

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 14th day of July 2022, beginning at 7:05 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor Charlie Browne called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Mark Wickard, Angie Clinger, Dean Rahmig; Absent: Will Deines

Staff members present were: Perry Nelson, Anthony Cannia

Mayor Browne presided, and City Clerk Huck recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Browne 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 July 6, 2022, 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 9, 2022.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve Ethan Hackett and Brian DeBlois as probationary members of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

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

III. CLAIMS

8. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Wickard Plumbing & Heating; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Rahmig moved to approve the claim from Wickard Plumbing & Heating, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Clinger; Not Voting, Excused: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard rejoined the Council.

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

Light & Power: Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$161.08; American Funds Service Company, Employee / City Share, \$766.56; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$10.98;

Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$28.57; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$2,261.70; Bomgaars, Repairs / Tools, \$43.98; Border States Industries Inc, R & M, \$712.60; D Anthony Cannia, Telephone, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills/Meter Deposits, \$610.63; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$142.58; Dutton Lainson Company, R & M, \$1,971.79; E & S Inc, Truck Repairs, \$58.00; Federal, \$901.13; Fica, \$1,398.24; General Treasury, Transfer, \$30,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$312.00; Lussetto Machine Inc, Truck Repairs, \$24.69; Medicare, \$327.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mean, \$83,876.52; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State / Sales Tax, \$9,561.01; Nebraska Power Review Board, Dues & Fees, \$234.74; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$79.83; Platte Valley Visa, Training / Fuel, \$98.57; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Truck Repairs, \$75.59; Quadiant Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$442.23; Regional Care Inc, Flex / Has, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$87.00; State Of Nebraska, Miscellaneous, \$1,575.31; T & R Electric Supply Co Inc, Inventory, \$12.95; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$277.37; Wesco Distribution Inc, Op Exp /Tools, \$3,145.60; Total Light & Power, \$139,246.25; Salaries, \$5,978.73

Water: Aflac, \$131.40; Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$34.89; American Funds Service Company, Employee / City Share, \$1,613.34; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$21.96; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$1,362.37; Bomgaars, Op Exp , \$2.18; Courtney Cerny, Telephone, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$1,687.36; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$54.44; Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Treatment Facility, \$6,815.76; Enviro Service Inc, Water Analysis, \$75.00; Federal, \$650.13; Fica, \$1,301.92; Hawkins Inc, Treatment Facility, \$1,794.67; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$312.00; Doretta J Huck, Telephone, \$40.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Inc, Treatment Facility, \$307.00; Medicare, \$304.48; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, R & M, \$416.28; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State / Sales Tax, \$439.59; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$79.83; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Water Analysis, \$496.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op Exp, \$8.68; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Water Analysis, \$154.22; Platte Valley Visa, Training / Postage / Fuel / Tf, \$794.65; Quadiant Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$28.95; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$95.24; Sandberg Implement Inc, R & M, \$28.88; Trading Post Enterprises LLC Fuel, \$207.20; Total Water, \$19,306.42; Salaries, \$5,102.82

Sewer: Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, Employee / City Share, \$509.25; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$37.95; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$997.18; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Electric Bills, \$73.80; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$244.79; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$27.22; Federal, \$353.91; Fica, \$548.40; General Treasury, Transfer, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$312.00; John Deere Financial, Op Exp, \$1.74; Johnson Service Co, Capital Outlay, \$25,323.50; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op Exp, \$126.97; Medicare, \$128.28; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$101.44; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$79.83; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$39.76; Bryan Schluterbusch, Telephone, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$142.29; Total Sewer, \$36,141.21; Salaries, \$2,216.58

Nursing Home: Nebraska Bank, Nursing Home, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Bank, Nursing Home, \$11,711.17; Total Nursing Home, \$23,422.34

General: Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$28.56; Bridgeport News-Blade, P & P / Ofc Sup, \$318.92; Community Center, Transfer, \$21,000.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Golf Course, \$8,000.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op Exp, \$32.00; Docu-Shred, Op Exp, \$42.00; E & S Inc, Vehicle Expense, \$37.37; Farfield Inn & Suites, Training, \$259.90; Fire Fund, Transfer, \$4,000.00; Greenheart, Op Exp, \$36.00; Lynelle Hoxworth, Downtown Appearance, \$1,279.96; Doretta J Huck, Training, \$8.63; Jon's Body Shop, Insurance, \$20,330.75; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Spraying / Vehicle Exp, \$50.17; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$37.75; Nursing Home, Transfer, \$23,422.34; Park Fund, Transfer, \$11,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Training / Op Exp / Fuel, \$124.86; Police Fund, Transfer, \$29,805.00; Pool Fund, Transfer, \$17,000.00; Quadiant Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$25.11; Rodak Law Office, Legal Retainer, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, Janitorial, \$280.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op Exp / Spraying, \$8.14; Street Fund, Transfer, \$4,000.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Spraying / Fuel, \$95.53; Total General, \$142,222.99

Police: Cozad Signs LLC, Op Exp, \$20.00; Morrill County Sheriff, County Contract, \$29,805.00; Total Police, \$29,825.00

Street: Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, Employee / City Share, \$1,566.76; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$140.79; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$2,554.71; Bomgaars, Shop Supplies / Op Exp, \$61.09; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$1,554.11; City Petty Cash/Checking, Dues & Fees, \$10.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$135.76; Federal, \$1,305.93; Fica, \$1,602.24; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$771.00; Kimball Midwest, Shop Supplies, \$316.40; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Supplies / Str Equip Repairs / Trk Repairs, \$173.31; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Street Equipment Repairs, \$657.25; Medicare, \$374.70; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$383.26; Perry E Nelson, Telephone, \$40.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, Street Equip Repairs, \$365.73; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$91.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Street Equip Repairs, \$44.32; Santander Bank N.A., M & E, \$36,528.19; David Smith, Telephone, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$1,221.68; Total Street, \$50,056.53; Salaries, \$6,170.91

Pwcc: Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$234.29; American Funds Service Company, Employee / City Share, \$842.64; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$27.32; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op Exp, \$68.99; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$330.08; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$1,255.97; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op Exp, \$141.36; Bomgaars, Op Exp, \$369.77; Canteen Refreshment Services, Op Exp, \$617.64; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$1,708.15; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$130.66; Community Center Sinking Fund, Sinking Fund, \$10,000.00; Compton Electrical Services LLC, R & M, \$150.00; Computer Connection, Op Exp, \$49.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op Exp, \$250.22; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op Exp, \$77.00; Eagle Communications Inc, Printing & Publications, \$562.50; Federal, \$919.13; Fica, \$2,531.10; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$624.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op Exp, \$741.94; KNEB Fm - 94.1 The Brand, Printing & Publications, \$200.00; Kone Chicago, Op Exp, \$243.57; KSID, Printing & Publications, \$40.00; Medicare, \$592.04; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State / Sales Tax, \$603.41; Platte Valley Visa, D & F / Supplies / Op Exp, \$1,363.63; Quadiant Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$1.06; Regional Care Inc, Flex/Hsa, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$74.50; Riverside Lumber LLC, Op Exp, \$162.22; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Program Supplies, \$3,498.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Supplies / Op Exp, \$215.33; Sport & Fitness Inc, R & M, \$960.00; Town & Country Advertising, Printing & Publications, \$154.00; Charlee M Wallesen, Telephone, \$40.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, R & M, \$95.00; Total Pwcc, \$29,890.52; Salaries, \$11,322.44

Park: A & A Porta Potties LLC, Ballfield / Horseshoe, \$220.00; Michael Soundsleeper, Museum, \$201.95; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$10.98; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$666.21; Bomgaars, Museum / Ballfield / R & M, \$133.97; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$1,441.77; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$13.61; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Museum, \$78.80; Federal, \$175.39; Fica, \$1,193.18; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$312.00; Dane M Jeffords, Telephone, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, R & M, \$33.79; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, R & M, \$22.99; Medicare, \$279.08; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$98.50; Nebraska Public Power District, Museum, \$142.05; Platte Valley Visa, Museum / R & M, \$190.00; Quadiant Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$1.06; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$34.72; Sonnys Super Foods, Museum, \$16.97; Telecom West, Museum, \$99.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$234.72; James W Vassos, Mileage / Contract Services, \$750.00; Total Park, \$6,390.74; Salaries, \$5,579.76

Pool: Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$35.12; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$2,054.88; Bomgaars, Op Exp, \$431.97; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$1,378.84; Federal, \$79.43; Fica, \$1,555.80; Medicare, \$363.88; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State / Sales Tax, \$176.87; Platte Valley Visa, Op Exp, \$184.65; Sonnys Super Foods, Op Exp, \$68.37; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op Exp, \$550.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, R & M, \$520.20; Total Pool, \$7,400.01; Salaries, \$4,130.25

Library: Abdo Publishing, Books, \$78.80; Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$72.47; American Funds Service Company, Employee / City Share, \$417.94; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Insurance, \$10.98; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$47.54; BCBS Of Ne, Health Insurance, \$683.32; Bridgeport News-Blade, Printing & Publications, \$7.20; Cengage Learning Inc, Books, \$39.73; Center Point Large Print, Books, \$93.48; Century Business Products Inc, Op Exp, \$34.39; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$202.32; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$27.22; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op Exp, \$32.00; Federal, \$370.18; Fica, \$879.94; Medicare, \$205.80; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$129.32; Optk Networks, Telephone,

\$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, Books / Supplies, \$795.79; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Insurance, \$33.68; Billie Jo Smith, Contract Services, \$400.00; Total Library, \$4,637.10; Salaries, \$4,081.57

Landfill: General Treasury, Transfers, \$1,875.00; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Office Supplies, \$79.83; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trash, \$20,780.18; Total Landfill, \$22,735.01

Fire: Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$31.69; City Of Bridgeport, Electric Bills, \$576.06; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Insurance, \$226.64; Danko Emergency Equipment Co, M & E, \$239.16; Federal, \$109.05; Fica, \$128.76; Medicare, \$30.12; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$65.44; Platte Valley Visa, Op Exp, \$85.11; Prairie States Communications, Machinery & Equipment, \$945.91; Quaint Finance USA Inc, Postage, \$1.59; Sandry Fire Supply LLC, Op Exp, \$162.25; Total Fire, \$2,601.78; Salaries, \$501.20

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Browne opened the public hearing to hear any public comments on the New Liquor License Application for Class C – 125029 submitted by Los Tres Gallo's LLC dba Los Tres Gallo's, 105 Bell Road, Bridgeport, NE (Morrill County). Seeing no comments Mayor Browne closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

13. Council Member Rahmig made a motion to approve the Class C – 125029 liquor license, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Rahmig; Nay: None Motion carried.

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14. None

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

15. Emergency Items – None

16. Terri Green was not present to discuss possible budget billing.

17. Gail Beyer presented pictures designed by Bridgeport students for the crosswalks by the school and asked Council to pick their top 4 favorites. This project will bring safety and awareness to the crosswalks and will be funded by Panhandle Public Health Department.

18. Bob Benton stated PWD Larry Heinrich met with him after last month's meeting addressing his concerns concerning the sewer on "L" Street, 4th street and the drain on 4th St. and has not heard anything to date. Mayor Browne stated the city engineer has been contacted and shortly after PWD Heinrich met with Mr. Benton he has been out of the office. Darrell Kraupie also spoke on behalf of 4th street stating it needs to be fixed and stated he talked to Panhandle Area Development District (PADD) as they can do an engineering study to see what it would cost to create a paving district in this area of hard-working low-income families as we must help the community. He said the Village of Lyman created a paving district for their town using the help of PADD and grant monies and would like the city to approach PADD to do the same.

19. Mayor Browne stated at the last meeting they discussed setting the interest rate for Street Improvement District 2021. City Attorney Rodak stated the city can go up to 14% but stated is up to Council. Council Member Wickard made a motion to set the interest rate for the Street Improvement District 2021 - 01 at 9%, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Wickard, Clinger, Rahmig; Nay: None; Motion carried.

20. Mayor Browne stated the last hailstorm did some property damage to many of the roofs of the City and to the Christmas decorations. City Clerk Huck stated she received a quote for

Christmas decorations in the amount of \$32,500.00 if ordered by July 30th and with the insurance money leaves a balance of \$20,000.00. She stated there is money in capital outlay and ace funds to cover the balance. Council Member Clinger had concerns where they were going to be stored if ordered. It was mentioned Pwcc has the storage building that currently is storing some conversion project supplies for the electric department which will be out of there soon and can make space for the decorations. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the quote for the decorations and to take the money out of capital outlay, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Browne asked Council how they want to proceed with all the property damage to the roofs and Council stated to put it out for bids.

Lisa Weborg also commented as a concerned citizen because the flags were not displayed on the 4th of July and for the Rodeo and felt it was a major disappointment honoring our country the way we should. Council stated they will stay on top of that and do a better job.

21. Mayor Browne stated Anthony Cannia has been with the city for over a year and needs an evaluation before any consideration can be made on making an appointment as an Electrical Foreman. Mayor Browne and Council Member will meet with Anthony next week.

VIII. REPORTS

22. Department Reports:

Sheriff: Cardenas stated they are still two guys short and hopefully may have one hired but is waiting on the academy. Also mentioned the railroad crossing on 5th street will be completely closed July 19-21 which may cause possible traffic backup. Also Saturday, July 16th Hwy 88 will close for about a 1 ½ hours for the truck show and will detour traffic around the ethanol plant.

PWCC: Director Charlee Wallesen was not present, but Mayor Browne stated there was a problem with the boiler and stated the pool is on its ends of its life journey and if the City of Bridgeport wants a new pool we need to start planning now.

Public Works: Perry Nelson is filling in while Larry is gone and stated he is waiting for parts for a water service upgrade; Anthony finished the Wiggins 3-phase service project for an irrigation pump; finished jetting 5th street sewer line and looks good; the generator at nursing home is in and the automated transfer switch is old and not big enough and will contact Todd Harless; sprayed weeds in streets; tornado siren at Pwcc is still having problems and is under warranty; old basket truck was sent to Denver to get repaired and the DOT will not release it until the tires are replaced; Lagoons structure and roads need to be repaired; the water meters are ending their life cycle and are needing to be replaced as their life span is 10-15 years and the recommendation is to replace 15-20 % of meters a year. Anthony Cannia mentioned AMI metering through MEAN and they would need an invite through the Mayor or Council to discuss this metering and is compatible with the city's current billing system; Anthony also stated he is out of transformers and would like to put a stop to any new services added or any upgrades until he can get more in.

Administration: None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23. At 8:22 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to go into executive to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Rahmig, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Charlie Browne, Mayor

At 9:13 p.m., Council Member Rahmig made a motion to exit executive session with no action being taken, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Rahmig; 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 9:15 p.m., seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Clinger, Wickard Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Mark Wickard, Council President

APPROVED:

Charlie Browne, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, July 14, 2022, 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