm Mayor Beyer opened the public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for a Downtown Corridor Revitalization Plan Project.

Bryan Venable with PADD was present and addressed Mayor and Council stated that the City of Bridgeport located in Morrill County Nebraska of Bridgeport is requesting CDBG funds for a project to Downtown Corridor Revitalization Plan that will establish a community-driven vision for the future of the City's downtown. As the commercial, civic, and cultural center of the community, Bridgeport's downtown plays a vital role in supporting local businesses, attracting investment, enhancing quality of life, and promoting long-term economic development. The City recognizes the need to identify strategic improvements that will strengthen the downtown corridor, enhance its economic vitality, and position it for future growth. The total estimated project cost is \$63,000, with total CDBG funding in the amount of \$53,000. The CDBG total includes \$3,000 for General Administration; and Matching funds of \$10,000 from the city of Bridgeport's General Fund. All funds will be utilized for the National Objective of LMI to benefit Low to moderate income people. There will be no persons displaced as a result of CDBG activities.

Council Member Nichols asked whether the grant funds could be used to improve the fronts of business buildings. Mayor Beyer stated that the City did not pursue that option; however, the funds could potentially be used for projects such as façade improvements or landscaping around the community center, pool and pond area. She also stated that potential projects could include benches, flower baskets, breakaway trees, a path at the bridge, and other improvements to enhance the community. She stated the committee members are Michelle Keszler, Susan Myers, Gail Beyer, and Public Works employees Dane Jeffords and Allan Roach. Mayor Beyer stated that, if awarded, Keno funds may also be available to assist with the \$10,000 local match.

Bryan Venable explained that this is a planning grant intended to fund the hiring of a consultant to conduct the planning process. The application is part of the process to determine whether the City will be awarded funding for the planning process and the city has the option to accept or adopt the plan or choose not to move forward with it if the city is approved.

Seeing no other comments, Mayor Beyer closed the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

After further discussion, Council Member Nichols stated that he felt the downtown area was already in good condition and was clean as it is. He stated that if the City is awarded the planning grant, the Council could decide at that time whether it wanted to accept the grant and proceed with the planning process.

16. Council Member Nichols introduced Resolution 2026-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Nichols, Harless; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and,

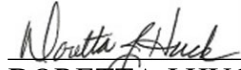
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, has solicited and obtained citizens comments on community development and housing needs; and has conducted the required public hearing(s) on the proposed application and has received favorable public comment on an application in the amount of \$53,000 for Although the geographic focus of the planning effort is Bridgeport's downtown corridor, the project is intended to benefit residents of the broader defined service area who regularly utilize the downtown for goods, services, civic activities, employment, transportation, community events, and other community functions. The downtown serves as a central gathering and service area for the community, and improvements to its public infrastructure and facilities are intended to provide benefits extending beyond individual downtown businesses and property owners.; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

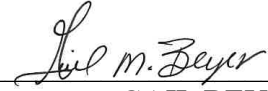
City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit all necessary application materials and to enter into any and all contracts, agreements, or other documents between City of Bridgeport and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect acceptance of the grant application.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

ATTEST:



DORETTA J HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER



GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

VI. ORDINANCES

14. None

VII. REPORTS

15. Departments:

Public Works: Dane Jeffords reported that lightning strikes damaged underground electrical cables. A temporary jumper has been installed, allowing the system to operate on the same phase and he is waiting on the necessary tools to pull the new cable into the junction box and complete the repair.

The pool is closed for the season and will be winterized soon.

Public Works reported that the City has a piece of equipment that was originally believed to be useful for alley work; however, it has not performed as well as anticipated. Public works dept would like Council to consider selling the equipment and purchasing a box blade for alley maintenance. They also would like them considering purchasing a barrel-style concrete mixer attachment for the skid steer, estimated at \$4,000–\$5,000, which would provide a more efficient method for completing concrete work.

It was also reported that the Community Center will likely need air-conditioning work. Preliminary pricing for condensers, coils, and related equipment was estimated at approximately \$11,500. The work could either be completed in-house or contracted to an outside company, depending on the Council's preference. Jeffords stated that he received a \$12,000 bid from Gering Valley to replace the furnace in the cardio area only, which would not address the heating and cooling needs of the other rooms. Council members discussed whether HVAC repairs should be completed by City staff or contracted to licensed professionals to ensure quality workmanship and appropriate liability coverage. Council would like to have a bid on the whole project and will be considered further based on Council's direction.

Pwcc: Director Kathy Baxter reported on various programs including bingo, Tai Chi, youth volleyball, women's volleyball, and spinning classes starting at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays. Maintenance updates included painting shower stalls/conference rooms and addressing rusted metal on exterior walls due to poor drainage issues near buildings. Kathy addressed safety concerns regarding gym partitions needing inspection and basketball rims that catch during operation. A discussion ensued regarding facility rental policies. Council members agreed that a clear written policy is needed. Until a formal policy is established, the City will bill all facility users for rentals. Council members noted that any bill may be reviewed and addressed if a user has questions or concerns regarding the charge.

Library: Melissa reported increased participation in library programs compared to last year and noted success with high school student orientations, including library card registration

and awareness of available library resources. She requested permission to begin the formal bidding process for the library addition plans, which will be advertised in the newspaper for six weeks and also stated that she will continue to pursue and write grants for the library.

Fire Dept: No Report

Camp Clark Villa: Camp Clarke Villa is currently full, with an opening expected at the end of the month. Work has begun on the boilers following receipt of the grant paperwork. Although the grant funds have not yet been received, the necessary paperwork has been completed, allowing the contractor to begin the work.

Sheriff: Cardenas stated everything is going well with the department. The report for last month showed 151 calls and 11 arrests. ALS: 17 rescue calls, and 30 patient transfers (of the 17 rescue calls, 11 were within the city limits and 6 were in the county). An additional 10 calls were received in which individuals refused medical treatment.

Deputy Jason Perkins reported on his code enforcement activities stating over the past couple of weeks, he has made contact with 16 property owners regarding code violations and mailed two letters to property owners who either did not respond or had not corrected the violations after contact was made. Approximately three months ago, Perkins also contacted property owners regarding 19 vehicles. At this time, only one of those vehicles remains unresolved.

Golf Course: Council Member Nichols reported that several golf tournaments are upcoming, including a high school tournament and a couple's tournament is also scheduled for this weekend and is expected to generate additional revenue. The golf course remains open and operational.

Safety Committee: The Safety Committee did not have a quorum for its August meeting; however, members who were present used the time to organize procedures. The Committee will meet Tuesday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m. at the library to conduct a final review of the completed inspection checklists and discuss the results and any identified issues.

Administration: No report

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

16. Emergency Items – None

17. Discussion regarding the Downtown Corridor Revitalization Planning Project was discussed during the public hearing presentation.

18. Mayor Beyer stated that there will be an opening on the Housing Authority Board within the next four to five months. Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact Council Member Harless, who will bring the recommendation before the City Council for consideration.

19. Trinette Wells with the Fire Department stated that last year, the City and the Rural Fire Board shared the cost of Fire Prevention Week expenses on a 50/50 basis. She noted that costs have increased and that there are more children participating this year. The total cost of the items ordered for this year is \$3,142.50. The Rural Fire Board and Fire Department have agreed to the expense and are requesting that the cost be divided equally among the City, Rural Fire Board, and Fire Department. Under the proposed three-way split, each entity's share would be \$1,047.50. Council Member Harless made a motion to approve \$1,047.50 for a third of the total cost, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

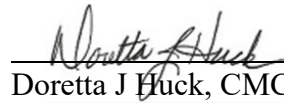
There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m., seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, McGrath, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Gail Beyer, Mayor


Doretta J Huck, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, September 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, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer